

AESIS

NETWORK FOR
ADVANCING & EVALUATING THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF SCIENCE

Societal Impact of Research

A 1,5 day summit with practical workshops to strengthen skills and increase knowledge on impact pathways, funding, evaluation, interdisciplinarity, and other important know-hows to achieve greater impact on society with excellent research



Cape Town, South Africa

14 & 15 October 2024

Programme 14 October

12.45	Walk in with lunch	
13.30	Opening Remarks	
13.40	Plenary opening - What is societal impact of research and why is it important?	
13.55	Genevieve Simpson	Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnership, National Research Foundation, South Africa
14.10	Anika Duut van Goor	Director of AESIS, the Netherlands
14.25	<i>Speaker tbc</i>	
14.40	Panel discussion	
15.15	Break	
15.45	Workshops - Round 1	
	Participants rotate during the days between the different break out rooms. More details are presented on the next page	
17.15	End of the sessions	
18.00	Dinner	

Programme 15 October

9.00	Walk in	
9.15	Workshops - Round 2	
10.45	Break	
11.15	Workshops - Round 3	
12.45	Lunch	
13.45	Workshops - Round 4	
15.15	Break	
15.45	Plenary panel discussion	
	Gugu Moche	Group Executive: Digital Transformation, National Research Foundation, South Africa
17.00	Bridging reception	
17.15	End of the programme	

Workshops

Workshop 1

How to support researchers in achieving research impact and in planning for impact

Jesika Singh*

Research, Innovation and Partnerships, University of Limpopo, South Africa

Workshop 2

Impact statements, funding proposals, and evaluations/ex-ante assessment

Gerhard Moolman*

Director: Information & Analysis, National Research Foundation, South Africa

Frank Zwetsloot

Founder & CEO of ScienceWorks, the Netherlands

Workshop 3

Increasing and supporting interdisciplinary research

Wilfred Mijnhart

Policy Director at RSM, Erasmus University, the Netherlands

Sibusiso Moyo*

: Research, Innovation & Postgraduate Studies, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

Workshop 4

Demonstrating impact – ex-post assessment, case studies and communication

David Budtz Pedersen

Professor of Science Communication & Impact Studies, Humanomics Research Centre, Aalborg University, Denmark

