



**Science Forum**  
SOUTH AFRICA



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# Science Forum South Africa 2021: Diplomatic Briefing

1 – 3 December 2021  
*CSIR ICC and online  
platform*

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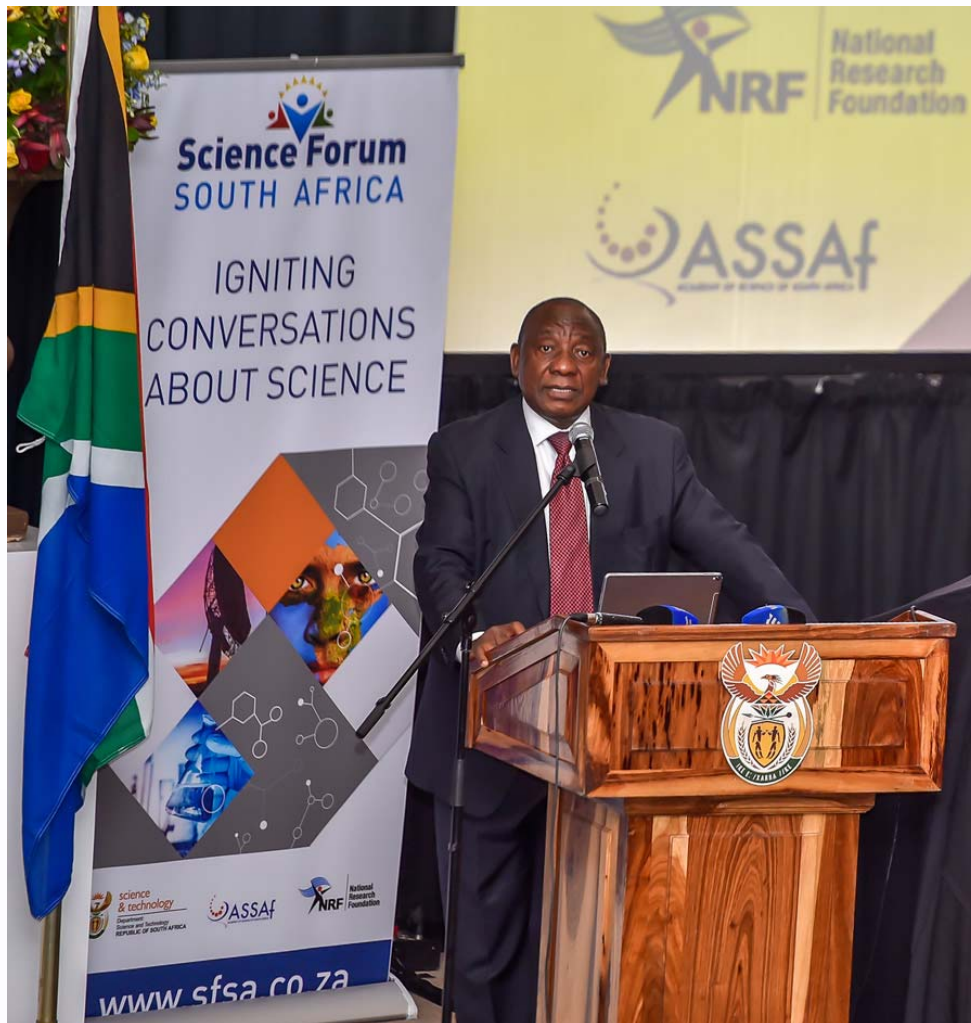


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# Science Forum South Africa 2021



- SFSA First organised 2015 – grown to be one of Africa’s premier open science events (more than 3000 participants 80 countries)
- ***Important despite uncertainty sustain momentum, thus, 7<sup>th</sup> Forum will take place***
  - ***1-3 December 2021***

# *Igniting Conversations for World Science Forum 2022*



- **OUTLINE**
- 1 December: Afternoon opening plenary: “Science and Innovation: #ItsPossible”
- 2 December: 32 x 90 minute sessions; interrogating science – society interface, special but not exclusive focus on WSF 2022 themes
- 3 December: Ministerial Humanities and Social Sciences Indaba; Launch of Tshwane Science Diplomacy Platform



# SFSA values

- Inclusive and dynamic conversation (especially excluded groups)
- Science knows no borders
  - International / Pan-African focus
- Open Science





- The Department invites discussion with all **international partners to identify participation opportunities**
  - Hosting sessions or proposing individual speakers
  - Organising side events / pre-events
  - Remote participation from home countries
- Proposals for sessions to be submitted on template by 29 October 2021 – programme announcement planned 5 November 2021
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## Hybrid format according COVID-19 protocols in place



- On-site participation:
  - Opening plenary
  - Evening reception (2 December)
  - Tshwane Science Diplomacy Platform
  - *To be determined*
- Online platform (“Zoom”-like)





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# World Science Forum 2022





# WSF Consortium



# South Africa first African country to host

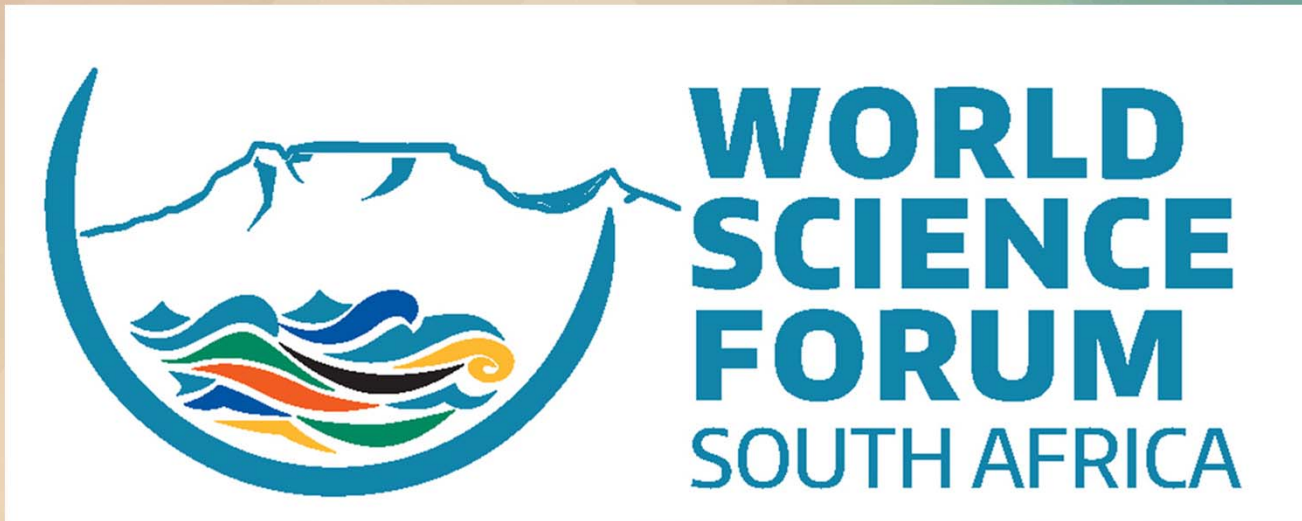
- Date: week of 5 to 9 December 2022
- Host city: Cape Town
- Theme: **Science for Social Justice**
- Format: Hybrid (physical / digital connection)
  - (outline of schedule of events)

# Possible plenary sessions

- Putting science at the heart of the **global fight against poverty, unemployment and inequality**;
- **Learning from the science response (policy advice) to COVID-19** to prepare for future pandemics;
- Enhancing global science partnerships responding to **climate change and environmental sustainability**;
- Shaping the **governance of frontier science and disruptive technologies** (e.g. Artificial Intelligence) to achieve social justice;
- Advancing the **African agenda for science** and African participation in global science (inclusive global cooperation);
- Leveraging **science diplomacy as instrument to reinforce global solidarity** and multilateralism.

# Programme structure WSF 2022

Mon, 5 December	Tue, 6 December	Wed, 7 December	Thu, 8 December	Fri, 9 December
Side event	Side event	9:00 Keynote II. Plenary I.	9:00 Keynote III. Plenary III.	9:00 Keynote IV. Plenary V.
11:30 Side event	11:30 Side event	11:30 Thematic I.	11:30 Thematic III.	11:30 Closing ceremony and the adoption of the Declaration
Side event	Side event	14:30 Plenary II.	14:30 Plenary IV.	Farewell reception
Side event	17:00 Opening ceremony Keynote I.	17:00 Thematic II.	17:00 Thematic IV.	
	20:00 Opening reception		20:00 Gala dinner	



Call for parallel  
sessions proposals  
launched coming  
weeks





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