

Strengthening Research and Innovation Management (SRIM) II

Bridging the collaboration divide in Research and Innovation Management
1-3 March 2023, Avani Hotel Maseru, Lesotho



1 March 2023

Symposium,

2-3 March 2023

Data Science and Innovation Ecosystem Workshop conducted by The Commonwealth Secretariat



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Programme

Program Director: Mr. Lefa Thamae (DSTI Director)

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2023

08:00-08:30	Registrations	All
08:30-10:00	Session 1: Official Opening Session and setting the scene	Mr. Lefa Thamae , Director DSTI
08:30-08:40	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Lira Moeti , PS MICSTI
08:40-09:30	Remarks by Key Partners	SADC Dr. Konanani Rashamushe , DSI-SA Mr Joshua Setipa , Commonwealth
09:30-09:50	Official Opening	Hon. Nthathi Moorosi Minister of Ministry of Information, Communications, Science and Technology
09:50-10:30	The Role of SARIMA in Bridging the collaboration divide in Research and Innovation Management	Dr Andrew Bailey SARIMA
10:30-10:45	Tea break and Exhibit Tour	All
10:45-11:15	Exhibition: Presentation of intangible innovations	Exhibitors
11:15-13:00	Session 2: Regional R&I ecosystem	Mr. Lefa Thamae , DSTI, Director Prof Mosotho George
11:15-11:30	SARIMA regional programmes- SRIM II	Dr Bathsheba Mbongwe SARIMA
11:30-11:50	Lesotho local R&I Ecosystems	Prof Leboli Zak Thamae NUL
11:50-12:05	R&I Opportunities at Entrepreneurship hub	Mr. Mokuku Chaba World Bank
12:05-13:00	R&I and RIM ecosystem	SRIM II Country Focal points
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	All
14:00-16:00	Session 3: Strengthening the local and regional R&I	Mr. Lefa Thamae , Director DSTI Mr. Mojalefa Sello , DSTI
14:00-15:00	Plenum: How to strengthen local and regional R&I management network for policy and socioeconomic development	Panelists Lesotho Task team, Lesotho Academy of Science and Technology (LAST), CSIR & CPFs (incl. international)
15:00-16:00	Research Uptake + Research Ethics guideline in the SADC member states	Prof Teerooven Soobaroyen , University of Essex
16:00-16:30	Session 4: Way forward and Closure	Mr. Lefa Thamae , Director DSTI
16:30	Afternoon Tea and Networking	All

THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2023 (WORKSHOP DAY 1)

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SPEAKERS
08:30-9:00	Registration for workshop participants	
09:00-09:30	Reflections on symposium and workshop introduction	
09:30-10:10	Regional situational analysis	Panel discussion with government officials from Lesotho and other SADC countries
10:10-10:30	Commonwealth Innovation Ecosystem Programme	Commonwealth Secretariat
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-11:30	How digitalisation can accelerate innovation in agriculture and fisheries	Commonwealth Secretariat
11:30-12:00	Principles of digital innovation for sustainable development	Digital Impact Alliance
12:00-13:00	What is social innovation and why it is important	Panel and Q&A
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Innovation, youth development, entrepreneurship and employment	Panel and Q&A
14:30-15:00	Introduction to open data	Open Data Institute
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-16:30	Open data masterclass	Open Data Institute

FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023 (WORKSHOP DAY 2)

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SPEAKERS
08:30-9:00	Registration for workshop participants	
09:00-09:30	Reflections on day 1 of workshop	
09:30-10:00	Role of data science and machine learning in accelerating innovation	United Nations University
10:00-10:30	National Innovation Roadmap Case Study CEO, Kenya National Innovation Agency	
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-13:00	Data visualisation and hackathon challenge for workshop participants	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Groups make team presentations; feedback and discussion (to be continued over coffee break at 3pm)	
15:30-16:00	Participant reflections on workshop; key learnings and insights gained; next steps identified; feedback and evaluation	
16:00-16:30	CLOSING CEREMONY (Presentation of certificates to participants)	
16:30	WORKSHOP ENDS	

