

2023 Symposia, 10-11 August 2023, Phakalane Golf Estate, Gaborone, Botswana



BOTSWANA PRE-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOPS

MARANYANE HOUSE – BITRI

9TH AUGUST 2023

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| 08:00-08:10 | Welcome Remarks | Dr. Tlamele Sekambo: Vice Chair, LOC for SRIM II Botswana |
| 08:10- 10:40 | <p><i>Responsible Conduct of Research: Promoting Integrity and Ethical Practice</i></p> <p><i>Synopsis</i></p> <p><i>Research ethics plays a crucial role in safeguarding the rights and welfare of research participants, ensuring responsible conduct of research, and promoting the credibility and integrity of scientific investigations. In Botswana, as the field of research expands and diversifies, it is imperative to strengthen the capacity of policy makers, researchers, and Research Ethics Committee (RECs) members to navigate complex ethical challenges and make informed decisions. To address this need, we propose a research ethics workshop aimed at enhancing ethical understanding, knowledge, and decision-making skills among participants.</i></p> <p>Workshop Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To enhance the understanding of research ethics principles and their importance in promoting responsible and ethical research practices.</i> <i>To equip policy makers, researchers, and Research Ethics Committee members with the knowledge and tools necessary for effective ethical decision-making.</i> <i>To foster collaboration and dialogue among participants to address common ethical challenges faced in research.</i> | <p>Session Chair: Ms Julia Gaorekwe</p> <p>Presenters: Dr. Dimpho Ralefala, Mr Francis Kombe, Ms Basutli Ramontshonyana, and Dr. Marks Ditlhogo</p> |
| 10:40-11:00 | TEA BREAK | ALL |

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| 11:00-13:30 | <p>Research, Innovation, and Development Funding Management in the Changing Development Environment</p> <p><i>Synopsis</i></p> <p><i>Winning research funding takes more than great proposals and excellent researchers. A well organised and mature environment to implement and manage research, innovation and development funding is central to successful RID funding management.</i></p> <p><i>This pre-workshop aims to highlight the key issues around the management of research, innovation and development (RID) funding, and to raise awareness amongst R&I funding stakeholders. The workshop will provide new researchers and research managers with insights and experiences from established researchers and research managers, and share tips on how to navigate the ever-changing research funding landscape around the following key areas topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>An overview of the RID funding landscape – what’s out there, who funds what?</i> <i>The expectations and requirements of funders versus funding recipients/What it takes to attract and retain good research funding</i> <i>The implications of international regulations in research funding management (geopolitics, etc.)</i> <i>Building capacities and systems for RID funding management</i> | <p>Session Chair: Ms Anikie Mathoma</p> <p>Presenters: Mr Olebile Bolobilwe, Ms Akanyang Motlhanka, Mr. Ari Ho-Foster, Ms. Sithembile Dingake, and Prof. Mosepele Mosepele</p> |
| 13:30-14:30 | LUNCH BREAK | ALL |

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| 14:30-17:30 | <p>Technology Transfer – Building a Strong Foundation</p> <p><i>This workshop will explore three key areas to establish strength in technology transfer:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Intellectual Property Policy development and implementation – the increased importance of data and online learning;</i>• <i>The "hierarchy of needs" in establishing a Technology Transfer Office function;</i>• <i>Nurturing University-Industry Collaboration and Partnerships.</i> | <p>Session Chair: Dr. Kereilemang Khana Nthoiwa</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Andrew Bailey</p> |
| 17:30-17:35 | Vote of Thanks | Member of Audience |