Montpellier sustainability global day

Organized by the French Embassy in South Africa, University of Montpellier, in collaboration with CNRS, IRD and CIRAD.

Participants: All
Venue: Université de Montpellier

08:30 – 09:00 Welcome coffee and registration

09:00 – 10:30 A new university and its ecosystem: the transforming effect of the MUSE I-SITE initiative

Opening remarks by Prof. Philippe AUGÉ, President of University of Montpellier

Remarks by Dr. François Pierrot, Vice-President Partnerships and Innovation, I-Site program of Excellence Executive Director, University of Montpellier:

- Uniting higher education and research: UMR and site policy
- Feed - Care - Protect

Remarks by Prof. Agnès Fichard-Carroll, Vice-President Student Life and Education, University of Montpellier:

- Stimulating transdisciplinarity: the example of IDIL Master program applied to Feed - Care - Protect

Remarks by Dr. Patrick Caron, Vice-President International Affairs, University of Montpellier:

- Montpellier hub and Europe - Africa portal
- African universities - European universities

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00 Panel discussion 1: Building a global collective expertise on the links between environment, health and food

Chair: Dr. Patrick Caron, Vice-President International Affairs, University of Montpellier

- Prof. Cishe Elphina Nomabandla, Chair sustainable rural development, Walter Sisulu University
- Philippe Petitthuguenin, Director General in charge of Research and Strategy, Cirad
- Prof. Christopher Trisos, Director, Climate Risk lab, African Climate and Development Initiative

12:00 – 13:45 Lunch reception
13:45 – 15:00 Panel discussion 2: Science communities: the central role of cooperation in sustainable development

Chair: Prof. Bernard Nthambeleni, Vice Chancellor and Principal, University of Venda
- Prof. Gilles Subra, Doctoral College Director, University of Montpellier
- Prof. Mosa Mashabela, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of KwaZulu-Natal
- Dr. Corinne Brunon-Meunier, Deputy Executive Director IRD
- Dr. Heide Hackmann, Director Future Africa, University of Pretoria

15:00 – 16:15 Panel discussion 3: The university in the city, a driver of sustainable development

Chair: Dr. Vathiswa Papu-Zamxaka, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation & Engagement, Tshwane University of Technology
- Mr. Michaël Delafosse, Mayor of Montpellier and President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole
- Prof. Francis Petersen, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, University of the Free State
- Dr. Gilles Kleitz, Director Sustainable Development Department, Agence Française de Développement
- Prof. Lynn Morris, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, The Witwatersrand University

16:30 – 18:30 Visit Ecotron facility on Campus Baillarguet (transportation by chartered buses)

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