



**Friday 1 July 2022, 08:30 – 21:30**

**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

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Welcome coffee and registration  |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | <p>A new university and its ecosystem: the transforming effect of the MUSE I-SITE initiative</p> <p>Opening remarks by <b>Prof. Philippe AUGÉ</b>, President of University of Montpellier</p> <p>Remarks by <b>Dr. François Pierrot</b>, Vice-President Partnerships and Innovation, I-Site program of Excellence Executive Director, University of Montpellier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uniting higher education and research: UMR and site policy</li><li>• Feed - Care - Protect</li></ul> <p>Remarks by <b>Prof. Agnès Fichard-Carroll</b>, Vice-President Student Life and Education, University of Montpellier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stimulating transdisciplinarity: the example of IDIL Master program applied to Feed - Care - Protect</li></ul> <p>Remarks by <b>Dr. Patrick Caron</b>, Vice-President International Affairs, University of Montpellier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Montpellier hub and Europe - Africa portal</li><li>• African universities - European universities</li></ul> |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee break   |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | <p>Panel discussion 1: Building a global collective expertise on the links between environment, health and food</p> <p>Chair: <b>Dr. Patrick Caron</b>, Vice-President International Affairs, University of Montpellier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Ciske Elphina Nomabandla</b>, Chair sustainable rural development, Walter Sisulu University</li><li>• <b>Philippe Petithuguenin</b>, Director General in charge of Research and Strategy, Cirad</li><li>• <b>Prof. Christopher Trisos</b>, Director, Climate Risk lab, African Climate and Development initiative</li></ul>   |
| 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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