

Africa Knows! November Update

Join and register for the conference!

Although *Africa Knows!* is meant to be a 'working conference', focused on convenors and authors of 50 panels, the virtualisation of the conference and its spread over a three-month period between 2 December 2020 and 28 February 2021 make it possible for interested participants without a paper to join. By [registering](#) and paying a fee of 50 euro, you will have access to the [opening days from 2 to 4 December](#) and to panels of your choice. It also means you will have access to the final drafts of the papers for this conference. Please have a look at the [panels](#) and the excellent [keynote speakers](#). If you are interested: register now! We also welcome delegates who pay a 'supportive fee' of more than 50 euros, and it is possible to pay a 'bulk fee' for two or more delegates coming from the same institution. Any questions can be directed to Marieke van Winden at m.c.a.van.winden@asc.leidenuniv.nl.

Country knowledge inventories

AfricaKnows! is meant to make scientists and policymakers aware of the many rapid changes that have happened in the African knowledge systems during recent years. African knowledge centres and scholars are becoming and will become more prominent on a global level, and many initiatives are taken outside government structures, within private knowledge institutions. An overview of the current state of affairs and long-term developments are given in the '[Country profiles](#)' on the conference website. These are 'final drafts'; corrections, additions and remarks are welcome.

The Africa Knows! Blog

On 4 December 2020, the last day of the opening session, we will launch *The Africa Knows! Blog*. You can already have a taste by reading the first blog post, '[Decolonisation – A chance to reimagine North-South partnerships](#)' by Dr Samia Chasi; it is our intention to add many more. The focus of the blog will be on the challenges and opportunities of African universities, polytechnics, thinktanks, museums, and other knowledge institutions, as well as on the decolonisation of knowledge itself. We welcome blogs, vlogs and podcasts on these subjects, as well as suggestions for people we should invite to write blogs. Please contact David Ehrhardt at d.w.l.ehrhardt@luc.leidenuniv.nl.

Request for student assistance

We are looking for student volunteers who want to assist convenors with drafting the reports of their panel sessions. Please contact Antonio Frank at a.frank@hhs.nl.

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