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The Next Einstein Forum (NEF), an AIMS initiative in partnership with the Robert Bosch Stiftung, is Africa’s global forum for science, policy and society that will propel Africa onto the global scientific stage.

The NEF will unite more than 500 outstanding thinkers and distinguished stakeholders from around the world together in Africa. NEF Global Gatherings is a new event on the global calendar that will be held every second year in an African country. It will showcase 15 of Africa’s top young scientists and connect them with leaders from Africa and the rest of the world in high-profile, invitation-only forums. These leading scientists, policy-makers, business people, journalists, civil-society representatives and entrepreneurs will highlight breakthrough discoveries and catalyze scientific collaboration for human development.

On 8-10 March 2016, the Global Gathering event will be held in Senegal as a 3-day event and focus on the three pillars of Science, Society and Policy.
Why a Next Einstein Forum in Africa

A new global economic and scientific landscape is emerging, with Africa’s rapid transformation driven by the power of demographics, economic growth and political will. Science, technology and innovation are driving this process. Given the continental scale of change, there is a pressing need for a global forum in Africa where science can meet society, the media and policy-makers. To accelerate this transformation from promise to progress, African scientists must pursue world class scientific work in Africa and science in Africa must develop a cohesive identity in the global scientific community.

The NEF will foster a strong African scientific community as an influential member of the global scientific community, which will ensure sustainable human development in Africa and other parts of the world.
Why Partner with the Next Einstein Forum

The NEF will be the largest and most globally visible platform to position one’s organization as a leading supporter of science and knowledge-based enterprise in Africa. Through the NEF, supporting organizations can launch or solidify their African growth strategy. Each NEF Global Gathering will be attended by more than 500 leading thinkers and organizations working in science, society and policy in Africa and around the world.

The Global Gathering event will have a strong focus on youth, with 50% of the participants expected to be young people under the age of 42. In addition, 40% of the total participants will be women and 50% of the attendees will be Africans with a strong focus on the future leaders of tomorrow. Young people under the age of 18 will account for about 1 billion of Africa’s population by 2050 and the continent will be home of about 40% of the world’s children. A young population in full growth creates opportunities for development. The NEF is looking to tap the potential of these momentous demographic changes by focusing on tomorrow’s African youth.

Presence at the NEF will provide unparalleled opportunities to meaningfully engage with the growing youth population of the world and with thought leaders and decision-makers at the forefront of the world’s next major growth market, Africa.
The NEF Global Gathering offers:

- **A platform to be positioned as a leader** in science, technology and knowledge-based enterprise in Africa
- **Visibility and direct access to 250 leading thinkers** from across Africa including Nobel Prize winners, global entrepreneurs and other change-makers
- **Visibility and direct access to 15 of Africa’s top young scientific minds**, through the NEF Fellows Programme
- **Visibility and access to 10 Heads of State** from across Africa and many other decision and policy-makers at the Ministerial level and above
- **Participation in a media campaign** that should reach 100 million impressions/viewers in 18 months
- **Opportunity to contribute** to meaningful discussions about science and technology challenges and opportunities and exchange ideas with other leaders at the event
- **Opportunity to network** with high profile leaders and potential collaborators to enter or pursue sustainable science and technology projects and research in Africa
- **Opportunity to outline and share** your organization’s mission, engagements and practices on a global stage
Who Attends?

The NEF will attract renowned scientists, policy-makers, industry representatives and civil-society leaders from Africa and among the African diaspora.

- Leaders and policy makers, including representatives from international organizations and multinational corporations
- Industry and corporations, including companies that are looking to invest in scientific research and commercializing discoveries/ideas
- Scientists and researchers, including international scientists and scientists from Africa in the science, technology and social science disciplines
- Young leaders of tomorrow, from Africa and around the world
- Civil society representatives
- Journalists, bloggers and media representatives
- Thought leaders
Host of NEF Global Gathering 2016

H.E. Macky Sall
President of the Republic
Senegal

International Steering Committee
The International Steering Committee provides guidance and direction to the Next Einstein Forum. Members of the International Steering Committee include:

- **Mthuli Ncube**
  Chief Economist and Vice President of the African Development Bank
  Africa

- **Mary Teuw Niane**
  Minister of Higher Education and Research
  Senegal

- **Jeffrey Orridge**
  Canadian Football League (CFL) Commissioner
  Canada

- **Ingrid Wünning Tschoel**
  Senior VP Robert Bosch Stiftung
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  Founding Member of FAWE, Chair of TrustAfrica, Advisor to the Director
  General UNESCO
  Guinea

- **Michaëlle Jean**
  Secretary General, Francophonie
  Canada
Confirmed Attendees

We are pleased to announce the current list of notable attendees (September 2015).

Science

Ilesanmi Adesida
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
USA

Jean-Pierre Bourguignon
President, European Research Council
France

Aaron Ciechanover
Nobel Prize, Chemistry (2004)
Israel

France A. Córdova
Director, National Science Foundation
USA

Ilias Nkem Khumbah
Co-Coordinator, STEM-Africa Initiative, University of Michigan
Cameroon

Rose Gana Fomban Leke
Professor of Immunology and Parasitology, University de Yaounde
Cameroon

Julie Makani
Clinical Research Fellow, Oxford & Muhimbili University
Tanzania

Souleymane Mboup
Professor, UCAD
Senegal

Romain Murenzi
Executive Director, TWAS
Rwanda

Peter Stroschneider
President, DFG Executive Board
Germany

Tatsuya Nakada
Chair, Scientific Policy Committee, CERN
Japan

Helga Nowotny
Professor, Social Studies of Science Vienna Science and Technology Fund (WWTF)
Austria

Anne C. Petersen
Professor, Center for Human Growth and Development University of Michigan
USA

Neil Turok
Director, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics
South Africa

Cedric Villani
Mathematician and Fields Medalist (2010)
France
Supporter and Membership Opportunities

Supporters: Supporters of the NEF will be aligned, very visibly, with a forward-looking, youth-focused example of Africa’s growing contribution to global development.

Supporters will also have the opportunity to partner with some of the world’s best and brightest individuals and organizations to work on science, society and policy in Africa. This is a unique opportunity to benefit from the NEF’s exclusive networks and to take a leading role in enabling Africa’s transformation into a leading contributor in science and technology.

Supporters will gain exposure through High Profile Logo acknowledgement throughout the event, and facilitated engagement with VIP members of the international scientific and industrial community. Supporter packages are available at the levels of Title, Platinum and Gold – details of the costs and benefits of each package are presented in the table below.

Members: The Next Einstein Forum will become Africa’s central meeting place for science, knowledge-based enterprise and policy. Members, selected by application only, will play an essential role by functioning as the brain-trust of the NEF. In this role, they will help select and direct critical issues that shape the scientific and related agendas in Africa.
The NEF also provides numerous benefits to its members to ensure that their long-term dedication to a global view of science in Africa is rewarded. This includes continuous exposure to exclusive member networks as well as invitations and discounted fees to future regional and international events.

The event will provide numerous benefits for potential Supporters and Members. They will have the opportunity to:
• Network exclusively with VIP guests
• Gain access to the networks of researchers, scientists, policymakers, investors, industry leaders, civil society leaders, educators and others present
• Recruit top of the line talent among the young scientists, civil society and business leaders, and researchers present at the NEF Global Gathering 2016
• Promote the organizations’ products and services through attendee marketing and membership opportunities
• Shape the minds and decisions of young attendees who are looking to pursue STEM education. Young Africans represent the segment of the population with the highest growth in the world. Projected to reach around 1 billion people by 2050, the continent will be home of about 40% of the world's children. You will have the opportunity to invest and train these young talents for the world’s future.

**In-kind support:** Support packages including in-kind components can be developed with interested institutions.
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