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09:00 - 09:30 / Keynote lecture: KEYNOTE LECTURE I.
: Gabriela Ramos

09:30 - 11:00 / Plenary session: PLENARY SESSION I.
Speakers: Rémi Quirion, Roula Inglesi-Lotz, Olive Shisana, Her Royal Highness Sumaya bint El Hassan, Michel Kazatchkine
Moderator: Sarah Mosoetsa

11:30 - 13:00 / Thematic session: THEMATIC SESSION I/A
Moderator: Michel Kazatchkine
Speakers: Monique Michal Marks, Adeolu Adebiyi, Shaun Shelly, Gunasekaran Rengaswamy, Elsadig Mohamedahmed, Chwayita Thobela

11:30 - 13:00 / Thematic session: THEMATIC SESSION I/B
The COVID-19 pandemic has put to the fore the multiple threats and challenges deriving from the unequal access to scientific benefits and its applications, and also from unequal opportunities to participate in science. Addressing these challenges will require that science, technology and innovation ecosystems prioritize human wellbeing and equality over productivity and growth. Human rights standards and principles are a powerful leverage to achieve this profound transformation, with the right to share in scientific advancement and its benefits playing a central role.

How can UNESCO’s normative arsenal in the field of science (notably the recommendations on science and scientific researchers (2017), the ethics of artificial intelligence (2021) and open science (2021)) and recent normative guidance by the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (General Comment 25 of 2020) help strengthen the human rights entrenchment of the science process? How can a renewed commitment to attain the goals of the Agenda 2030 contribute to this effort? What difficulties and challenges are encountered by scientific researchers and related institutions and what could be their role? These are some of the questions that this panel will explore with the aim of bringing to the fore concrete ideas and recommendations for future action.
Moderator: Ângela Melo
Panelists: Gabriela Ramos, Peter Gluckman, Siyabulela Christopher Fobosi, Daya Reddy, Julia MacKenzie

11:30 - 13:00 / Thematic session: HIGH-LEVEL MEETING I.
Moderator: Connie Vivien Nshemereirwe
Panelists: Paulina Carmona Mora, Maggie Dugan, Encieh Erfani, Priscilla Kolibe Mante

14:30 - 15:00 / Keynote lecture: KEYNOTE LECTURE II.
: Dhesigen Naidoo

15:00 - 16:30 / Plenary session: PLENARY SESSION II.
Speakers: Felix Dapare Dakora, Ramia Al Bakain, Roger Pielke Jr., Magdalena Skipper, Azeeeza Rangunwala
Moderator: Nicole Arbour

17:00 - 18:30 / Thematic session: THEMATIC SESSION II/A
Speakers: Lawrence Banks, Petro Terblanche, Thomas Hartung, Charles Gore
Moderator: Mosa Moshabela
17:00 - 18:30 / Thematic session: THEMATIC SESSION II/B
Speakers: Jean-Claude Burgelman, Tshiamo Motshegwa, Ellen R. Tise
Moderator: Heide Hackmann

17:00 - 18:30 / Thematic session: HIGH-LEVEL MEETING II.
Speakers: Hambani Masheleni, Valérie Verdier, Alfred van Kent, Lidia Brito
Moderator: Himla Soodyall

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09:00 - 09:30 / Keynote lecture: KEYNOTE LECTURE III.
: Tshilidzi N/A Marwala

09:30 - 11:00 / Plenary session: PLENARY SESSION III.
Speakers: Sudip Parikh, Angela Tabiri, Lidia Brito, Michael Backes, Jinghua Cao
Moderator: Pfungwa Nyamukachi

11:30 - 13:00 / Thematic session: THEMATIC SESSION III/A
Moderator: Mabuza Eudy
Speakers: Ryuma Shineha, Mareli Claassens, Yasuhisa Kondo, Romyen Kosaikanont, Mayumi Ishizuka
Commentator: Derrick Swartz

11:30 - 13:00 / Thematic session: THEMATIC SESSION III/B
Moderator: Mamokgethi Phakeng
Speakers: Jean-Claude Burgelman, Daan du Toit, Connie Vivien Nshemereirwe, Nzweundji Justine Germo

11:30 - 13:00 / Thematic session: HIGH-LEVEL MEETING III.
Moderator: Chux Daniels

14:30 - 15:00 / Keynote lecture: KEYNOTE LECTURE IV.
: Peter Gluckman

15:00 - 16:30 / Plenary session: PLENARY SESSION IV.
Speakers: Catherine Cesarsky, Motoko Kotani, Clarissa Rios Rojas, Naledi Grace Mandisa Pandor
Moderator: Heide Hackmann

17:00 - 18:30 / Thematic session: THEMATIC SESSION IV/A
Abstract:
The historical unethical use and procurement of human skeletal remains haunts the discipline of bioarchaeology globally. In South Africa, as a result of its colonial and apartheid past, illegal procurement of human remains of indigenous communities, in particular of the Khoi and San was rife in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Several repatriation processes have taken place over the last few years. All of them in the absence of national legislation to direct a process of return, reburial and restitution. The complexity of these processes speaks to the
lingering inter-generational trauma endured by affected communities. South Africa has now developed a National Policy on Repatriation and Restitution of Human Remains and Heritage Objects. The purpose of which is to provide an all-encompassing, inclusive framework for repatriation of human remains and restitution of heritage objects. As such it deals inter alia with the preservation of the dignity of human remains as individuals and addresses more challenging issues such as identification of human remains, consultation and communication with affected communities and families.

Drawing on the expertise of the panelists and examples such as the Sutherland 9 process, the session intends to show that complex challenges require an integration of approaches, disciplines and knowledge systems. It will illustrate how this the newly adopted policy has benefited from such an approach, but that implementation of the policy will similarly need to draw on multiple perspectives to ensure social justice.

Moderator: Ciraj Rassool
Speakers: Loretta Annelise Feris, Victoria Gibbon, Robyn Humphreys, Reinette Stander

17:00 - 18:30 / Thematic session: THEMATIC SESSION IV/B
Moderator: Elizabeth Pollitzer
Speakers: Ingrid Lynch, Heidi van Rooyen, Dorothy Ngila, Isabella Schmidt, Thomas Thayer, Lilian Hunt

17:00 - 18:30 / Thematic session: HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IV.
Moderator: Françoise Baylis
Speakers: Daya Reddy, Saths Cooper, Quarraisha Abdool Karim, Diyé Djibril Dia, George Owusu Essegbey