

AU-EU Innovation *Festival*

Agora Session on Women-Led Innovations

*“Sharing successes &
tackling bottlenecks on
the way to impact”*

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM
Cape Town, 15 June 2023

 **Global
Gateway**



Agora Session on Women-led innovations – *“Sharing successes & tackling bottlenecks on the way to impact”*

Opening by:
Ms Vinny Pillay

Moderated by:
**Ms Covadonga Rayon (ENRICH in Africa)
and Ms Tshembani Khupane (South Africa’s Technology Innovation Agency)**

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Melanin Kapital is a climate fintech platform that helps small businesses grow with cash management, CO₂ tracking, green loans & carbon credits



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Mélanie Keïta Mariam

Co-Founder & CEO of Melanin Kapital, France / Mali / Kenya

“ We deliver an innovative lab-in-a-suitcase science outreach program to empower high school girls in knowledge and skills applied to infectious diseases and vaccinology with an aim of mentoring and inspiring future vaccinologists and women scientists across Africa.

Dr Esther Kanduma

*Senior Lecturer and Research Scientist,
University of Nairobi, Kenya*

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“ We provide women scientists working in veterinary vaccinology across Africa with the training and resources to host schools outreach workshops in their own countries, with the overall goal of inspiring the next generation scientists.

Dr Funmilayo Afolayan

Senior Lecturer, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

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Crtve Development is a pan-African organisation that champions sustainable African-owned and led development through art, authentic storytelling and creative campaigning to bridge the gap between African youth and development policies.

Dr Okito Wedi

Founder and CEO of Crtve Development, South Africa



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The Collect2Know device is a game changing innovation in the field of blood self-sampling!

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Dr Irith De Baetselier

*Clinical Coordinator, Scientist and STI Reference Centre Coordinator,
Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium*



Improving Africa's health through African research



Dr Thilona Arumugam

*L'Oréal-UNESCO Women in Science Laureate, University of KwaZulu-Natal,
South Africa*

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