



Meet the Ambassadors Event

Celebrating 15 years of AUGent Africa Platform

Thursday 24 November 2022 – Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent

PROGRAMME

14h00: Opening by Prof. Rik Van de Walle, Rector of Ghent University

14h10: General outline AUGent Africa Platform and achievements over the last 15 years (Prof. Karen Büscher, AUGent Africa Platform Chair)

14h30: AUGent representatives testifying about their engagement with Africa

- *Collaboration between Jimma (Ethiopia) and Ghent University: first dating in 2005, engaged as strategic institutional partners since 2018* (Prof. Luc Duchateau, UGent Faculty of Veterinary Medicine)
- *Howest's applied approach in collaboration with African partners* (Dr. Frederik D'hulster, HoWest Vice-Rector of Education and International Affairs)
- *The Open Doors Fellowship Program - For women researchers in Africa* (Prof. Laura Cortada-Gonzalez, UGent Faculty of Sciences)
- *I am not my ancestors. Humasol's vision to remain relevant as an international solidarity organization* (Mr. Michiel Van Cauwelaert, UGent Faculty of Engineering and Architecture)
- *The Academic Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Policy* (Dr. Simukai Shamu, Management Committee Member of the Academic Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Policy)
- *Interdisciplinary research on the present and the past of Bantu-speaking Africa* (Prof. Koen Bostoen & Dr. Guy Kouatara, UGent Faculty of Arts & Philosophy)

15h30: Coffee break

16h00: Round table with a selection of African Ambassadors on the interaction between academia and policy level (45' discussion + 45' interaction with/questions from the audience), moderated by Prof. Olivier Degomme (UGent Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences)

17h30: Reception + networking