

St Andrews Global Challenges Forum



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'Sustainable Futures' Online Symposia Series

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Welcome to the Evidence-based Policy Symposium (28 October 2021, 14:00-16:30 BST)

The St Andrews Global Challenges Forum will host a four-part symposia webinar series in October 2021 on the overarching theme of 'Sustainable Futures'. We are aiming for an inspirational set of symposia with both St Andrews and global partners represented. Chaired by Professor Thomas Meagher, each session will welcome three or four speakers and focus on one of the cross-cutting impact topics of:

- Equality Matters
- Sustainable Livelihoods
- Social Justice
- Evidence-based Policy

The St Andrews Global Challenges Forum was formed in 2018 and builds on the University's commitment to the Global Challenges agenda. The forum supports the University's extensive Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) challenge-led research base, funded by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) GCRF QR Grant and contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Our vision for these themed sessions is that each will consist of two to three paired talks from St Andrews researchers and their ODA partners. Followed by a panel presentation and discussion. These topics are applicable to the SFC-funded GCRF projects portfolio as underlying issues are being addressed with more discipline-specific research. We intend that they will form the basis for substantive interdisciplinary discussions.

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Evidence-based Policy Symposium Agenda

14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks by Professor Thomas Meagher
14:10 – 14:25	Dr Tim Stojanovic and Judith Ochieng
14:25 – 14:40	Dr Derek Sloan and Dr Christine Sekaggya-Wiltshire
14:40 – 14:55	Professor Thomas Meagher and Dr Marcelo Freire Moro
14:55 – 15:05	Comfort Break
15:05 – 15:10	Welcome Back
15:10 – 15:25	Dr Rebekah Widdowfield Chief Executive Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE)
15:25 – 15:40	Dr Josefina Takahashi Sato Rector Emeritus <i>Universidad Científica del Sur</i>
15:40 – 15:55	Professor Gibson Kibiki Founder and Former Chief Executive East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC)
15:55 – 16:25	Discussion with Q&A
16:25 – 16:30	Closing Remarks by Professor Thomas Meagher

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Zoom Registration

You need to register via [<https://bit.ly/2UEeE6A>] to participate in this symposium. Zoom will send you an automatic email with the direct link to the symposium. If you encounter any issues, please email: RIS_GCRF@st-andrews.ac.uk

Chair, Speakers and Panellists



Chair and Speaker

Professor Thomas Meagher
School of Biology
University of St Andrews

Professor Thomas Meagher is the Director of the St Andrews Global Challenges Forum, working in close collaboration with the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) team in Research and Innovation Services (RIS) at the University of St Andrews.

A strong advocate for the University's Global Challenges agenda, he has held an active role in the Forum's Steering Committee. His expertise in the field of plant biology, combined with his enthusiasm for engaging at a 'Global' scale, are reflected in his research interest in the urgency of development challenges in Amazonia. He is committed to the need for interdisciplinary approaches to find solutions to the many problems affecting communities across our planet.

Professor Thomas Meagher will also present as a speaker on "*Remote sensing for the sustainable use of seasonally dry tropical forests*" accompanied by Dr Marcelo Freire Moro from the *Universidade Federal do Ceara*.



Panellist

Dr Rebekah Widdowfield
Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE)

Dr Rebekah Widdowfield has been the Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Edinburgh since 2017 and has spent much of her career working at the interface of policy and academia. Having worked in academia for a number of years, Rebekah joined the Scottish Government to pursue a more applied research career.

She became a senior civil servant in 2008 serving as Head of Rural and Environmental Science and Analysis and Chief Researcher before becoming Head of Higher Education and Science. Rebekah supported a number of strategic advances during her time in Government including helping establish the Centre of Expertise on Climate Change, ClimateXChange.

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Panellist

Dr Josefina Takahashi Sato
Universidad Científica del Sur

Dr Josefina Takahashi Sato is a plant biologist, with a PhD from Birmingham University, former Rector and now member of the Board of Directors of the Scientific of the South University, Peru. She is an active promoter of science, technology, and innovation for Peru's gender scientific equity and sustainable development. Is member of the Board of Directors of the National Board on Science, Technology, and Innovation- CONCYTEC, President of its Committee Pro Women in STI.

As a plant biologist, she was a researcher and technology transfer specialist in the International Potato Centre, Head of the National Institute of Natural Resources and actually, President of the Peruvian Foundation for Nature Conservation - Pronaturaleza, member of the Consultative Board of WWF-Peru, among others.



Panellist

Professor Gibson Kibiki
East African Health
Research Commission (EAHRC)

Professor Gibson Kibiki, MD, MMed, PhD is the former and Founding CEO of the East African Health Research Commission (EAHRC). EAHRC, through research, provides advice and guidance on health to the six countries of the of the East African Community.

Gibson is a Professor of medicine, consultant physician/endoscopist, researcher, and a leader with broad experience in health and academics. He led the establishment of Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute, which is an academic centre for evidence-based health interventions. He has led numerous international collaborative research programmes. He has held academic positions in Africa, America, and Europe.



Speaker

Dr Tim Stojanovic
School of Geography
& Sustainable Development
University of St Andrews

"Evidence-based policy for conservation and pro-environmental livelihoods: lessons learned from natural and social science diagnostics for a Kenyan marine protected area"

Dr Tim Stojanovic is a Senior Lecturer in Geography and Sustainable Development at the University of St Andrews. Trained as an environmental geographer and social scientist, he has a special interest in the issues of oceans and coasts and how they are managed. His research interests include marine planning, coastal management, climate adaptation, marine protected area governance and sustainability science.

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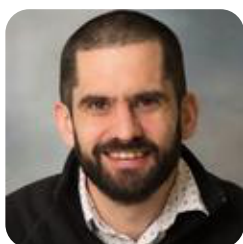


Speaker

Judith Ochieng
A Rocha Kenya

"Evidence-based policy for conservation and pro-environmental livelihoods: lessons learned from natural and social science diagnostics for a Kenyan marine protected area"

Judith Ochieng is a Project Coordinator at the NGO A Rocha Kenya. A Rocha Kenya is a conservation organisation that is part of a larger international network across 20 countries around the world. Judith has a Bachelors of Environmental Science from Pwani University. Judith has a keen interest in conservation projects with an interdisciplinary approach in the areas of climate change, forests and marine research and sustainable development. She has held several roles at the NGO and currently is leading the Biodiversity Information for Development (BID) project.



Speaker

Dr Derek Sloan
School of Medicine
University of St Andrews

"TB, HIV & COVID: multi-disciplinary projects between St Andrews and Kampala"

Dr Derek Sloan is a Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Infectious Diseases at the School of Medicine at the University of St Andrews. He has worked in both high and low income countries, accruing extensive experience in the management of infectious diseases, particularly tuberculosis (TB). His research is targeted towards clinical therapeutics questions of global public health significance.



Speaker

Dr Christine Sekaggya-Wiltshire
Makerere University

"TB, HIV & COVID: multi-disciplinary projects between St Andrews and Kampala"

Dr Christine Sekaggya-Wiltshire is an internal medicine with research interests in drug pharmacokinetic, infectious diseases and non-malignant hematology. She is an investigator in pharmacokinetic studies, clinical trials, studies related to drug-drug interaction between anti-tuberculosis drugs, antiretrovirals and other research projects related to HIV, tuberculosis and hematological disorders.

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Speaker

Dr Marcelo Freire Moro
Universidade Federal do Ceara

"Remote sensing for the sustainable use of seasonally dry tropical forests"

Dr Marcelo Freire Moro from the *Universidade Federal do Ceara*, Brazil conducts research on plant biodiversity in the Caatinga, including development of a comprehensive catalogue of plant species and investigations into environmental drivers of plant distribution. Dr Moro's work places a high priority on producing and communicating scientific information to inform policy for sustainable use and biodiversity conservation.

Top Tips for a Successful Symposia



Good Internet
Connection



Remember to
mute



Try to speak for
your time limit



A quite
environment



Raise your camera
to eye level



Good lighting



Speakers and
Panellists may
share their screen



Ask questions via
the Chat feature

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Recording

The Global Challenges Forum intends to document this symposia series via recording the audio, video and shared presentations. We will host the recordings on the Global Challenges Forum website [<https://impact.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/gc-forum/>].

If you do not wish to be recorded, please do not turn on your camera or microphone. You can still watch and listen to the presentations, if you wish to participate by asking a question or commenting please use the chat box.

Share and continue the conversation

The St Andrews Global Challenges Forum invites you to continue the conversation via social media using the following hash tags:

#GlobalStAndrews

#GCSustainableFutures

#GCRF

Remember to tag the following Twitter handles:

@GCRFstandrews

@UStAresearch

@univofstandrews

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Join us for the symposia series

 Equality Matters


 bit.ly/3sxRScY


 Thursday 7 October

 14:00-16:30 BST

 Sustainable Livelihoods


 bit.ly/3szREIF


 Thursday 14 October


 14:00-16:30 BST

 Social Justice


 bit.ly/3swF5aP


 Thursday 21 October

 14:00-16:30 BST

 Evidence-based Policy

 bit.ly/2UEeE6A

 Thursday 28 October

 14:00-16:30 BST

For more information please visit: [<https://impact.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/gc-forum/>].