

YOUNG AFRICAN SCIENTISTS  
IN NORTH AMERICA  
JEUNES CHERCHEURS AFRICAINS  
EN AMERIQUE DU NORD

# YAS.NA

## Meeting

## 2020



**MONTREAL**  27<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020



# YAS\_NA 2020 at a glance

- ◇ **WHAT** / YAS\_NA 2020 is the first conference dedicated to young African scientists in North America. It will bring together 250 master students, PhD candidates and post-doctoral scientists working in the United States and in Canada. Panels and talks will enable them to learn from African leading researchers, business representatives in Africa and academic leaders, about the opportunities to carry on their high-level scientific career in Africa. They will also be able to talk freely with the speakers, especially during a special networking reception. ◇
- ◇ **WHEN** / The conference will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020. ◇
- ◇ **WHERE** / Montreal, Canada's second most populous city, has nearly a quarter of Quebec's population and jobs. It is a multicultural metropolis that attracts thousands of international immigrants. Its economy is strongly service-oriented. In particular, it is the third largest financial centre in America. Already recognized in the field of digital technologies, Montreal also aims to become a world leader among smart cities. It is home to five university-level institutions: the Université du Québec à Montréal, the Université de Montréal, Concordia University, McGill University and the École de Technologie Supérieure. ◇
- ◇ **WHO** / YAS\_NA 2020 is organized by the Université du Québec à Montréal, at an initiative of the online media Afriscitech. ◇
- ◇ **WHY** / YAS\_NA 2020 will provide access to informations, present initiatives and foster networking so that young African scientists in North America are better aware of opportunities to participate in the scientific and technological advancement of Africa. Special consideration will be given to young female African researchers. ◇
- ◇ **HOW** / The Scientific Committee is chaired by Isabelle Glitho, Dean emeritus of the Faculty of Science of Lomé, Togo, a member of the Scientific Council of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie and Kwame Nkrumah Award laureate. It will ensure the quality of the program and the speakers. The local organizing committee is chaired by Abdoulaye Baniré Diallo, professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal. ◇



# YAS\_NA 2020

## The first conference dedicated to young African scientists in North America

**In May 2020**, Montreal will host the first conference **Young African Scientists in North America / Jeunes chercheurs africains en Amérique du nord**.

**The YAS\_NA 2020 aim** is to give African master students, PhD candidates and post-doctoral scientists expatriated in North America informations and elements to choose if they want to carry on their scientific career in Africa.

**Several tens of thousands young African scientists** are currently working and training in scientific research in North America. How many of them will contribute in the coming years to the scientific and technological development of their countries?

**Often isolated in their laboratories**, not always aware of the specificities of scientific employment in Africa, they wonder and worry.

- ◇ How can they enter the higher education and research system?
- ◇ How can they maintain international collaborations?
- ◇ How can they remedy to the lack of experimental means in their home countries?
- ◇ What actions can be taken in America to support the scientific development of African countries?

### **These questions and many more**

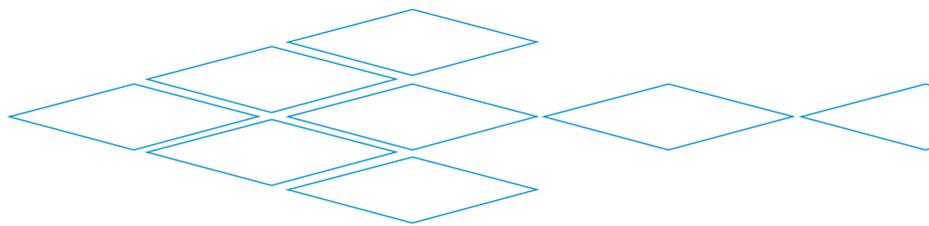
will be at the heart of conferences, panels and discussions at **YAS\_NA 2020**.

The 250 attendees, master students, PhD candidates and post-doctoral scientists, will meet and exchange information and perspectives, and will begin to create networks. They will also listen to leading African researchers and representatives of public institutions and companies and ask them questions that will improve their knowledge of the development of research and of scientific employment in Africa.

### IN THE PROGRAM

- ◇ Plenary conferences.
- ◇ Panel sessions.
- ◇ Informal meetings and discussions.
- ◇ Poster sessions.

**The YAS\_NA 2020 conference** will bring together the African scientists who are already and will be tomorrow's scientific leaders on the continent. Foundations, companies, public bodies and private individuals support this initiative. ◇



## A LASTING EVENT

The **YAS\_NA2020** meeting will contribute in concrete terms to a better movement of young scientists between Africa and the rest of the world. The talks and the discussions of the conference will be valued afterward.

**Panels and lectures will be video recorded**

and will be the basis for the production of broadcasts on the Web.

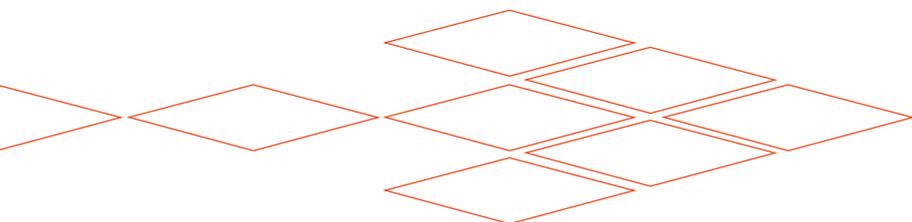
**Video interviews will be held** during the conference with speakers and attendants. They will also be webcasted.

**Panels and lectures** will be the subject of papers and photo reports.

**Afriscitech.com website** will follow up topics related to this conference.

**Afriscitech Facebook page, LinkedIn group, Newsletter and Twitter account** will allow attendants and stakeholders to continue to exchange and to receive informations after the conference.

**To allow the attendants to develop their networks,** a special evening reception will be organized during the conference, in the presence of the speakers. The event will take place in a relaxed and festive atmosphere, which will encourage meetings and direct contact. 



## ORGANIZERS

# UQÀM

### **The Université du Québec à Montréal (UQÀM)**

**is a French-language public university** with an international reputation. The originality and specific characteristics of its programs, its cutting-edge research, often focused on social concerns, and its creative innovations have all contributed to its reputation.

UQÀM ranks among the leading research universities in Canada, particularly in the humanities, natural sciences, social health and creative fields. Its researchers are gathered in nearly a hundred research units and in six institutes characterized by interdisciplinarity.

In many sectors where it operates, UQÀM has an international influence. To facilitate the exchange of researchers and the circulation of students, UQÀM has established agreements with more than 450 partners in some 60 countries on the 5 continents, not to mention the links created by its membership in international university networks. ◀

[uqam.ca](http://uqam.ca)

# Afriscitech

**Afriscitech is an online media dedicated to the scientific production of the African continent.** It aims at disseminating information toward a wide public. Created in 2016 by Luc Allemand, it is published by the cooperative company Coopetic. ▶

[www.afriscitech.com](http://www.afriscitech.com)

## Issues for Africa and America

**S**cientific and technological development of Africa is necessary.

More and more governments and organizations in Africa and in the rest of the world have become aware of this.

Numerous initiatives have emerged in recent years to promote this development, focused on training of young scientists. However the framework for high level training in scientific research is not present in all the African countries, and many of these young scientists go abroad to undertake a master or a PhD. Many then hesitate to come back to Africa, fearing that they will not find opportunities that match their skills.

**By bringing together 250 young African scientists working in America, and enabling them to interact with leading African researchers, YAS\_NA 2020 will allow the flow of information and the development of networks. This conference will also contribute to the creation of a framework for high level research in Africa with the support of American countries.**

**The discussions will take place in French and in English (with simultaneous translation).** ▶



## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

It consists of personalities from the scientific and academic worlds.  
It guarantees the content of the conference by deciding the program

- ◇ **Chair: Isabelle Adolé Glitho**, Dean emeritus of the Faculty of Science of the University of Lomé, Togo, Kwame Nkrumah Award.
- ◇ **Ishmael Amarreh**, Office for Disparities Research and Workforce Diversity, and Center for Global Mental Research at NIMH
- ◇ **Ghada Bassioni**, Professor and Chair of the chemistry department, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt and Egyptian Science and Technology Development Fund.
- ◇ **Arouna Darga**, Senior Lecturer, Sorbonne Université, Paris, co-founder of VOLTATIC, Burkina Faso.
- ◇ **Aminata Garba**, Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon University Africa, Rwanda.
- ◇ **Jacqueline Karrithi**, Research scientist, University of Princeton, USA.
- ◇ **Stéphane Kenmoe**, Research scientist and Project Coordinator, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.
- ◇ **Jean-Baptiste Meyer**, director of research, IRD, Marseille, France.
- ◇ **Yves Mugabo**, chercheur, Centre de recherche sur le diabète de Montréal, Canada. Pas de traduction.
- ◇ **Vidushi Neerghen-Bhujun**, Senior Lecturer, University of Mauritius.
- ◇ **Axel Ngonga**, Professor, University of Paderborn, Germany.
- ◇ **Aïda Ouangraoua**, Professor and Canada Research Chair in computational and biological complexity, Université de Sherbrooke.
- ◇ **Éliane Ubalijoro**, Professor of Practice, McGill University, Montréal, Canada.



## PREMIUM SPONSORS

**The YAS\_NA 2020 conference will bring together 250 young scientists from all**

**African countries working in North America**, to contribute to the development of science and technology in Africa. It will provide a platform for exchange with each other, and with leading researchers based in Africa. This reflection will be carried on, notably via the social networks and via the follow-up provided by Afriscitech.

**We will only meet this challenge with the help of financial support from institutional and private sponsors.**

A total support of Can\$ 250,000, including donated goods and services, will ensure the quality of the event, the diversity of the participants, and a lasting follow-up of the event.

**YAS\_NA 2020 is an exceptional opportunity for the event's sponsors** to forge closer ties with young African scientists who already do and will do tomorrow the science on their continent. This is an exceptional opportunity to promote international scientific exchanges and to strengthen US and Canada's universities and companies ranks in these.

**The premium sponsors will receive significant visibility for their crucial support of YAS\_NA 2020 and its mission of informing young African researchers, including:**

- ◇ Privileged meetings with speakers and attendants.
- ◇ Visibility on the conference communications, including the conference website.
- ◇ Presence in the newsletter (monthly).
- ◇ Presence in the press kit and the documents given to attendees.
- ◇ Possibility to propose speakers for the conference.
- ◇ Possibility to support a particular aspect of the conference (travel, catering, video coverage, networking evening, etc.).

### There are three levels of premium sponsorship

- ◇ GOLD SPONSOR                      Can\$ 25,000 and +
- ◇ SILVER SPONSOR                    Can\$ 15,000 and +
- ◇ BRONZE SPONSOR                  Can\$ 5,000 and +



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The sponsors of **YAS\_NA 2020** support the scientific and technological development of Africa.

### Gold Sponsor

Can\$ 25,000 and +

**All pages of the Afriscitech.com website dedicated to YAS\_NA 2020 show the logo** with the mention **“Gold Sponsor”** and a link to the website of the sponsor.

**A page on the website dedicated to the sponsor and its interest in the scientific and technological development of Africa.**

**The conference newsletter (monthly) shows the logo, the mention “Gold Sponsor”.**

**All the communications about the conference acknowledge the sponsorship.**

**Dissemination of communication documents from the sponsor to attendants.**

**Three tickets for the conference in addition to a possible speaker.**

**A large stand in the exhibition area to meet attendants.**

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**Dissemination of sponsor information on the Facebook page and the conference Twitter account (monthly).** ◊

### Silver Sponsor

Can\$ 15,000 and +

**All pages of the Afriscitech.com website dedicated to YAS\_NA 2020 show the logo** with the mention **“Silver Sponsor”** and a link to the website of the sponsor.

**Summary about the sponsor and its activities related to the scientific and technological development of Africa (400 words) on the webpage dedicated to “Silver Sponsor”.**

**The conference newsletter (monthly) shows a link to the sponsor.**

**Dissemination of communication documents from the sponsor to attendants.**

**Two tickets for the conference in addition to a possible speaker.**

**A stand in the exhibition area.**

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### Bronze Sponsor

Can\$ 5,000 and +

**The YAS\_NA 2020 homepage on Afriscitech.com shows the logo with the mention “Bronze Sponsor” and a link to the website of the sponsor.**

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**The conference newsletter (monthly) shows a link to the sponsor.**

**Dissemination of communication documents from the partner to attendants.**

**One tickets for the conference.** ◊



## SPECIAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

◇ NETWORKING EVENING RECEPTION	Can\$ 8,000
◇ COFFEE BREAKS FOR ONE DAY	Can\$ 3,000
◇ ONE LUNCH	Can\$ 6,000
◇ SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION	from Can\$ 10,000
◇ PRODUCTION OF VIDEOS	Can\$ 4,000
◇ LIVE BROADCAST ON THE WEB	Can\$ 15,000
◇ TRAVEL / ACCOMMODATION FELLOWSHIP FOR 10 YOUNG SCIENTISTS	Can\$ 10,000
◇ ORGANIZATION OF A PANEL	Can\$ 20,000
◇ A STAND IN THE EXHIBITION AREA	Can\$ 2,000



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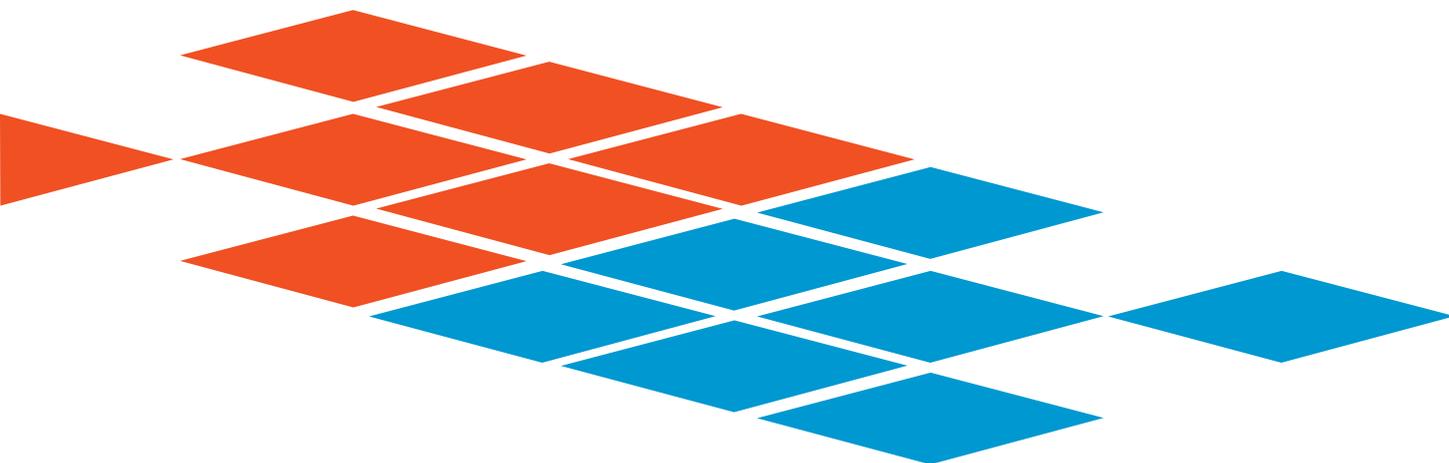
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