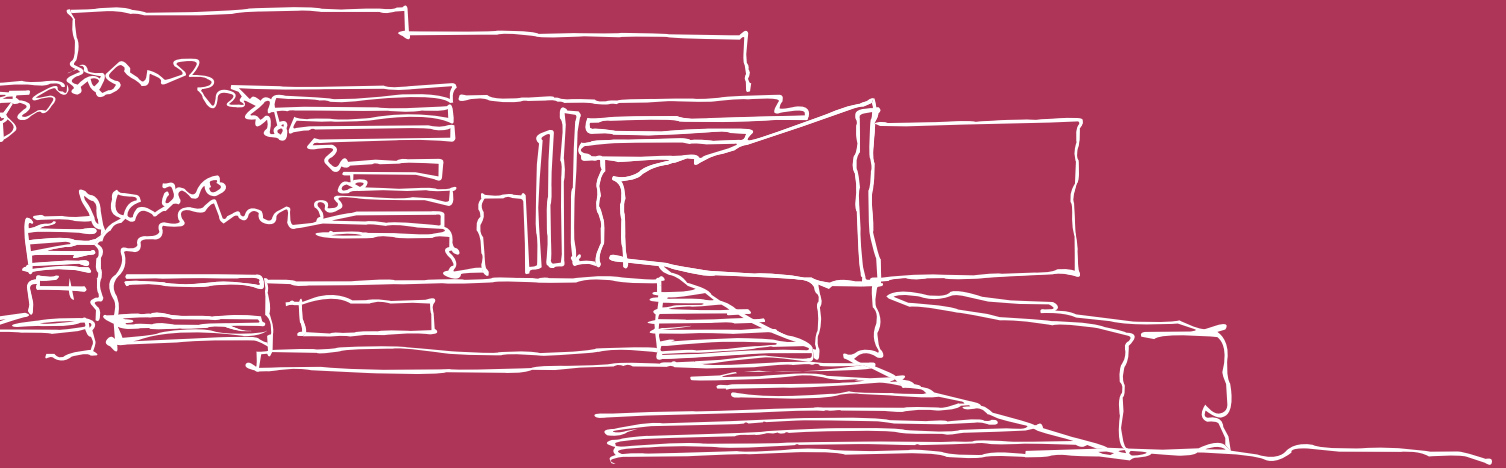


# NOBEL SYMPOSIA

6TH IYTT YOUTH CONFERENCE:  
**AFRICAN YOUTH SHOW THE WAY  
TOWARDS PEACE AND DEMOCRACY**  
25-29 AUGUST 2024  
**PROGRAMME**

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## PROGRAMME

When too many people are unheard or excluded from decision-making, and authoritarian regimes work to cynically manipulate and roll back democratic processes, young minds are indispensable. The 6th IYTT Youth Conference & NOBEL SYMPOSIUM NS 203 engages 24 participants in the 18-to-28-age-span selected from 195 applications to an open call. Building on a dynamic interplay between the 24 participants, and distinguished speakers and commentators the overall goal is to inspire people and innovate democracy for a brighter future. The 24 participants choose themes, discuss how to understand the ideal of democracy, and produce a dozen proposals for democratization, democracy renewal and peace keeping, delivered in a concluding presentation and report. Besides providing explorative ideas to research, the results will be published in the *IYTT Handbook for Innovative Democracy* to inspire leaders in civil society, industry, and politics.

The 24 participants will leave the conference trained in democracy entrepreneurship, with broadened knowledge, strengthened voices, enhanced network capacities, and new friends.

As indicated on the programme, some sessions are open to the public and live streamed whereas the remaining sessions are only for the 24 participants and engaged inspirational speakers and commentators.

We warmly welcome you to the 6th IYTT Youth Conference & NOBEL SYMPOSIUM NS 203!

**To register for the sessions open to the public, please scan the QR code**



**VENUE:** STIAS WALLENBERG RESEARCH CENTRE, 10 MARAIS ROAD, MOSTERTSDRIFT, STELLENBOSCH, 7600

SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2024		
MEET & GREET, AND INTRODUCTION		
13:30-14:30	Registration, Lunch at STIAS	
14:30-14:45	<b>Scientific Organising Committee's welcome words</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Urban Strandberg</b>, Convenor, Director &amp; Co-Founder, IYTT</li> <li>• <b>Heidi October</b>, Co-convenor, Head, FVZS Institute for Student Leadership Development &amp; Deputy Director, Leadership, Centre for Student Life and Learning, Stellenbosch University</li> <li>• <b>Christoff Pauw</b>, Senior Programme Manager, STIAS</li> <li>• <b>Olav Njølstad</b>, Director, The Norwegian Nobel Institute</li> </ul>
14:45-16:15	Participants explore Stellenbosch on a historical tour	Led by <b>Nosi Matiwane</b> (FVZS Institute Programme Coordinator) and <b>Rabia Abba Omar</b> (FVZS Institute Citizenship Engagement Coordinator) and guided by <b>Anell Stacey Daries</b> NIHSS/SU Prestigious Postdoctoral Fellow at AVReQ-The Centre for the Study of the Afterlife of Violence and the Reparative Quest
16:30-17:30	Conference participants' personal introductions	
17:30-18:00	Introduction to the 6th IYTT Youth Conference & Nobel Symposium, and the IYTT	
19:00	Opening dinner at STIAS	
	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>	<b>Choice Makhetha</b> , Senior Director, Division for Student Affairs at Stellenbosch University.

## MONDAY, 26 AUGUST 2024

### INSPIRATIONS, BRAINSTORMING & STUDY VISIT

<b>09:00–12:30</b>	<b>Open to the public</b>	
<b>08:00-08:30</b>	Morning check in Day 2	
<b>09:00-09:20</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Edward K. Kirumira</b>, STIAS Director</li> <li>• <b>Deresh Ramjugernath</b>, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Learning &amp; Teaching, Stellenbosch University</li> <li>• <b>Christian Fogelström</b>, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Sweden</li> <li>• <b>Olav Njølstad</b>, Director, The Norwegian Nobel Institute</li> </ul>
<b>09:20-10:00</b>	<b>Keynote: The State of Democracy of Africa and the World</b>	<b>Staffan I Lindberg</b> , Director of V-Dem-Institute: Varieties of Democracy, University of Gothenburg
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	Q & A	
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	Coffee & Tea	
<b>10:30-11:45</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN DEMOCRACY</b>	<b>Moderator:</b> Helen Moffett, STIAS Fellow, author, publisher and editor. Environmental, feminist and political activist of long standing, a recovering academic and a teacher-scholar.
	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tawakkol Karman</b>, Nobel Peace Laureate 2011</li> <li>• <b>Njoki Wamai</b>, STIAS Fellow, International Relations Department, United States International University-Africa</li> <li>• <b>Ursula van Beek</b>, Founding Director, CREDO–Centre for Research on Democracy, Stellenbosch University</li> </ul>	
<b>11:45-12:30</b>	Q & A	
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	Lunch for attendees at STIAS	
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	Lunch at Volkskombuis for IYTT speakers and Stellenbosch University Rectorate	
<b>12:15-13:15</b>	Transport to Cape Town (packed lunches for IYTT Fellows & Moderators)	
<b>13:15-14:45</b>	Site visit at Equal Education and Eh!Woza at Isivivana Centre.	
<b>14:45-15:15</b>	Coffee & Tea at Isivivana Centre	
<b>15:15-16:45</b>	Participants discuss the democracy ideal and brainstorm democracy challenges, in four randomised groups lead by the working group moderators.	
<b>16:45-18:00</b>	Participants discuss the working group's reflections around the democracy ideal and democracy challenges.	
<b>18:00-18:15</b>	Thank you & summing up Day 2	
<b>18:15</b>	Transport back from Cape Town to STIAS	
<b>19:00-21:00</b>	Dinner at STIAS	

## TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2024

### DELIBERATIONS and POLICY PROPOSAL GENERATION

<b>08:00-10:00</b>	Working group moderators discuss and draft a proposal on four democracy challenges sub themes that will be the basis for dividing the participants in four working groups.
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	Morning check in day 3
<b>10:15-10:15</b>	Discuss and establish four democracy challenges sub themes working groups, started by a brief presentation by the working group moderators, who then take the lead for each working group.
<b>11:15-12:30</b>	Working groups discuss and start to single out policy proposals.
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	Lunch
<b>13:30- 14:30</b>	Working groups discuss and single out policy proposals.
<b>14:30-15:00</b>	Coffee & Tea

15:00 -16:00	Working groups' policy proposal presentations and feedback discussion	
16:00-16:15	Thank you and summing up Day 3	
16:30-17:00	Change into business formal outfit for the evening's honorary lecture and reception	
	<b>FREDERIK VAN ZYL SLABBERT (FVZS) HONORARY LECTURE, Endler Hall, Stellenbosch University</b> <b>Open to the public</b>	<b>MC: Lize-Marie Doubell &amp; Heidi October</b>
17:00-18.00	Registration & Refreshments in the foyer	
18:00-18:10	<b>Welcome address</b>	<b>Wim de Villiers</b> , Stellenbosch University Rector & Vice-Chancellor
18:10-18:20	<b>Contextualization</b>	<b>Deresh Ramjugernath</b> , Stellenbosch University Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Learning & Teaching
18:25-18:55	<b>Reflecting on 30 years of democracy in South Africa:</b> how can African youth demonstrate citizen leadership through constitutionalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tawakkol Karman</b>, Nobel Peace Laureates 2011</li> <li>• <b>Namatai Kwekweza</b>, Winner of the 2023 Kofi-Annan NextGen Democracy Prize and constitutionalism advocate</li> </ul>
18:55-19:20	<b>Cheryl Hendricks</b> , Executive Director: Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in conversation with honorary lecture speakers	Moderated by <b>Ms Rabia Abba Omar</b> , FVZS Institute Citizenship Engagement Coordinator, Stellenbosch University
19:25-19:30	<b>Word of Thanks</b>	<b>Choice Makhetha</b> , Senior Director: Division: Student Affairs, Stellenbosch University
19:30-19:45	Break	
19:45-20:45	Stellenbosch University Choir	
20:45	Coffee and dessert in the foyer	

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2024		
PRESENTATIONS, REPORT WRITING, SEMINAR & WORKSHOP		
09:00-09:15	Morning check in Day 4	
09:15-10:30	<b>Working groups polish slides and start writing the preliminary conference report:</b> two persons in each working group finalise slides; three persons in each working group start to write the preliminary conference report; one person from each working group forms a fifth working group that finalise the opening and concluding slides for the concluding presentation, and a brief introduction and conclusion for the preliminary report.	
10.30-12:00	<b>Seminar</b> – working group slide presentations commented by three invited guests, who are ready to make spontaneous comments inspired by the presentations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kim Angell</b>, Research Programme Manager, The Norwegian Nobel Institute &amp; Associate Professor of Political Philosophy, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway</li> <li>• <b>Milyon Tekle-Haile</b>, Chair, Board of Education, City of Gothenburg, Sweden.</li> </ul>
12.00- 13:00	Lunch	
13:00-14:00	<b>LUNCH-HOUR LECTURE with Tawakkol Karman at the University of Cape Town</b> <b>Open to the public</b>	
13:00-13:30	Reflections from the morning seminar	
13.30-15:15	Working groups polish slides and write on the preliminary report.	
15:15-15:45	Coffee & Tea	
15:45-17:00	Conference concluding presentation first run	
17:00-17:30	Break	

<b>17:30-19:00</b>	<b>Workshop</b> – Invited scholars and senior professionals circulate among the four working groups who pitch their work-in-progress policy proposals with slides and take comments and questions. Guests rotate every 20 minutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kim Angell</b>, Research Programme Manager, The Norwegian Nobel Institute &amp; Associate Professor of Political Philosophy, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway;</li> <li>• <b>Kanika Batra</b>, STIAS Fellow and Department of English at Texas Tech University;</li> <li>• <b>Anders Leitzinger</b>, Carl-Johan Parish, Gothenburg;</li> <li>• <b>Cecilia Malmström</b>, IYTT Co-Founder and Advisory Board;</li> <li>• <b>Helen Moffett</b>, STIAS Fellow;</li> <li>• <b>Godfrey “Gado” Mwampembwa</b>, STIAS Artist-in-Residence, Tanzanian-born political cartoonist, animator and comics artist;</li> <li>• <b>Olav Njølstad</b>, Director, The Norwegian Nobel Institute;</li> <li>• <b>Heidi October</b>, Head at FVZS Institute for Student Leadership Development and Deputy Director: Centre for Life and Learning, Stellenbosch University;</li> <li>• <b>Namatai Kwekweza</b>, winner of the first Kofi Annan NextGen Democracy Prize 2023, Founder and Director of WELEAD Trust, Zimbabwe;</li> <li>• <b>Princess Puskas</b>, Senior Economist, Central Bank of Botswana;</li> <li>• <b>Henrik Syse</b>, Research Professor, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo;</li> <li>• <b>Milyon Tekle-Haile</b>, Chair, Board of Education, City of Gothenburg, Sweden;</li> <li>• <b>Danie Visser</b>, STIAS Fellow, and Department of Private Law University of Cape Town.</li> </ul>
<b>19:00-19:15</b>	Thank you and summing up Day 4	
<b>19:30</b>	Dinner at STIAS	

<b>THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2024</b>		
<b>REHEARSE, CONCLUDING PRESENTATION &amp; THE END</b>		
<b>09:00-09:15</b>	Morning check in Day 5	
<b>09:15-11:15</b>	Polishing slides and preliminary conference report	
<b>11:15-12:00</b>	Rehearsing Concluding Presentation	
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	Lunch	
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	Finalising presentations and preliminary conference report	
<b>14:00-16:15</b>	<b>CONFERENCE CONCLUDING PRESENTATION</b> <b>Open to the public</b>	<b>Panel Moderator: Cecilia Malmström, Co-founder &amp; Advisory Board, IYTT</b>
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<b>Four conference participants give a 10-minutes slide-show presentation, followed by comments from panel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kevin Casas-Zamora</b> (Costa Rican) Secretary-General, International IDEA (online)</li> <li>• <b>Tawakkol Karman</b>, (Yemenite) Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2011</li> <li>• <b>Princess Puskas</b> (Botswanan) Senior Economist, Central Bank of Botswana</li> </ul>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	Q & A	
<b>16:00-16:15</b>	<b>Concluding words</b>	Convenor: <b>Urban Strandberg</b> Co-Convenor: <b>Heidi October</b>
<b>16.15</b>	Coffee & Tea	
<b>16:45-18:00</b>	Participants reflecting, debriefing, summing-up	
<b>19:00</b>	Closing dinner at Clos Malverne Wine Estate	
	<b>Sending-off remarks by Heidi October, Deputy Director, Centre for Student Life and Learning/Head: FVZS Institute at Stellenbosch University</b>	
END OF CONFERENCE		

## 24 PARTICIPANTS

**Joy Adewumi** (Nigerian, permanent resident of South Africa)

**Noor Ahmad** (Pakistani)

**Kaitlyn Albertyn** (South African)

**Hope Ntokozo Dlamini** (South African)

**Brenald Dzonzi** (Malawian)

**Shanice Kantuchitani** (Zimbabwean)

**Ruth Kasanga** (Zambian, South Africa born and raised)

**Angela Khumalo** (South African)

**Siphesande Kotelana** (South African)

**Ishmael Mabena** (South African)

**Lindelwa Mayinga** (South African)

**Zanoxolo Mciteka** (South African)

**Reon van der Merwe** (South African)

**Palesa Meva** (South African)

**Ontiretse Moatshe** (South African)

**Peggy Molefi** (Botswanan)

**Kamvakazi Myataza** (South African)

**Masindi Netshakhuma** (South African)

**Ambrose Ngobi** (Ugandan)

**Ester Njikho** (Malawian)

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