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YOUNG PEOPLE AND RELATIONAL WELLBEING in 12 countries in the Global South

a virtual consultative workshop to establish
a major new programme of research

20, 21, 22
September

2022



PROGRAMME

Background

The Swiss philanthropy, Fondation Botnar, has recently partnered with South Africa's National Research Foundation (NRF) and Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) to develop a research programme on young people and relational wellbeing (YPRWB). The programme will focus on 12 countries in the Global South (Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Morocco, Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, South Africa, Romania, India, Indonesia, and Vietnam), in four thematic areas (livelihoods, climate change, digitisation, and mental health).

As part of the process of developing the call for research proposals and the implementation framework of the programme, this three-day consultative workshop with key stakeholders aims to:

- Discuss the concept of relational wellbeing, especially how it relates to the Global South;
- Further understand the needs of, and research agendas relevant to, urban youth;
- Glean shared wisdom from participants which can be incorporated into devising the research call; and
- Begin to form a community of practice and identify individuals who can serve as members of the programme advisory group.

Workshop presenters

Prof Sharlene Swartz (Divisional Executive, HSRC and YPRWB Academic Lead)
Ms Dorothy Ngila (Director: Strategic Partnerships, NRF South Africa)
Ms Prudence Makhura (Director: Knowledge Advancement and Support, NRF South Africa)
Dr Angélique Wildschut (Chief Research Specialist, HSRC and YPRWB Thematic Lead)
Dr Candice Groenewald (Chief Research Specialist, HSRC and YPRWB Thematic Lead)
Mr Krish Chetty (Research Manager, HSRC and YPRWB Thematic Lead)
Ms Sindi-Leigh McBride (PhD Trainee, HSRC and YPRWB Thematic Lead)

Tuesday, 20 September 2022

Core participants: All

Session hosts: Dorothy Ngila and Prudence Makhura

Aim of the session: Introduce the National Research Foundation and the research programme

Time: 14h00 – 16h00 SAST

7h00 Quito, Ecuador Bogotá, Colombia	12h00 Accra, Ghana Dakar, Senegal	13h00 Rabat, Morocco	14h00 South Africa Cairo, Egypt	15h00 Bucharest, Romania Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	17h30 New Delhi, India	19h00 Jakarta, Indonesia Ha Noi City, Vietnam
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Time	Focus
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome, purpose of the meeting, and introduction of the research programme team
14:15 – 14:30	Overview of the role of the NRF within the South African national system of innovation (NSI): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South African higher education, science, innovation and funding landscape • Role of the NRF within the South African NSI • The NRF's international footprint • Internationalisation of the South African NSI
14:30 – 14:45	Introduction to the YPRWB research programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fondation Botnar-NRF-HSRC partnership • The YPRWB research programme • The role of NRF partner science granting councils in the target countries
14:45 – 15:15	Open discussion

Time	Focus
15:15 – 15:30	High level summary of the emerging issues from the literature review on (urban) youth and relational wellbeing in the 12 focus countries and around the four thematic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1: Livelihoods • Theme 2: Climate change • Theme 3: Digitalisation • Theme 4: Mental health
15:30 – 15:50	Open discussion
15:50 – 16:00	Way forward and closure

Wednesday, 21 September 2022

Core participants: Youth-led and youth-focused organisations in the 12 focus countries

Session hosts: Angelique Wildschut and Candice Groenewald

Aim of the session: Engage young people on the key challenges to their wellbeing that should be reflected in the research programme, and identify key gaps in wellbeing interventions for young people across the focus countries

Note: This is a three-hour session which is repeated. Participants can therefore choose to attend one or both, noting that the input by the presenters in the first half of the session will comprise the same content.

Session 1: 9h00 – 12h00 SAST; focus countries: Romania, South Africa, Tanzania, India, Indonesia, Vietnam

9h00	10h00	12h30	14h00
South Africa	Bucharest, Romania	New Delhi, India	Jakarta, Indonesia
Cairo, Egypt	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania		Ha Noi City, Vietnam

Session 2: 15h00 – 18h00 SAST; focus countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, Senegal, Morocco, Egypt

8h00	13h00	14h00	15h00
Quito, Ecuador	Accra, Ghana	Rabat, Morocco	South Africa
Bogotá, Colombia	Dakar, Senegal		Cairo, Egypt

Session 1: 9h00 – 12h00 SAST; focus countries: Romania, South Africa, Tanzania, India, Indonesia, Vietnam

Time	Focus
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and introduction
9:15 – 9:30	<p>Overview of the YPRWB research programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure and core components of the research programme • ‘Relational wellbeing’ as a construct and approach to research
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Overview of the review of the literature on the four thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1: Livelihoods • Theme 2: Climate change • Theme 3: Digitalisation • Theme 4: Mental health <p>What is known about young people in relation to each theme? What are the key gaps in our knowledge that should drive the focus areas?</p>
10:30 – 10:35	Transition to breakaway rooms (one room for each thematic area plus a few general rooms)
10:35 – 11:05	<p>Breakaway session to explore key challenges and gaps in wellbeing research at thematic level. Guiding questions aimed at young people and youth organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the presentations captured your concerns on the topic and what is missing? • In what other ways have you been impacted? • What do you think would improve your life as a young person? • If wellbeing is mainly thought of as an individual approach, what actions could be taken that are collective and relational?
11:05 – 11:10	Return to plenary
11:10 – 11:50	Feedback from breakaways
11:50 – 12:00	Bringing together key take-homes as inputs into the research programme

Session 2: 15h00 – 18h00 SAST; focus countries: Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, Senegal, Morocco, Egypt

Time	Focus
15:00 – 15:15	Welcome and introduction
15:15 – 15:30	<p>Overview of the YPRWB research programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure and core components of the research programme • ‘Relational wellbeing’ as a construct and approach to research
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Overview of the review of the literature on the four thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1: Livelihoods • Theme 2: Climate change • Theme 3: Digitalisation • Theme 4: Mental health <p>What is known about young people in relation to each theme? What are the key gaps in our knowledge that should drive the focus areas?</p>
16:30 – 16:35	Transition to breakaway rooms (one room for each thematic area plus a few general rooms)
16:35 – 17:05	<p>Breakaway session to explore key challenges and gaps in wellbeing research at thematic level. Guiding questions aimed at young people and youth organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the presentations captured your concerns on the topic and what is missing? • In what other ways have you been impacted? • What do you think would improve your life as a young person? • If wellbeing is mainly thought of as an individual approach, what actions could be taken that are collective and relational?
17:05 – 17:10	Return to plenary
17:10 – 17:50	Feedback from breakaways
17:50 – 18:00	Bringing together key take-homes as inputs into the research programme

Thursday, 22 September 2022

Core participants: Academics/researchers and postgraduate students

Session host: Sharlene Swartz

Aim of the session: Invite academics/researchers and postgraduate students to contribute to the development of the research programme

Time: 14h00 – 17h00 SAST

7h00	12h00	13h00	14h00	15h00	17h30	19h00
Quito, Ecuador	Accra, Ghana	Rabat, Morocco	South Africa	Bucharest, Romania	New Delhi, India	Jakarta, Indonesia
Bogotá, Colombia	Dakar, Senegal		Cairo, Egypt	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania		Ha Noi City, Vietnam

Time	Focus
14:00 – 14:15	Welcome and introduction to the key role players and the programme of research
14:15 – 14:45	<p>Overview of the rationale for the focus of the research programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relational wellbeing as construct and approach to research • The thematic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1: Livelihoods ○ Theme 2: Climate change ○ Theme 3: Digitalisation ○ Theme 4: Mental health <p>What young people and youth organisations had to say on Day 2</p>
14:45 – 15:30	<p>Detail on the envisaged research programme and forthcoming call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community of practice • Size and length of calls • Timelines
15:30 – 15:35	Transition to breakaway rooms

Time	Focus
15:35 – 16:05	Breakaway session to interrogate, at programmatic level, how a research call might work, and the various types of grants envisaged, as well as the best use of a community of practice.
16:05 – 16:10	Return to plenary
16:10 – 16:30	Feedback from breakaways
16:30 – 17:00	Bringing together key take-homes as inputs into the research programme