

## Italy-SA Roundtable Invitation

You are invited to a roundtable discussion on  
***Women and Research: Experiences of, and contributions to, the knowledge enterprise***

**Date:** 18 April 2018

**Venue:** Chief Albert Luthuli Auditorium, National Research Foundation  
Meiring Naude Road, Brummeria, Pretoria

**Time:** 13:30 (for 14:00)-17:00 (refreshments will be served)

Commemorating the longstanding relationship of collaborations between Italy and South Africa in the arts, culture, science, technology, and innovation, this bilateral roundtable discussion highlights and celebrates the contributions of women to research and knowledge.

It seeks to inspire and empower emerging and established researchers, educators and policymakers on the importance of representation and diversity in the how, what and who of the production of knowledge.

*Celebrating the Italian Day of Research in the World  
on the anniversary of the birth of the noted Italian scientist and inventor, Leonardo Da Vinci.*

**RSVP by 13 April 2018 to:**

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### Invited panellists representing Italian and South African female researchers

**MODERATOR:**

**Dorothy Ngila**

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**Professor Igle Gledhill**

Adjunct Professor, School of Mechanical,  
Industrial & Aeronautical Engineering  
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**Professor Claudia Polese**

Head of Aeronautical Engineering Stream,  
School of Mechanical, Industrial & Aeronautical  
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**PANELLISTS:**

**Professor Olubukola Babalola**

Director: Food Security and Safety, Faculty of  
Natural and Agricultural Sciences  
North-West University

**Dr Emanuela Carleschi**

Head of Department: Physics, Faculty of  
Science  
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Clinical Psychologist, Department of  
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