



Seed Grant for African Scientists and Event Series

The first newsletter of the year brings many exciting news: call for African scientists, launch of new learning platform, office space in China for WAITRO members, event series on international research and more!

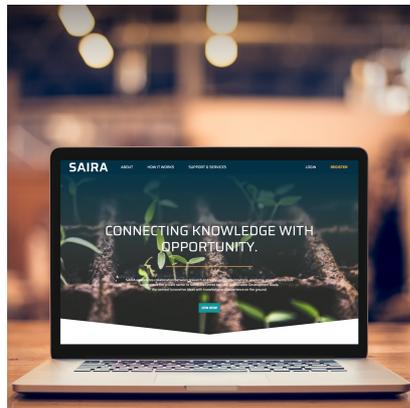
NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Seed Grant for New African Principal Investigators

The call is now open for application for the TWAS Research Grants Programme "Seed Grant for New African Principal Investigators (SG-NAPI)". With the support of the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), [TWAS](#) guides a programme to strengthen the capacity of African countries lagging in science and technology. Submission deadline: May 24th.



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SAIRA Series

Have you heard about [SAIRA](#) and would you like to know more about what it is and how to use it? Follow our hashtags **#SAIRASeries** and **#WhyUseSAIRA** on social media and learn more about our matchmaking platform.

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SDG Series

Are you interested in learning more about the impact of WAITRO members on the SDGs? Follow our hashtag **#SDGSeries** on social media and discover the actions of our members and others towards a more sustainable world.

[Learn more](#)



Office Space in Shanghai for WAITRO Members

The WAITRO Secretariat is offering office space in the Pudong New Area of Shanghai, China for the use of WAITRO members. A total area of 84m² of shared space is available with all costs covered by the Secretariat. Both office and exhibition space are available. Members can apply for a space through: duanr@jitri.cn

New WAITRO Members

In the past months, members from [Brazil](#), [China](#), [Germany](#), [Guatemala](#), [Israel](#), [Nigeria](#), [Spain](#), and [USA](#) have joined the Global Innovation Family. WAITRO members benefit from a variety of programs and services and enjoy a wide range of additional advantages.

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Request for African Interview Partners

Are you interested in supporting a research project on "Successful Research Data Management" by sharing your experiences?

Please contact Maike Gaertner, environmental engineer for water and sanitation, for further information: ma.gaertner@posteo.de

WAITRO MEMBERS OUTREACH



RFI Reporting and Learning Platform

The WAITRO partner [Research Fairness Initiative \(RFI\)](#) has launched their new digital platform to improve **international research partnerships**. It was designed to promote knowledge on the way governments, enterprises and institutions work to create effective cooperation.



Intellectual Property Rights Protected by CARIRI

Thanks to the support of the WAITRO member [Caribbean Industrial Research Institute \(CARIRI\)](#), the innovation developed by Ms. Rhonda Eastman Jack could finally be commercialized. CARIRI has secured the intellectual property rights of **U-Dazzle**, a multipurpose sewing ruler.

[Learn more](#)

EVENTS

Upcoming Events



Roundtable on Managing Diversity in International Research | May

The first event in our series on “Diversity, Accountability and Fairness in International Research” aims to bring different perspectives together on the topic of diversity in international research. Speakers with different expertise will discuss the challenges of diversity and ways to overcome them.

[Learn more](#)

A Practical Introduction to Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) | June

This workshop aims to introduce the principles of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) and to discuss how they can be applied and considered in the field of application-oriented research.

[Learn more](#)

Fair Research Partnerships and The Role of Intellectual Property (IP) | June

This workshop will highlight ways to conduct fair research and specifically look at IP rights in this context. Research fairness reporting standards will be presented. If you want to build meaningful and trustworthy partnerships, this workshop is definitely for you.

[Learn more](#)

Past Event

WAITRO Innovation Award 2021 Finals: Pitch Event and Roundtable | January

The final round to define the winners of the WAITRO Innovation Award 2021 took place on January 27th. The five finalist teams had the opportunity to present their project ideas to the Scientific Advisory Board at a Pitch Event. As result two teams were awarded US\$25,000 each to kick-start their projects.

[Learn more](#)

Our dear colleague Anna Wohrab left the WAITRO Secretariat earlier this year to pursue a great job opportunity in Spain.

In her four years of work at WAITRO, Anna has significantly shaped the direction of the Global Innovation Family.

We would like to specially thank her for the excellent work and wish Anna great success in her future projects!



This is all for now. Be sure to follow us on social media for more updates on the upcoming events!

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