

Science and Technology Week - 10^e edition

Concept note

Introduction

The **Science and Technology Week** (SST) is organized in the Democratic Republic of Congo by the non-profit organization *Investing In People* (IIP ASBL) in partnership with the *Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Technical Education* (MEPST), the *Ministry of Higher Education and University* (MESU), the *Ministry of Scientific Research and Innovation* and the NGO *Elongo Elonga*.

This event has **three objectives**: (1) to develop a scientific and technological culture in Africa; (2) to promote African knowledge and know-how in these fields; (3) and above all, to encourage vocations.



In **2023**, it will be the **10th consecutive edition** and the **results are impressive**: 59,530 visitors, 400 student facilitators and 17 trainers, 177 scientific workshops, 153 exhibitors, 113 speakers of international renown, including the Presidential Panel in charge of accompanying the mandate of the DRC at the head of the African Union, fiscal year 2021-2022 and the Representative of the African Union in the DRC, several live sessions and 2 side-event, 3 national competitions and 1 hackathon, 1 book published with the winning works of the competition *J'aime Lire!* 1 Database of

Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in the DRC and 15 scholarships offered to these women with the Sultani Makutano, 44 video capsules produced for the "Learning at Home" Program, 10,000 3D visors produced with the COVID19DRC initiative, 1 prototype of an emergency respirator developed with Women's Technologies Innovation

The Science and Technology Week is an internationally renowned scientific event. It helps to reveal the next generation of African scientists, women and men, who will support the development of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Africa.

We are working to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4 (**SDG 4**) - *Ensure equal access to quality education for all and promote lifelong learning opportunities* - and **SDG 5** - *Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*.

At the continental level, we are targeting **Aspiration 6** - *An Africa whose development is led by its citizens, relying on the potential of African people, especially women and youth, and the care of children* - as well as **Aspiration 7** - *Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner* - of the **African Union's Agenda 2063**.

Our motto is **Science is fun, join us!** 😊

The particularities of the 2023 edition

The 10^e edition of the Science and Technology Week is an **anniversary edition** that stands out in many ways.

Patronage at the continental level

The 10^e edition of the Science and Technology Week is placed under the **High Patronage of the African Union**.



The theme

The general theme is :

**"10 years of Science and Technology at the service of youth.
Victories of the past, hopes for the future".**

We will explore again the themes of the nine previous editions (*retrospective*) and reflect on the future (*prospective*).

The dates

Activities will take place throughout the month of April 2023, culminating in the week of **April 15-22, 2023**.

The Sponsor

The 10^e edition of the Science and Technology Week has a personality from the world of sports as **godmother**. It is Maitre **Nancy Tshiaba**, lawyer, former champion and assistant coach of the national Karate team of the DRC.



Her role is to *promote the event* and to *make young people, girls and boys, aware of the importance for the development of the Nation and their personal fulfillment to have a complete formation based on solid scientific and technical competences supplemented by Arts and Sports. This approach is to "cultivate a healthy mind in a healthy body"*.

Launch

The launch of the 10^e edition of the Science and Technology Week will take place in **Mbanza-Ngungu in the province of Central Kongo** in partnership with the Institut Supérieur Pédagogique de Mbanza-Ngungu (ISP Mbanza-Ngungu) and the Kongo University (UK).

A national holiday

Several **teams** will be selected to organize activities in the **other provinces of the DRC**, but also among the diaspora. Registration is done online via the following link: <https://forms.gle/VJHxiTLyXp1CGyZr5>

An international meeting

We will welcome **international guests** among whom : Mr **Michel Bohiri** (Ivory Coast), *twice elected best French-speaking actor and one of the emblematic figures of African cinema*; Prof **Ahmadou Wague** (Senegal), *Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, President of the African Physics Society*; Dr **Ketevi Assamagan** (Togo), *Brookhaven National Laboratory (USA), Director of the African School of Physics*; Prof **Mmantsae Diale** (South Africa), *University of Pretoria, Member of the Commission on Physics for Development of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP)*

The activities

The activities of the Week of Science and Technology are (1) **scientific workshops** ; (2) **conferences and panels**; (3) **exhibitions** at the **Village des Sciences** installed at the Institut de la Gombe.

The closing ceremony

The Closing Ceremony of the 10^e edition of the Science and Technology Week will take place on **Saturday April 22, 2023**. It will be marked by two highlights: (1) an original **play** written by Prof Madimba Kadima-



Nzuji with Michel Bohiri; (2) a concert with the young orchestra of the Kimbanguiste Symphony Orchestra (OSK).

The target audience

The activities of the Science and Technology Week are open to **primary and secondary schools, higher education and university institutions, research centers, associations and NGOs, companies**, as well as **official structures** (Government and International Organizations).

Provisional Program - 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1 provincial teams
April 3 provincial teams	April 4 provincial teams	April 5 provincial teams	April 6 provincial teams	April 7 provincial teams	April 8 provincial teams
April 10 provincial teams	April 11 provincial teams	April 12 provincial teams	April 13 provincial teams	April 14 provincial teams	April 15 Activities with ISP Mbanza- Ngungu
April 17 Launch of SST10 at Kongo University	April 18	April 19 Conferences	April 20 Science Village	April 21 Science Village	April 22nd Closing Ceremony
April 24 provincial teams	April 25 provincial teams	April 26 provincial teams	April 27 provincial teams	April 28 provincial teams	April 29 provincial teams

With the exception of the official ceremonies, which are by invitation only, **all Science and Technology Week activities are free for visitors.**

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