

Open to Society: Pursuing Research Impact in a Contemporary Global Context

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The session delves into the importance of exploring new collaborations, across countries, sectors and knowledge communities based on the idea of common purpose (Global Challenges) and shared value (leave no one behind). The session alludes to the library professionals' significance in thinking about the university as an anchor institution that serves as a unique resource to the broader communities in which it is located. It further delves into the role of Open Access in facilitating TD research and fostering societal impact.

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Presenter



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Dr Hackmann's career includes more than 20 years of international experience in science and technology policy, global science strategy and systems development, and international science advice and diplomacy. Before joining the University of Stellenbosch, she served as Director of Future Africa at the University of Pretoria in South Africa (2022-2024); as the founding CEO of the International Science Council in Paris (2018-2022); and as Executive Director of the Council's two predecessor organizations, the International Council for Science (2015-2018) and the International Social Science Council (2007-2015).

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