

Minoritised Life Scientists **FUTURE FORUM** PROGRAMME

MONDAY

11:00 – 12:00 **Registration, Refreshments & Poster Session**

12:00 – 13:00 Workshop

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00 Scientific Symposia

15:00 – 15:10 **Movement Break**

15:10 – 16:10 Workshops & Mentorship Café

16:10 – 16:30 **Break, with Refreshments**

16:30 – 16:40 Councillor Robert Aldridge, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh
Welcome to Edinburgh

16:40 – 16:50 Professor Emmanuel Adukwu
Welcome to MLS Future Forum 2026

16:50 – 17:00 Professor Steve McLaughlin
Tribute to Professor Sir Geoff Palmer

17:00 – 18:00 Professor Devi Sridhar
Welcome Keynote

18:00 – 19:45 **Welcome Reception & Networking**

TUESDAY

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration & Refreshments**

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome Back

09:10 – 10:00 Keynote

10:00 – 10:10 **Movement Break**

10:10 – 11:10 Scientific Symposia & Undergraduate Flash Talks

11:10 – 11:20 **Movement Break**

11:20 – 12:20 Poster Session, with Lunch served from 11:20

12:20 – 13:10 **Lunch**

13:10 – 14:10 Panel: Beyond Initiatives: How Do We Foster Community, Leadership, and Resilience for Systemic Change?
Irene Hulede
Alastair Lamb
Dr Deborah Husbands
Adeyemi Williams, MBE

14:10 – 14:20 **Movement Break**

14:20 – 15:20 Workshops & Mentorship Café

15:20 – 15:50 **Break, with Refreshments**

15:50 – 16:50 Workshops

16:50 – 17:00 **Movement Break**

17:00 – 18:00 Scientific Symposia

18:00 – 19:00 **Break**

19:00 – 21:00 **Conference Dinner**

WEDNESDAY

07:30 – 08:00 **Registration & Refreshments**

08:00 – 08:10 Welcome Back

08:10 – 09:00 Professor Robert Mokaya
Keynote

09:00 – 09:10 **Movement Break**

09:10 – 10:10 Scientific Symposia

10:10 – 10:20 **Movement Break**

10:20 – 11:20 Workshops

11:20 – 12:20 **Lunch**

12:20 – 13:20 Workshops

13:20 – 13:30 **Movement Break**

13:30 – 14:30 Plenary Session

14:30 – 15:30 Prizes & Closing Remarks

15:30 **Farewell Refreshments**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

MONDAY

12:00 – 13:00

Workshop: The Growth Paradigm Shift: Rewiring Mindsets for Learning, Leadership, and Impact in STEM

Ali Saad

Clive Sowah

TUESDAY

14:20 – 15:20

Panel: Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling – Career Progression and Leadership Pathways for Black Female Academics

Alice Chilver

Professor Lisa Dionne Morris

Dr Faatihah Niyi-Odumosu

