



# Marie Curie Alumni Association

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Chair, Africa Chapter

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# The MCAA



*Marie Skłodowska-Curie  
(1867-1934)*

- Founded in 2012, the MCAA grew to a dynamic network boasting more than 22,000 members. As of 2014, an AISL based in Belgium.
- Membership is free and open to any past or present beneficiary of funding under any of the past or present schemes of the European Commission's MSCA programme.
- Funding and support for the MCAA is provided mainly by the European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture, while increasingly diversifying funding sources.

The MCAA provides **lifetime opportunities:** continuous support of beneficiaries, regardless of career path, stage, location, and research field

# The MCAA Mission & Vision



## Mission

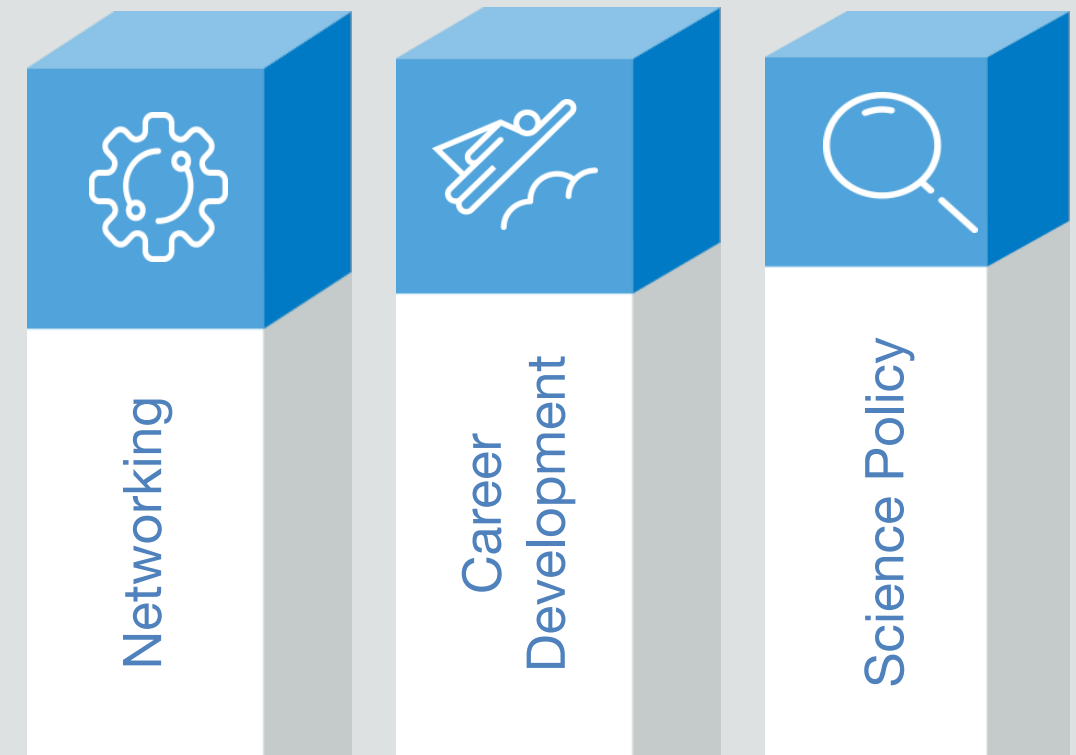
Our mission is to bring together the MSCA community, support the career development of present and past MSCA beneficiaries at all career stages, and be a voice for researchers across regions and disciplines

## Vision

Our vision is an inclusive and sustainable research environment that enables knowledge to benefit society

## Goals

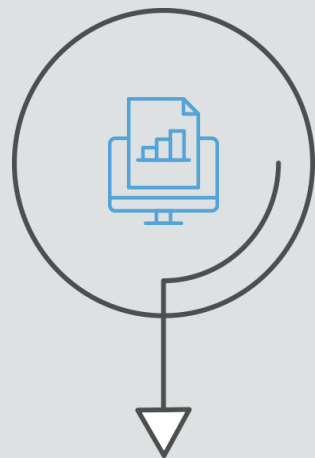
1. Connecting the MSCA community
2. Career development for MCAA members
3. Advocacy for researchers



# The MCAA services



## Member Directory



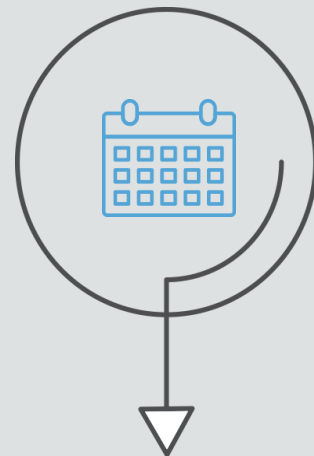
Contacts  
Networking  
Social

## Surveys



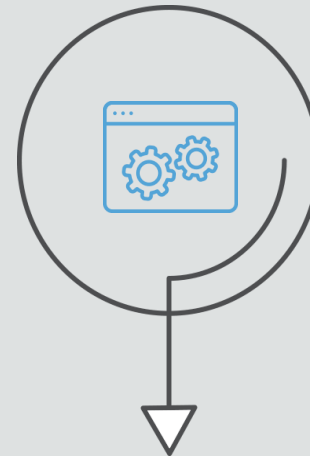
Report  
Analysis  
Recommendations

## Events



Chapters  
& Working  
Groups

## Support & training



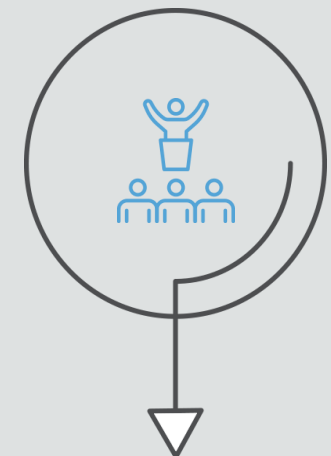
Referent  
MCAA Academy  
Coursera  
Whistleblowing  
PEP-CV

## Micro-grants



MG  
MGAG  
MITG

## Awards



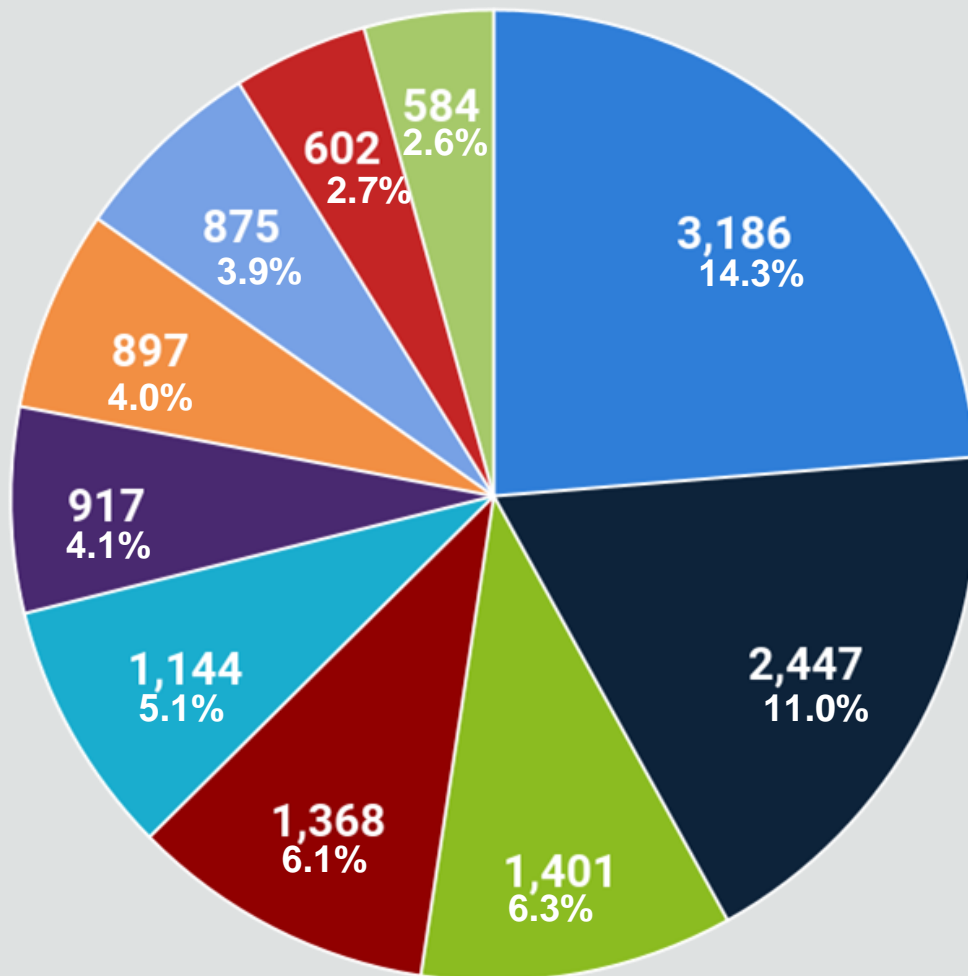
Recognition  
of efforts  
& achievements

# MCAA members



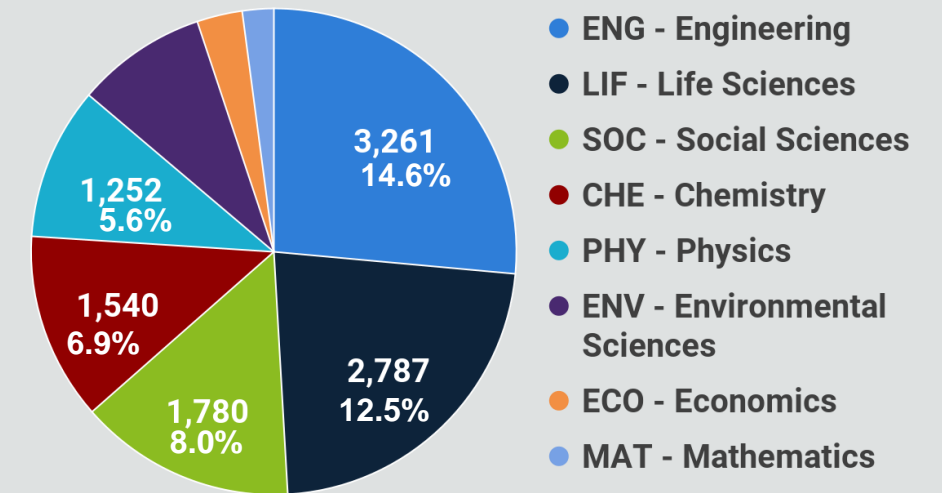
**22,300+** members from **155** nationalities

## Top 10 Nationalities

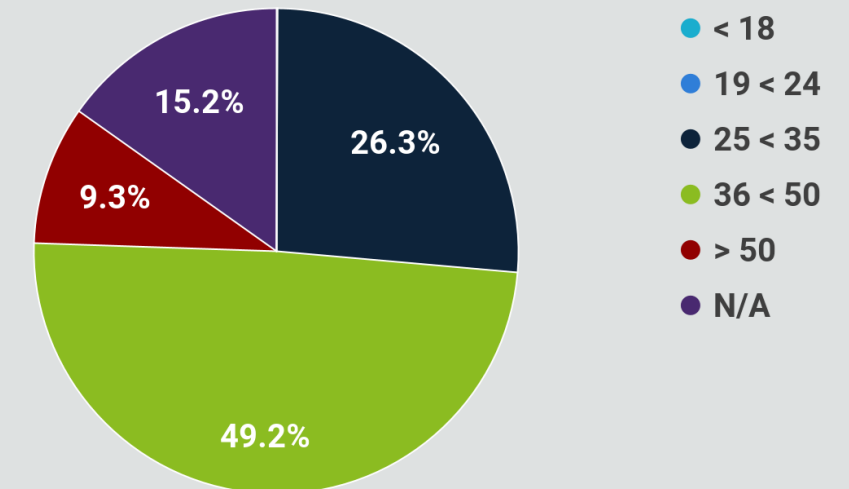


- Italy
- Spain
- Germany
- India
- France
- Greece
- China
- United Kingdom
- Portugal
- Poland

## Scientific Panel



## Age Representation



More information on member demographics: [www.mariecuriealumni.eu/charts](http://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/charts)

# The MCAA Structure (1/2)



## MCAA General Assembly (all members)

### MCAA Board

#### 11 voting board members

Executive Committee (5)

Ordinary Members (6)

#### Ex-officio

European Commission

Chapter Chairs

Working Group Chairs

### MCAA Chapters (37)

Africa (1)

Asia (5)

Europe (25)

Americas & Caribe (6)

### MCAA Working Groups (8)

Policy

Research Funding

Research Management

Genders, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (GEDI)

Bridging Science and Business

Science Communication

Career Development

Sustainability

*Survey; Management; Information & Data Access (IDA)*

## MCAA Secretariat

# The MCAA Structure (2/2)



## MCAA Board

Executive Committee  
(5 members)  
Ordinary Board members  
(6 members)



- Voluntary basis
- Strategic oversight
- Leadership & governance
- Programme development

## Operational Team (15 members)



- Professionally hired
- Day-to-day operations
- Programme implementation
- Consultative support

## 37 Chapters & 8 Working Groups



- Voluntary basis
- Organisation of events & activities for C&WG members
- Connecting MSCA beneficiaries in a geographical region or interested in specific topics
- Encouraging local/topical networking and collaborations

## **Strengthening MSCA awareness in Africa**

Introduce students and researchers to opportunities under Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions so they prepare early for international research careers.

## **Building an active research community**

Engage members across the continent to contribute expertise and support capacity building.

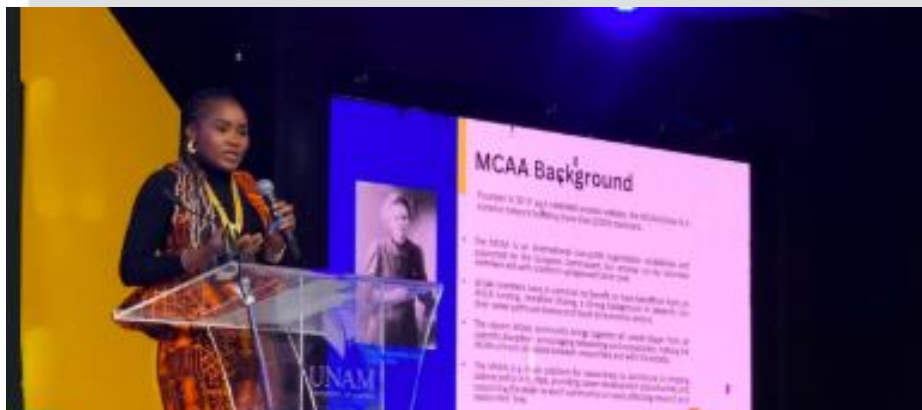
# The Africa chapter Activity



## Representation and Policy Engagement

### Represent African researchers in international policy spaces

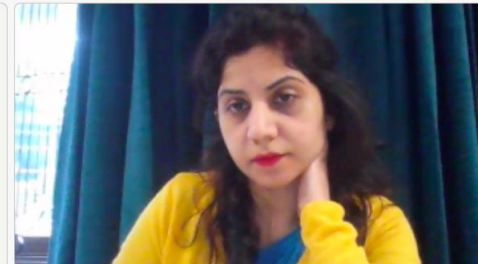
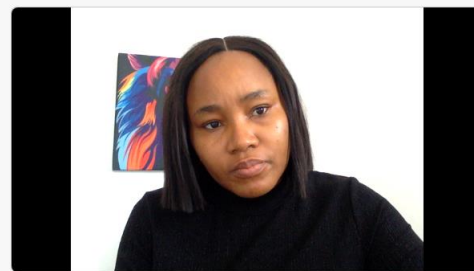
Members of the Marie Curie Alumni Association Africa Chapter participate in policy dialogues and conferences to ensure African researchers are represented



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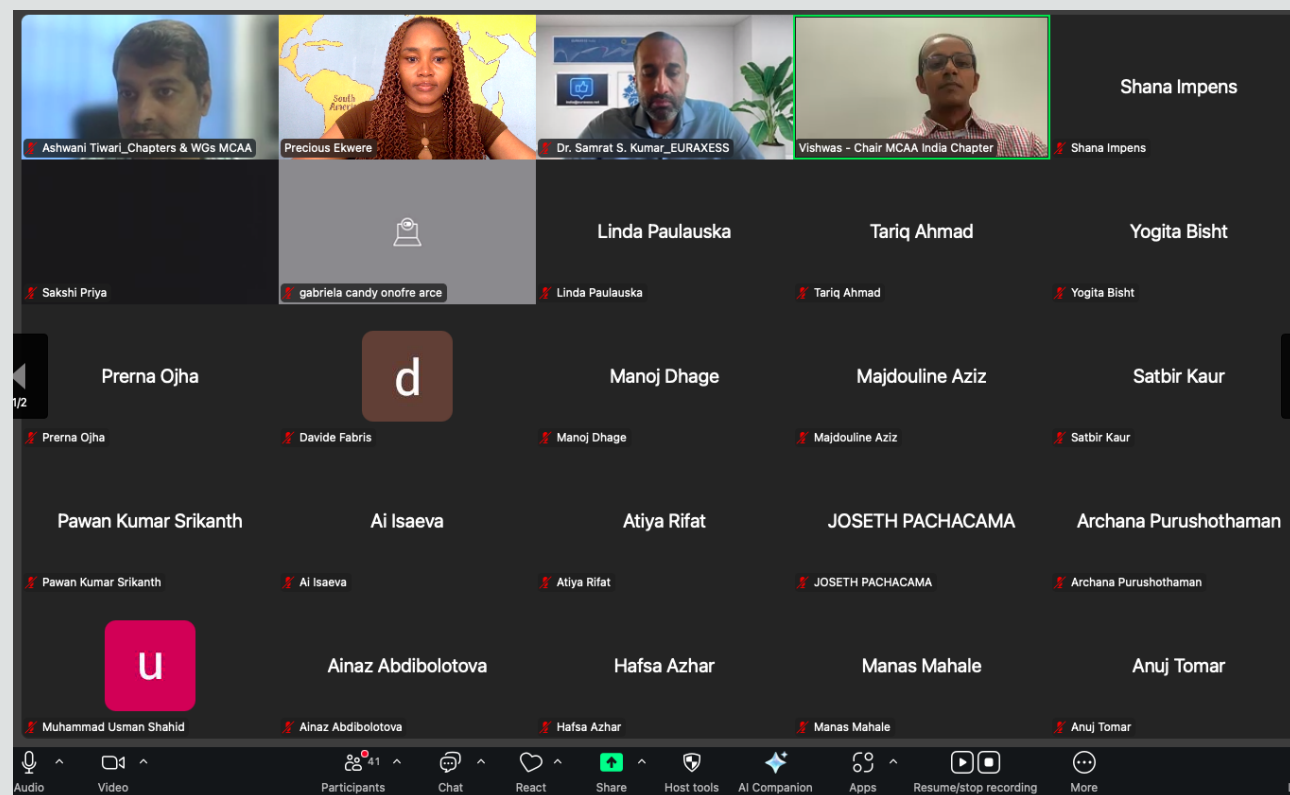


# The Africa chapter Activity



## Collaboration with international research support networks

Work with partners such as EURAXESS Africa to organise webinars and information sessions that create awareness of research opportunities for African scientists.



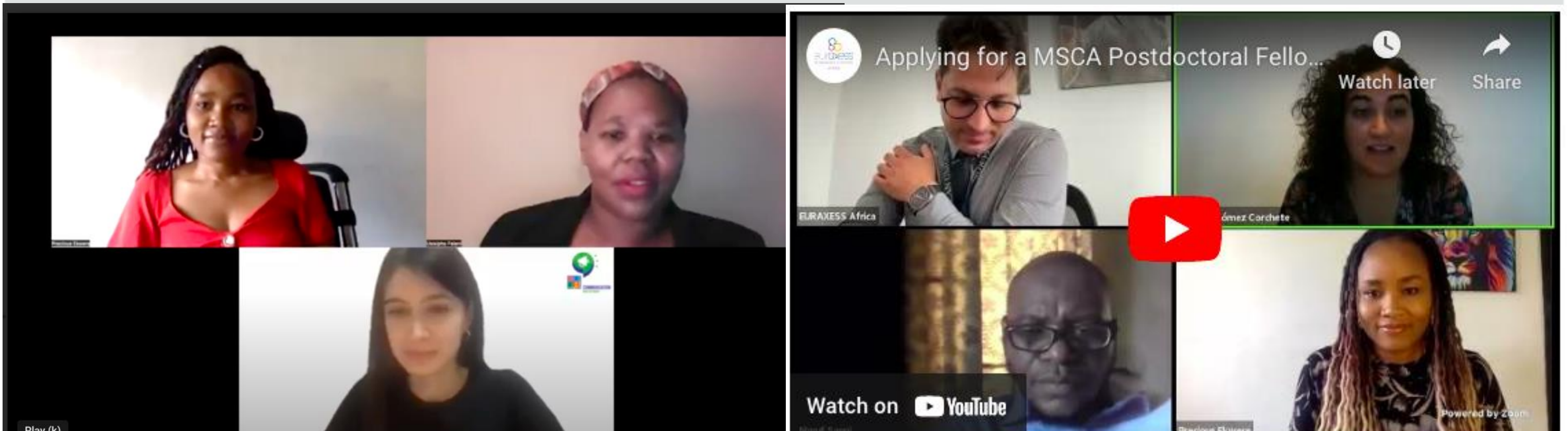
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## Organise targeted webinars for African researchers

The Marie Curie Alumni Association Africa Chapter organises webinars that address issues unique to African researchers within the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions community. E.G

- Reintegration after MSCA
- Mentorship for African researchers



# The Africa chapter Activity Cont



## Societal engagement through science initiatives

Collaborate with initiatives such as MEDNIGHT to promote science outreach and connect research with society across different African regions.



**THE MARIE CURIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (MCAA), AFRICA CHAPTER**

*in collaboration with*

**MEDNIGHT AND THE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTISTS OF NIGERIA (AMLSN), ABU/ABUTH CHAPTER**

***Celebrates***

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE  
WITH JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL THREE (JSS3)  
GIRLS STUDENTS AT GOVERNMENT GIRLS SECONDARY  
SCHOOL ZARIA (GGSSZ)**

***Theme:***

**WHO WILL BE OUR ANOTHER MARIE CURIE AMONG YOU GIRLS?**

**SPEAKER:** Muhammad Aminu Idris, BSc, Msc FellowMLSCN (Haematology)

**On 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 @ 12pm**



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**ABUTH/ABU CHAPTER**

# The Africa chapter Activity Cont



Societal engagement through during the women and girls in science day celebration



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