

Second South Africa-China Dialogue 2018: 20 Years of South Africa-China Engagements – Past, Present & Future

With Wits University Vice-Chancellor Professor Adam Habib and
H.E. Ambassador of China in South Africa Lin Songtian

*Senate Room, Wits University Solomon Mahlangu Building
8 November 2018, 9:00–12:00*

Programme director: Anna Chen

PROGRAMME

8:30 – 9:00 – Registration

09:00 **Welcome and opening remarks: Pathways for South Africa-China engagement in the higher education and research sectors**

Prof. Adam Habib, Wits University Vice-Chancellor and Principal

09:15 **Keynote address: Reflections on the past 20 years and looking to the next 20 years**

H.E. Ambassador of China in South Africa Lin Songtian

09:35 **Lessons from South Africa's co-chairmanship of FOCAC (2015-2018) and chairmanship of BRICS (2018-2019)**

Mr David Malcomson, Chief Director: Regional Organisations, Department of International Relations & Cooperation (DIRCO)

09:50 **South African and African agency towards China**

Dr. Philani Mthembu, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue, University of South Africa (UNISA)

10:05 Q&A

10:25 Tea & coffee break

10:50 **Assessing scientific cooperation and new pathways between South Africa and China**

Prof. Liu Xinying, Head of XTL/FTS Group at Institute for the Development of Energy for African Sustainability (IDEAS), University of South Africa (UNISA)

11:05 **Bread and butter matters: Implications of BRICS and FOCAC on South Africa-China economic and industrial engagements**

Dr Cobus van Staden, Senior Researcher: China-Africa, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)

11:20 **Rethinking South Africa-China policy imperatives in view of the Continental Free Trade Area agreement**

Dr. David Monyae, Co-Director: Confucius Institute, University of Johannesburg (UJ)

11:35 Q&A

12:00 Lunch served in foyer