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FUTURE AFRICA *BULLETIN*

Dear Future Africa Community,

The past few months have marked a period of steady progress and meaningful engagement for Future Africa. As a pan-African platform committed to supporting transformative research and collaboration, we have been privileged to contribute to key conversations and initiatives that are shaping Africa's future in a rapidly changing world.

In this edition, we share some of the work we've been part of, from hosting Africa Week 2025, which brought together African and global science leaders, to our involvement in shaping initiatives such as the STI Leaders Forum, the Lancet Countdown Africa Centre, and the Mapungubwe Science Mission.

We also reflect on our continued commitment to transdisciplinary research, spotlight our first artist-in-residence, and share updates from our One Health Challenge Domain.

We invite you to explore these stories below, and more, on our [website](#).

Thank you for being part of our community and for continuing to support our mission.

Kind regards,
The Future Africa Team

Reimagining Global Security: Highlights from Africa Week 2025



From 25 to 30 May, Future Africa hosted Africa Week 2025, the University of Pretoria's flagship science leadership summit. Organised in partnership with the National Research Foundation (NRF) and the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI), the event brought together African and global leaders for high-level dialogue under the theme Global Security, Global Africa.

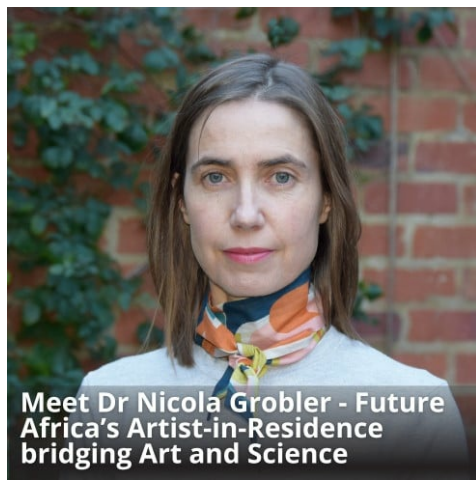
Challenging narrow, militarised views of security, the summit explored a broader set of interconnected threats, from climate disruption and food insecurity to knowledge sovereignty and economic instability. Framed by four guiding questions: Where are we at? What is at stake? What will it take? What about Africa? Africa Week 2025 made a clear call:

The continent must leverage its strengths, act collectively, and assert its role in shaping global futures. The future will be defined not by what Africa lacks, but by how it chooses to lead.

Explore the curated articles and reflections below to revisit the themes, ideas and outcomes that emerged during Africa Week 2025.

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- [Africa's food insecurity is a global security issue](#)
- [Africa must fund its own future, or risk falling behind](#)
- [Africa's climate future depends on homegrown, just solutions](#)
- [The hidden violence of conservation and the case for socio-ecological reparations](#)
- [Africa Week 2025 closing session calls for political agency, unity and strategic leverage](#)
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News and Milestones



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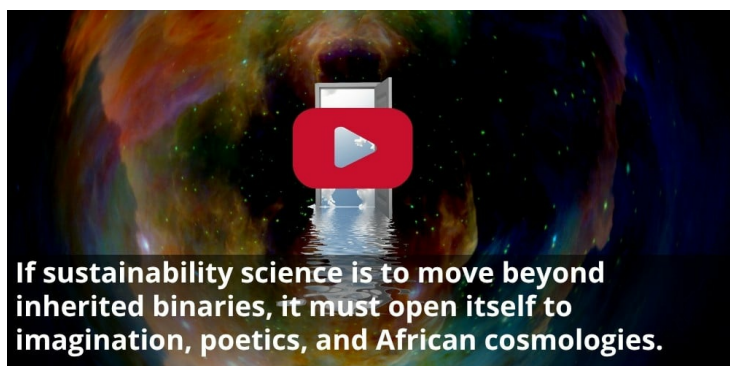
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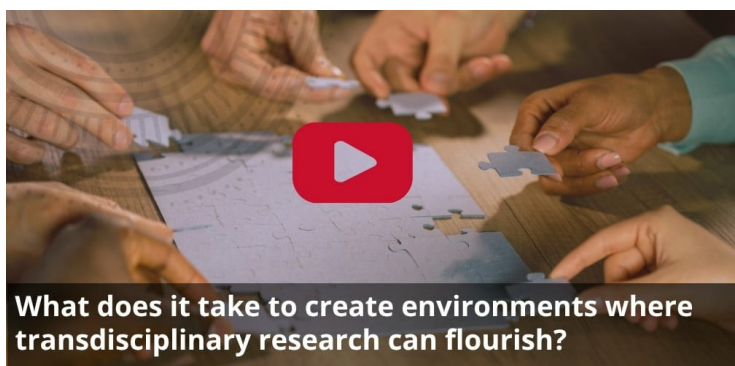
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If sustainability science is to move beyond inherited binaries, it must open itself to imagination, poetics, and African cosmologies.



What does it take to create environments where transdisciplinary research can flourish?

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