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Title: Science without borders, a key to mankind survival?

Abstract: Modern science is an international endeavour critical for mankind to survive at the ten billion level on our small planet. To address efficiently challenges and threats such as the current rising tide of nationalism and the accelerating climate change, we urgently need to better cooperate. In particular the many barriers which currently prevent science and modern technology to thrive in developing countries must be broken down. This can be done in a win-win perspective. I shall share with the audience some of my experience as researcher on quantum gravity and regular teacher in Africa, co-founder of the AIMS-Sénégal institute. Indeed even our most fundamental research on space, time and the universe can greatly benefit from the fresh and open-minded contributions of scientists coming from all corners of the world, and in turn will also lead to unexpected applications.