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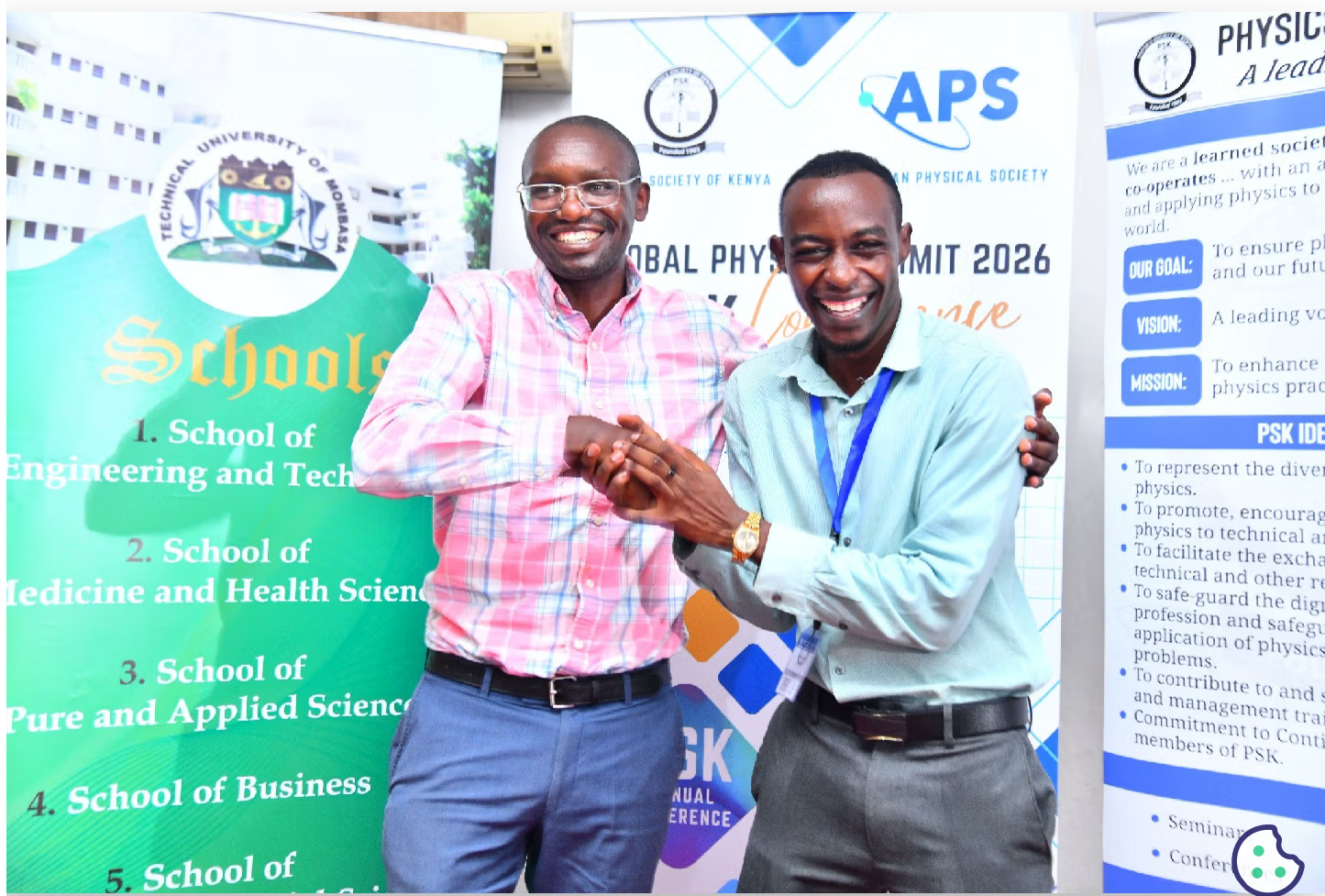
APS Global Physics Summit expands global reach with 23 satellite sites

The satellite sites program celebrated its fifth year.



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Attendees greet each other at the APS Global Physics Summit satellite site hosted by the Physics Society of Kenya in Nairobi.



This year's APS Global Physics Summit expanded its international footprint, featuring 23 satellite sites — up from 17 last year. The sites enabled members who could not attend the in-person summit in Denver, Colorado, to collaborate with physicists from around the world, share research, and participate in locally organized events.

This is the fifth year APS has supported satellite sites, first launched in 2022 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. “We wanted to give people an opportunity to be involved without having to necessarily travel,” says Michele Irwin, the senior international programs manager at APS.

The 2022 March Meeting had four satellite sites. By 2024, that number had more than doubled: Nine satellite sites in Asia, Africa, and South America held a March or April Meeting event for the local physics community with support from APS.

Even after this year's in-person summit had concluded, satellite site meetings continued in Nigeria, Jordan, Cameroon, and Pakistan. Collected through a post-event survey, feedback from attendees has been positive.

“It helped deepen my understanding of key physics concepts by exposing me to real-world research and current developments in the field,” said one participant, a lecturer in Pakistan, about their local satellite event. “It also gave me valuable insights into possible career paths and motivated me to stay engaged and curious in my studies.”

Below, see scenes from APS satellite sessions around the world.





Satellite site in Yaoundé, Cameroon.



Satellite site in N'Djamena, Chad.

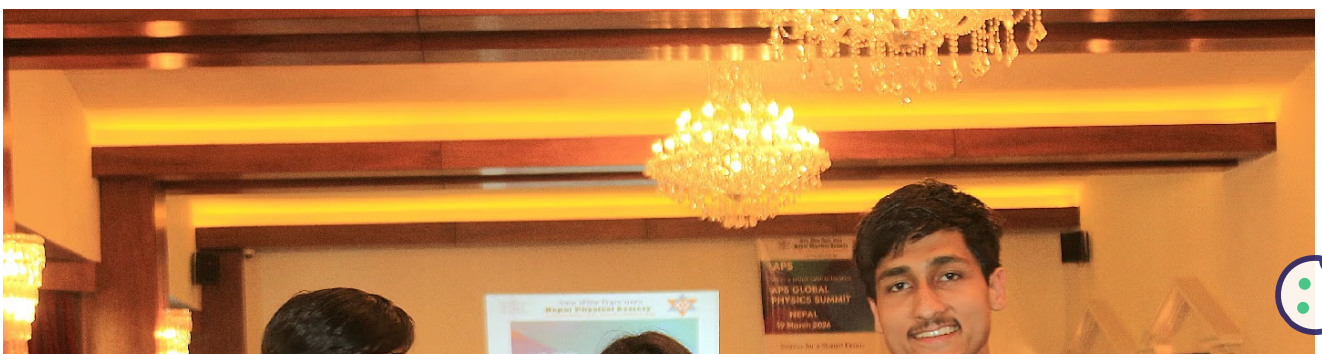


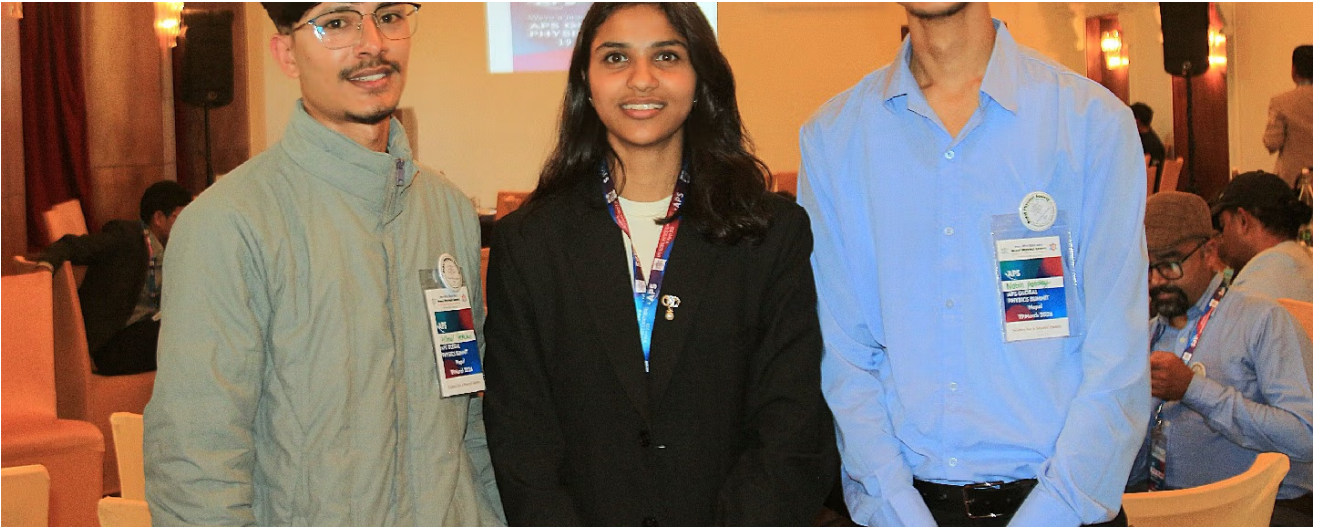


Satellite site in Islamabad, Pakistan.



Satellite site in Mombasa, Kenya.





Satellite site in Kathmandu, Nepal.



Satellite site in Kyiv, Ukraine.





Satellite site in Accra, Ghana.



Satellite site in Hong Kong.





Satellite site in Dangbo, Benin.



Satellite site in Nairobi, Kenya.





Summit attendees in Denver join a hybrid session for the satellite site in São Paulo, Brazil.



Satellite site in Dschang, Cameroon.

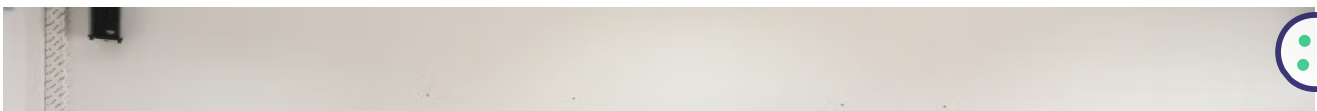




Satellite site in Islamabad, Pakistan.

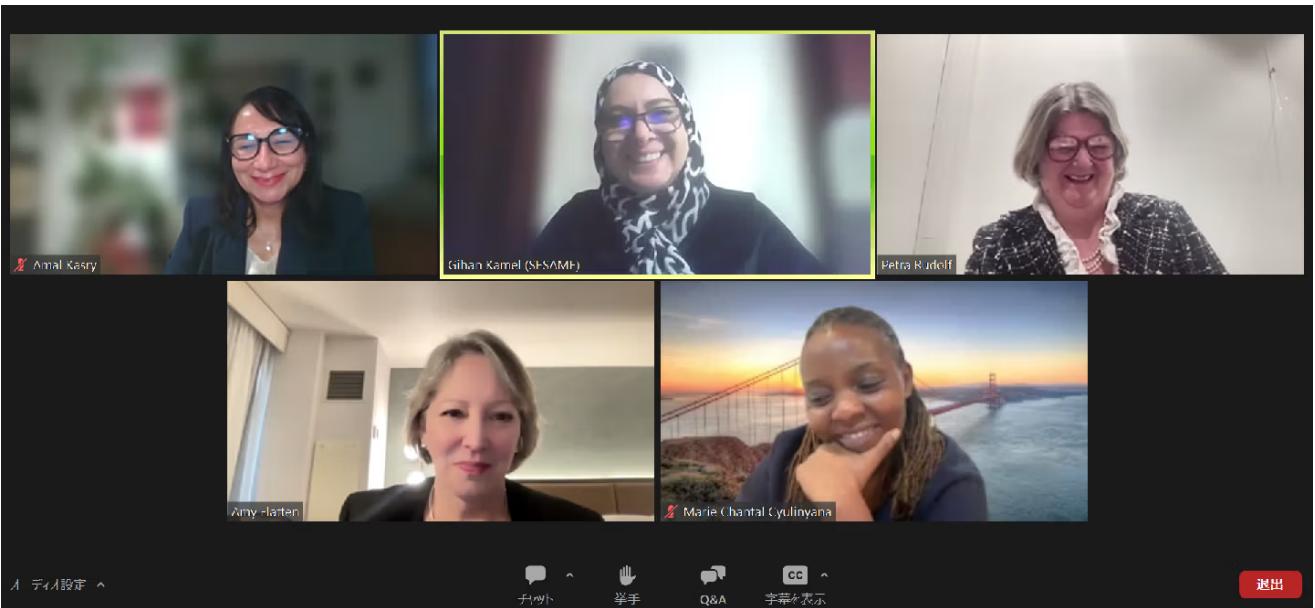


Satellite site in Assosa, Ethiopia.





Satellite site in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo.



A virtual meeting of the satellite site in Jordan.





Satellite site in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.



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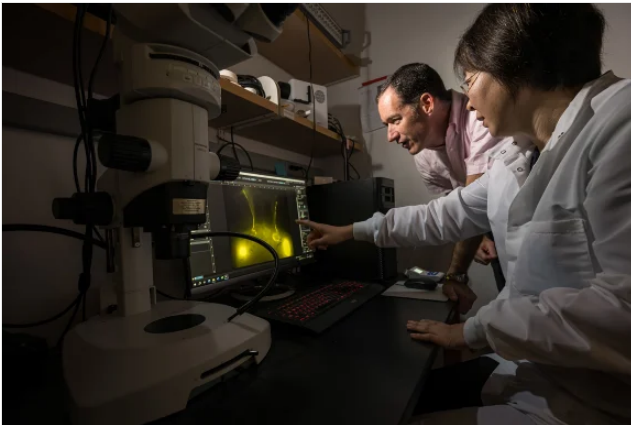
Photos: APS hosts record number of satellite sites around the world

More than 1,000 scientists joined satellite meetings in person and online.



Satellite Events Connect Physicists Around the World to the March Meeting

Sites in seven countries expanded opportunities to participate and collaborate.



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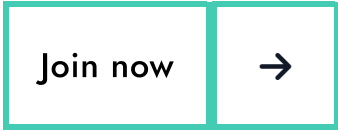
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