



EU- Africa Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Dialogue



Draft Agenda

EU-Africa high level policy dialogue on Science, Technology and Innovation

EU-Africa Senior Officials Meeting

Addis Ababa, AUC Congo Room, 10-11 October 2011

Monday, 10 October 2011			
Time	Item	Description of Item	Proposed speakers
13:00-14:00		Registration, welcome coffee	
14:00-14:40	1	<p>Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opening remarks by the European Commission Co-Chair Opening remarks by the AU Co-Chair Adoption of the agenda	<p>Robert-Jan Smits, European Commission DG Research and Innovation Director General/Koen Vervaeke, EU Ambassador to the AU and/or EU Presidency Representative</p> <p>Prof. Maged Al-Sherbiny, President of the Scientific Research and Technology Academy, and S&T Vice Minister, AMCOST Chair and/or Prof. Jean-Pierre Ezin, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology AUC</p>
14:40-15:20	2	Governance and operational guidelines of the EU-AU science, technology and innovation SOM	SOM co- Chairs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short presentation of the draft operational guidelines • Discussion and adoption of operational guidelines (Terms of Reference) 	
15:20-15:40		Coffee Break	
15:40-17:10	3	<p>Developments in science, technology and innovation policies with emphasis on EU-Africa cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidated Action Plan of the 8th EU-Africa Partnership on Science and Technology • Information on Innovation Union and FP7 EU-Africa related projects • EU-Africa Partnership on Science, Information and Space: State of play and synergies with SOM • Discussion 	<p>AUC</p> <p>EC</p> <p>Prof. Luis Magalhães, President of the Knowledge Society Agency UMIC, Portugal/Tunisian Co-chair</p>
17:10-18:40	4	<p>On which socioeconomic challenges should bi-regional cooperation focus: building on, and going beyond, existing activities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by EU/Africa lead discussants • Discussion • Conclusion 	<p>Lead discussants:</p> <p>Prof. Sospeter Muhongo, Full Professor of Geology at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</p> <p>and Prof. José Encarnação, Professor at the TU Darmstadt Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Computer Graphics in Darmstadt</p>
19:00-20:00		Cocktail	<i>Tbc</i>
Tuesday, 11 October 2011			
09:00-10:30	5	<p>On what fronts should capacity building focus (e.g.; research infrastructures, human capital)? How can complementarities and synergies at regional level be enhanced?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by EU/Africa lead discussants 	<p>Lead discussants:</p> <p>Dr. Umar Bindir, Director of Technology Acquisition & Assessment of the Federal Ministry of Science & Technology, Nigeria, and</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Conclusion 	Dr. Jacques Lancon Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa, Cirad
10:30-11:00		Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	6	<p>On which cross cutting issues should the dialogue focus, share experience and develop mutual learning (governance, best practises, improved networking of existing activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by EU/Africa lead discussants • Discussion • Conclusion 	Lead discussants: Dr. Pascoal Mocumbi , High Representative of the EDCTP (EU) and Dr. Olive Shisana, CEO of the South African Human Sciences Research Council
12:30-13:30	7	<p>The way forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting objectives and priorities for future cooperation • Implementation and Financial mechanisms 	SOM co-Chairs
13:30-14:45		Lunch	
14:45-15:45	8	Adoption of conclusions and calendar towards developing a roadmap 2012-2013 of the EU-Africa High Policy Dialogue on STI	SOM co-Chairs
15:45-16:15	9	Closure of the meeting	