



***Seminar on harnessing research and innovation for societal challenges:
New opportunities for South Africa-EU cooperation***

Side event to the 2012 South Africa – EU Summit presented by SACCESS (www.saccess-project.eu)

Wednesday 19 September 2012, Sheraton Brussels Hotel, Place Rogier (Metro: Rogier)

*Celebrating 15 years of cooperation under the
South Africa-EU Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement*

Agenda

09:30 Welcoming remarks

Mr Mmboneni Muofhe, Chief Director: International Resources, South African Department of Science and Technology; Ms Angela Liberatore, Deputy Head of Unit: European Neighbourhood, Africa and the Gulf, European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation; Mr Christian Hansen, VINNOVA on behalf of SACCESS project coordinator

10:00 Reviewing the past and leveraging the future: Thematic overviews of South Africa – EU cooperation over the past 15 years and potential synergy between South African research and innovation programmes and Horizon 2020

Introduced by Mr Daan du Toit, Senior Science and Technology Representative to the European Union, Department of Science and Technology

10:15 Health, demographic change and wellbeing

Ms Mamohloding Tlhagale, Director: Strategic Partnerships, Department of Science and Technology

10:35 Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, and the bio-economy

Ms Mamohloding Tlhagale

10:55 Secure, clean and efficient energy

Mr Imraan Patel, Deputy Director-General: Socio-economic Partnerships, Department of Science and Technology

11:15 *Break*

11:30 Smart, green and integrated transport

Mr Imraan Patel

11:50 Inclusive, innovative and secure societies

Mr Imraan Patel

12:10 Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials

Mr Imraan Patel

12:30 Panel discussion on reciprocity and mutual benefit – how to best promote cooperation

Moderator: Mr Christian Hansen, with the participation of Mr Mmboneni Muofhe; Mr Daan du Toit; Ms Fadila Boughanemi, Policy Officer: Southern Neighbourhood, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation; Dr Angelo Volpi, Italian National Research Council EU Liaison Office

13:00 Concluding remarks

Mr Mmboneni Muofhe and Mr Gerasimos Apostolatos, Policy Officer: Sub-Saharan Africa, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

13:15 *Networking lunch*

14:30 Special presentation of South Africa's Roadmap for ICT Research and Innovation and opportunities for cooperation with Europe

Mr Imraan Patel

16:00 Closure of event