



Strengthening Technology, Research and Innovation Cooperation
between Europe and South Africa

**Seminar to present partnership opportunities between South Africa and the European
Research Council (ERC), with participation of Prof Jean-Pierre Bourguignon: President of
the ERC**

Date: Tuesday, 13 January 2015

Venue: Department of Science and Technology, Bhunga Auditorium

Time: 13h00-16h30

Invite

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) in collaboration with the National Research Foundation (NRF) cordially invites you to the seminar to present partnership opportunities between South Africa and the ERC on the bilateral agreement between the ERC and the NRF which will be concluded in 2015. The purpose of the event will be to present the role of the ERC and the opportunities it offers to South African researchers by the President of the ERC, Prof Jean-Pierre Bourguignon.

The ERC is a European agency aimed at encouraging high-quality research in Europe through competitive funding. The ERC complements other funding activities in Europe, and is a flagship component of the European Union's Research Framework Programme, Horizon 2020 (H2020) which also has capacity building opportunities such as the Marie Curie Skłodowska Actions (MSCA). Unlike the MSCA, the ERC targets experienced researchers including non-Europeans, affording them an opportunity to spend time in Europe and share knowledge and experience with leading European research teams.

Prof Bourguignon, will be in South Africa in early January on a working visit which includes raising awareness of the ERC and its opportunities amongst the South African research community. The information session is targeted at Senior Officials from SA higher education and training institutions, research councils, and research entities. The seminar is open to the broader SA research community.

For more information, please find attached the agenda of the ERC seminar.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to the seminar.

Kindly register to participate at the seminar using the following link: <http://www.esastap.org.za/>

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