South Africa - EU Cooperation in the ACP Science and Technology Programme

Implemented by the ACP Secretariat

Funded by the European Union

South Africa-EU Cooperation in ACP-EU S&T Programme: where it comes from?

South Africa is an ACP country, but it does not benefit from direct financing within the **Cotonou Agreement**

EU cooperation with South Africa occurs through a dedicated envelope of the **EU Development Cooperation Instrument** (SA DCI), thus indipendently from EU-ACP cooperation

Yet, starting from **2007-2013 programming**, the EU, South Africa and ACP Secretariat recognised the importance of pooling resources together in the first S&T Programme

ACP-EU S&T Programme

The Programme contributes to the strengthening of ACP capacities in STI at *institutional*, *academic* and *civil society* level in line with ACP committment in S&T (2002 Cape Town Declaration).

Three main expected results:

- STI goals and priorities are **mainstreamed** in policies
- National and regional STI **capacities** are reinforced
- The role of STI for development is **acknowledged**

The Programme is **coherent** with other EU-ACP actions in S&T such as digital interconnection (*ACP Connect*) and research grants (*ACP Research for Sustainable Development*, *FPVII Africa*) and it is **complimentary** to *8th Partnership of the EU Africa Joint Strategy*

South Africa-EU Cooperation in ACP-EU S&T Programme: why?

Mutual benefits from Programme *network building* and *exchanges of best practices*:

For **South Africa institutions** it favours creation and strengthening of networks with ACP countries' institutions in S&T

For **ACP countries' institutions** it opens access to some of the most advanced S&T institutions in the ACP group

For the **EU** it contributes to a more coherent S&T approach towards ACP countries

ACP-EU S&T Programme in practice

36 projects have so far been financed and are ongoing (Call I - Euro 35 million)

214 EU and ACP institutions are participating to the Programme

Main fields: Agriculture, Environment, Health and Energy

Main results according to a recent MTR:

- Capacities of institutions involved enhanced
- Number of scientific proposals increased
- North-South and South-South partnerships created

SA Participation to ACP-EU S&T Programme

Financial contribution: Euro 5 million from SA DCI out of Euro 35 million

3 out of 36 projects financed are led by SA institutions (8%)

12 SA institutions participates in 8 out of 36 projects (22%)

Main fields of involvement:

- Biodiversity
- Agriculture
- Research management

SA Participation by Institutions

Lead institutions

Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA)

University of Pretoria

University of the Western Cape

Consortia members

North-West University

University of Cape Town (3 times)

University of the Witwatersrand (2 times)

Stellenbosch University

Agricultural Research Council

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Research Africa

Turner & Townsend (Pty) Ltd

Goldex 35 (Pty) Ltd

Research and Innovation Management Capacity in Africa and the Caribbean

Objective: *improve the sustainability of research outputs and the effective management of research and innovation activities*

Coordinator: *Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA)*

Partners from: *Botswana, Tanzania, Nigeria, Cameroon, Jamaica, Belgium, UK*

Results obtained so far:

- Development of institutional plans to improve research governance
- Trainings in grantmanship, project and financial management
- Development of research networks and platforms

Policy and Support actions for Southern African natural product partnership

Objective: *create a supporting infrastructure and collaboration platform for the Southern Africa Biochemistry and Informatics of Natural Products (SABINA)*

Coordinator: *University of Pretoria*

Partners from: *Malawi, Tanzania, Namibia*

Results obtained so far:

- Creation of a web platform to exchange scientific information (journals, research data, training material)
- Trainings in grant proposals writing, research financing and management
- Policy workshops between scientists and policy makers

S&T II – Call for Proposals

Expected launch of Call for Proposals: October 2012

Total financial amount: Euro 23 million, out of which Euro 3 million from DCI South Africa

Main thematic focus: Agriculture and Energy

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