



Invitation to the

Strengthening Technology, Research and Innovation Cooperation between Europe and South Africa (ESASTAP Plus) discussion with the European Union Member States

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has the pleasure of inviting you to a meeting dedicated to discuss the Member States' views and interest for enhancing coordination of different South Africa - EU science and technology cooperation programmes. The meeting will take place in Pretoria at the Department of Science and Technology (DST) 16 May 2014 09:00-12:20, followed by a lunch.

This meeting is a follow-up to the previous two Science and Technology coordination sessions held last year at the DST as a side event to the SA-EU Summit, and at the office of the EU delegation to South Africa organised by Mr Stephane Hogan. In both meetings participants discussed opportunities to strengthen cooperation in science and technology and maximise synergy in the Member State programmes. The ESASTAP Plus meeting is convened to contribute to and enrich these deliberations. The meeting will highlight SA's S&T priorities for bilateral cooperation with the EU Member States, and give a platform to the Member States/Associated Countries to present their priority areas and planned activities for the years 2014 and 2015. The event will be concluded by a discussion on the possibilities of fostering greater coordination of and synergy among various bilateral programmes and instruments.

For more information, please find attached the agenda of the meeting.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to this meeting.

Date: 16 May 2014

Venue: Department of Science and Technology (DST)

Time: 09h00-12h20

For more information on the side event and rsvp, please contact:

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AGENDA

Meeting:

Exploring opportunities for greater cooperation and synergy in research and innovation partnerships between South Africa and Europe

16 May 2014

Venue: Department of Science and Technology (DST), Pretoria

Session Facilitator: Jean Albergel/Ludovic Mollier, ESASTAP Plus partners, IRD

08h30- 09h00	Arrival, Registration and Tea
09h00-09h05	Welcoming remarks <i>Isayvani Naicker, Chief Director International Resources, DST</i>
09h05-09h15	Setting the scene: <i>Mamohloding Tlhagale, Director Strategic Partnerships, DST</i>
09h15-09h45	South Africa's portfolio of bilateral research and innovation relations with Europe <i>Khaya Sishuba, Director Bilateral Relations (Europe and Middle East), DST</i>
09h45-09h55	Information on the (TMP) conference <i>Kristin Klose, Director Innovation Priorities and Instruments, DST</i>
09h55-10h05	SA-EU innovation policy dialogue <i>Natalija Dolya, European Union</i>
10h05 –11h05	Bilateral South African - European research and innovation cooperation Initiatives: priority areas and plans for 2014 and 2015 <i>Representatives of European countries in South Africa speakers Tbc...</i>
11h05-11h15	Break
11h15-12h15	Discussion: Opportunities for achieving greater cooperation and synergy for 2014 or 2015 activities
12h15-12h20	Closure: <i>Isayvani Naicker, Chief Director International Resources, DST</i>



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	Lunch

Scribers: Ludovic Mollier, IRD and Kentse Letlhoo, DST