



EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue
on
Science, Technology and Innovation

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General conclusions of the 3rd meeting of senior officials of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue on science, technology and innovation, Addis Ababa, 4-5 April 2016

We, the senior officials,

- Welcome the progress made since the 2nd meeting of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue in 2013 in developing an EU-Africa Research and Innovation Partnership on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture;
- **Adopt the roadmap towards the Research and Innovation Partnership on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture** (annex 1).
- Recall the importance of an equal Research and Innovation Partnership that is jointly designed, owned, governed and funded;
- Welcome the substantial investments already made by the European Commission of €47.5 million over 4 years from 2014 to 2017. This budget combines €30 million from the EU's research and innovation programme 'Horizon 2020' and €17.5 million from the EU's Development Programme (African Union Research Grants) and welcome similar investments made by African partners;
- Looks forward to the substantial investment that African and European countries are expected to make allowing for the optimisation of research and innovation programmes relevant to food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture in Europe and Africa.
- On that basis, will mobilise additional funding to the long-term implementation of the Research and Innovation Partnership on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture for the period 2018-2020 and beyond;
- Therefore, invite the Bureau of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue:
 - to work in 2016 with relevant stakeholders on refining the scope of the research agenda, based on the content of the roadmap: sustainable intensification, agriculture and food systems for nutrition, expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade, cross-cutting issues such as innovation processes, human, institutional and infrastructural capacity-building, earth observation and social and cultural contexts;

- to develop with the relevant stakeholders a flexible long-term platform of cooperation, such as an international research consortium, building on the investments already made
- Welcome the organisation of the Stakeholder Forum in Addis Ababa on 5-6 April 2016 to kick-start this process.
- Recognise the role of non-traditional partners and their future involvement in the long-term implementation of the Research and Innovation Partnership on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture
- Request the Bureau of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue to report on the progress made to the next Africa-EU Summit expected to take place in 2017.

- Recognise that there are many areas in science, technology and innovation on which cooperation takes place and will continue to take place between Europe and Africa at the institutional, bilateral and bi-regional level;
- Recognise the added-value of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue to focus its cooperation on key priorities;
- Welcome the future orientations of cooperation with a focus on global health and global change and task the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue Bureau to come forward with a proposal by 2017, which is more focussed and has added value with the current priority.

- Recognise the coordinating roles of the co-chairs of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue and propose to the College-to-College meeting in Addis Ababa on 7 April 2016 to consider the General Conclusions of the 3rd meeting of senior officials of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue.

- Decide that the revised Terms of Reference of the senior officials meeting of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue are subject to written procedure;

- Invite interested countries to express their interest to join the High Level Policy Bureau within one month following this meeting.

Signed by the co-chairs of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue, in Addis Ababa, on 5 April 2016.

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