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# EU-Africa Research and Innovation Cooperation on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture

## Towards a new, promising EU-Africa Research & Innovation Partnership

Africa and Europe share a rich history of scientific and technological cooperation. Within the institutional framework of the Africa-EU cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation, embedded in the **Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES)**, both sides have agreed to work together towards a long term **Research and Innovation Partnership** with focus on **Food and Nutrition Security, and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA)**. The initiative is designed, owned, governed and funded jointly by the two partners and will act as a cornerstone of the implementation of policy priorities on both sides.

## Key goals of the Research & Innovation Partnership

- Boost the impact of Africa-EU joint research at local level by addressing the entire value-chain, strengthening capacity-building (human, research infrastructures and institutional) and focusing on demonstration projects and pilot actions to bring R&I results to the users;
- Increase production of high quality food with appropriate inputs, enhance income growth and promote rural development, contributing as such to Agenda 2030 (SDG).

## European Commission as a dedicated partner

The European Commission is committed to underpin the process towards an EU-Africa R&I Partnership on FNSSA with **€47.5 million** over a 4-year period (2014-2017), through:

- Targeted calls under the Work Programmes of Horizon 2020 focusing on FNSSA, and allowing for synergies with emphasis on local multi-stakeholder action; **€10 million** for some of these actions will be provided by **ERANET-COFUND** to which European and African countries intend to contribute substantially;
- The **Pan-African Programme** (DG International Cooperation and Development) for **African Union Research Grants** (2015-2017), which aims at research capacity-building and bring together researchers from Africa and Europe, interested in collaborative actions on FNSSA.

## Recent developments and the way forward

Over the past two years an **EU-Africa Expert Group** has been tasked together with the **EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue Bureau** with the drafting of a **roadmap** identifying the partners' common ground and short-term and long-term actions towards an EU-Africa R&I Partnership on FNSSA. This roadmap, once adopted by the senior officials of the **EU-Africa High-Level Policy Dialogue**, is expected to give the necessary impetus for the initiation of a successful Research and Innovation Partnership on FNSSA.

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