



EU-Africa: Global Gateway Investment Package – Science, Technology and Innovation

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In the context of the 6th EU - AU Summit, the EU is committed to step up cooperation with African partner countries to improve capacities in science, technology and innovation, strengthen innovation ecosystems, increase research collaboration and upgrade research and innovation facilities. Science, technology and innovation are key drivers of socio-economic transformation and sustainable development.

Earth Observation and Space Technologies

The strategic EU-Africa partnership in the field of Space and Earth Observation will support the development of services and applications in line with the African space policy and strategy and the AU Agenda 2063. The aim is that the cooperation will strengthen capacities in using space data and technologies, provide services that can help tackle environmental challenges, and give a boost to space businesses. The EU will support the access and use of earth observation data in Africa by leveraging the EU space programme, particularly Copernicus and Galileo, building on 20 years of fruitful collaborations. The focus will be on:

- Promoting institutional cooperation on space-related issues
- Providing space-based services related to the green transition
- Fostering the space-based industry and ecosystem

Regional Centres of Excellence

To strengthen capacities in science, technology and innovation, support will be provided to Regional Centres of Excellence in Sub-Saharan Africa. This support will aim to: a) increase the Regional Centres' contributions to policy and decision-making processes, b) enhance innovation ecosystems and business development, and c) provide tailored services to relevant stakeholders. At a first stage, the Regional Centres of Excellence will be in areas related to the green transition.



AU-EU Innovation Agenda

The joint [AU-EU Innovation Agenda](#) has as objectives to translate innovative capacities and results into tangible outputs, strengthen innovation ecosystems, develop sustainable and mutually beneficial higher education and R&I partnerships, and scale up instruments and programmes that can take forward existing successful initiatives.