EU-AFRICA
High Level Policy Dialogue (HLDP)
on
Science Technology and Innovation

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Research and Innovation

The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) - 1

- **in context of EU-Africa Joint Strategy** (JAES) **est. in 2007**
- **HLPD created within the STI cooperation component of JAES**
- **this platform endorsed in 2010 by 3rd EU-Africa Summit**
- **and launched in October 2011**
- **major objective:** "*to build better common understanding, mutual trust and ownership of joint programmes between the two continents and above all to strengthen the overall cooperation*"

The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) - 2

- **Operates on the basis of a Bureau**
  - **European Commission** (EC) & **African Union Commission** (AUC)
  - **Representatives of Member States from AU and EU:**
    - Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, Egypt, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan
    - France, Germany, Portugal, Spain and EU Troika
  - **regular meetings** (including videoconferences)
- **and Plenary meetings** (with all Member States invited)
  - **November 2011** (Addis Ababa)
  - **November 2013** (Brussels)
  - **April 2016** (Addis Ababa)

The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) - 3

- **Good progress in 2012-2013, leading to 2nd High Level Policy Dialogue meeting** (Brussels, 29-30 November 2013)
- **Identified common priorities and selected one for action**
  - "Role of STI in ensuring food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture (including water)"
  - Priority endorsed at Africa–EU Summit in April 2014
  - Expert Working Group (EWG) formed (5 African & 5 European) to develop input to a roadmap towards jointly financed R&I Partnership
  - EU-Africa R&I Partnership on FNSSA adopted at HLPD in Addis Ababa, April 2016

Roadmap towards EU-Africa R&I Partnership on FNSSA

- Input prepared by **External Working Group** between April 2014 and April 2015
- **External consultation** on draft in February 2015
- Suggested focus areas:
  - **Sustainable intensification**
  - **Agriculture and food systems for nutrition**
  - **Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade**
  - **Cross-cutting issues:** framework for improved coordination, innovation, capacity-building (HR, organisational, institutional, financial, RI)

Expert input to Roadmap

Based on several criteria:

- **Relevance** of the research to African and European priorities for FNSSA;
- **Capacity** for joint research, based on principles of equity, and involving **comparable** and **complementary** expertise and resources;
- Expected **impact** of research and likelihood of **uptake** through an **integrated knowledge system** with all stakeholders;
- **Scalability**, or the likelihood that effective research outputs and outcomes will have impact at national or even continental scales;
- **Complementarity** and value for money, based on the intention that the new investment will also up-scale existing bilateral and multilateral collaboration.

EU-Africa R&I Partnership on FNSSA

What makes it different from other initiatives?

- **Optimise and align policies and programmes relevant to FNSSA between Africa and Europe**: major leverage effect on realisation of Sustainable Development Goals
- **All-encompassing R&I framework:** Enhanced access to and impact of research results at local level by encouraging joint creation of SDG supporting and field-applicable STI actions by all actors of the agri-food chain (researchers, farmers, advisors, processors, retailers and civil society)
- **Overcome donor-recipient relationship**: jointly design, own, govern and fund, corresponding to convergent policy objectives

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Short/Medium-term actions towards long-term implementation:

Total direct investment (2014-2017): 70 MEUR

- **Clustering of existing relevant projects:**
  - CAAST-NET Plus, RINEA, ProIntensAfrica, PAEPARD *(and possibly others)*
- **EC announced further support: 44.5 MEUR** over **3 years**
  - 27 MEUR from **Horizon 2020** WP2016-2017: *ERANET COFUND; RIA innovation; RIA earth observation; CSA RI*
  - 17.5 MEUR from **Pan-African Programme** *(African Union Research Grants)*
- **Contribution of EU and AU countries: 23 MEUR**
  - ERANET COFUND

Next steps?

- EU-Africa HLPD working-group on FNSSA to **monitor** implementation and impact of EU-Africa R&I Partnership on FNSSA
- Analysis of best possible **long-term model** of R&I Partnership on FNSSA
- Reflection and mobilisation of **long-term funding**
- **Disseminating results** of the R&I Partnership at:
  - EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue 2017, Brussels
  - Stakeholder Conference 2017, tbc
  - Africa-EU Summit, Ivory Coast, November 2017

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THANK YOU

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