



The Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society & Space (8th Partnership) and the P8 Implementation Group (Action Plan II)

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Frame of Cooperation EU/Africa

- Lisbon Summit 2007
- Action Plan I (2008-2010)
 - Eight Strategic Partnerships
 - 8th Strategic Partnership: Science, Information Society & Space  **JEG 8: Joint Expert Group**
- Tripoli Summit 2010
- Action Plan II (2011-2013)



Main Achievements of the 8th Partnership - Action Plan

Most of the 19 projects of the eighth house projects book are under implementation.

- Six defined as early deliverables
 - For the Information Society thematic
 - Connect Africa.
 - African Internet Exchange System (AXIS).
 - For the theme Science
 - African research Grants
 - Water and Food Security in Africa
 - For the Thematic space
 - The African Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES-Africa).
 - Implementation of the African Union Spatial Data Observatory.
- Implementation of the African Virtual Campus project in collaboration with UNESCO



The major obstacles in the implementation of the 8th Partnership during action plan I

- Inadequacy of existing European financial instruments for projects identified for this partnership.
- Lack of resources for the implementation of all identified projects.
- Lack of sufficient data on the used mechanisms in the identification and investigation of key projects.



Action plan II

□ Priority Action 1 : S&T capacity building for the implementation of Africa's Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA)

→ Objectives :

- to strengthen African capacities in the area of science and technology,
- to enhance the use of science and technology
- to improve S&T cooperation



Action plan II

- Priority Action 2 : Support the development of an inclusive information society in Africa
 - Objective : to complement investments made in ICT infrastructure deployment through support of ICT capacity building initiatives for poverty reduction, economic growth, social development and regional integration



Action plan II

- Priority Action 3 : Enhance cooperation on space applications and technology
 - Objective : Enhanced cooperation in the use of space application and technology to support Africa's sustainable development



Actors

- AU Commission; RECs; African States
- European Commission; EU Member States; Regions
- Research Community
- Private Sector
- Civil Society and NGOs
- Local Authorities
- International Financing Institutions
- UN specialized agencies and international organizations



Finance Instruments and Tools

- Dedicated financing funds (10th EDF, DCI, FP7, ENPI, EIB, AfDB)
- Bilateral contributions from EU Member States and African States
- Complementary programs managed by other European actors (eg. ESA, Eumetsat)
- Multilateral cooperation between MS, eg. From a group of African and European MS, who initiate and finance joint projects of mutual interest
- Private sector and foundations



Composition of JEG 8 (Implementation Group)

□ JEG = AEG **U** EEG

□ JEG8 is co-chaired by Tunisia (Africa) and Portugal (Europe)



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8th Partnership





JEG 8 Activities in Action Plan I

- ❑ Five formal meetings
 - ❑ October 2009 in Addis,
 - ❑ November 2009 in Hammamet on ICT thematic,
 - ❑ March 2010 in Cairo before AMCOST
 - ❑ May 2010 in Durbin
 - ❑ September 2010 in Brussels on space thematic



JEG 8 Activities in Action Plan I

- Meetings outputs :
 - Preparation of the road map for implementation of the partnership projects
 - Debate on all problems and difficulties facing this partnership
 - Presentation of new projects and initiatives
 - Preparation and Adoption of the Action plan II (2011 – 2013)



The Way Forward

JEG8 aims to offer :

- ❑ A mechanism to adapt approved or under implementation projects in light of technological developments, changes and socio-economic evolutions and MS needs
- ❑ A mechanism for new projects proposing
- ❑ An area through which the member states, the private sector, civil society and other institutions can enrich the dialogue by providing a new vision in the development of strategies
- ❑ An element which balances between the different components of the partnership



The Way Forward

- Ensure complementarity with other strategic priorities of the EU-Africa Partnership
- Ensure a better mobilization of the organs involved whatsoever in the process of projects adopting or during the implementation phases
- Provide another channel of communication with the parties involved in the process of projects implementation
- Provide additional funding mechanisms (private, civil society, foundations, etc)



Aims of JEG8 in Action Plan II

- ❑ Set up a permanent dialogue between European and African stakeholders
- ❑ Autonomy in decision making for retaining and funding of joint research projects
- ❑ Enhance scientific cooperation between African and European institutions
- ❑ Ensure complementarities and synergies of research programs



Aims of JEG8 in Action Plan II

- Mobilize resources for collaborative research with the objective of establishing excellent research projects and networks able to attract researchers and investments from Europe and the entire world.
- Strengthen coordination of national research programs
- Find out more flexible means to react to emerging needs and unforeseen policy needs
- Reach an optimal participation of private sector



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