



**Network for the Coordination and Advancement of sub-Saharan Africa-EU
Science & Technology Cooperation**

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Europe-Africa S&T Cooperation landscape

- The Joint Africa-EU strategy
- EU bilateral Cooperation Agreements with African MS
- Bilateral partnerships between African and EU MS
- Regional Economic Communities - EU
- Multilateral context – UN bodies
- Africa-EU projects in the Framework Programme
- Cotonou Partnership Agreement

Current context

- Conducive period for S&T cooperation between Africa and the EU:
 - Many instruments supporting S&T cooperation
 - Existing dialogue at many levels
- However:
 - Fragmentation and lack of coherence and synergies
 - Lack of access to framework programme funding by Africa

CAAST-Net Activities (like any other INCO-Net)

- i. Strengthen bi-regional dialogue and identify cooperation policy orientations.
 - ii. Identify and prioritize common research areas of mutual interest.
 - iii. Facilitate the uptake and use of common research areas.
 - iv. Monitor performance and impacts of international S&T cooperation across the FP7.
 - v. Promote participation of other regions in FP7 activities.
- Project Started in 2008.
 - Partners (10 African Countries; 12 European Countries and organisations)

What are the expected Benefits and Impacts of CAAST-Net?

- Leverage international cooperation
- Establish priorities for collaborative action
- Enhance African participation in Framework Programmes
- Enhance Global competitiveness
- Build Human capacity through participation in joint research programmes.
- Act as an instrument to implement EU-AU Partnership No. 8
- Augment implementation of CPA regional flagship programs



CAAST-Net Achievements

- Policy Dialogue Stakeholder conferences
 - Mombasa - November 2009
 - Senegal – Planned for end of 2011
- Policy Dialogue with REC's
 - SADC - February 2010
 - ECOWAS – July 2010
 - EAC – On going
- Other Dialogues
 - Workshop – Specific bilateral and multilateral EU-AU cooperation Activities – Marseille – Nov. 2010
 - Workshop on Best Practices for EU-AU cooperation – London – July 2010



CAAST-Net Achievements

- Establish priorities for research collaborative action (**Augmenting implementation of CPA regional flagship programs**)
 - Energy expert workshop – Dakar – Senegal - 2010
 - Health expert workshop – Cameroon - 2010
 - Social Sciences Expert workshop – Addis Ababa – 2010
 - SADC – Solar Energy workshop – June - 2011



CAAST-Net Achievements

- Act as an instrument to implement EU-AU Partnership No. 8
 - Participation of CAAST-Net partners in JEG8 activities; EU-AU High Level Policy dialogues (SOM)
 - African Partners active in - AMCOST activities;
- Synergy between instruments for Europe-Africa S&T partnerships
 - Joint events with other FP7 – projects (EuroAfrica-ICT; IST-Africa)
- Enhance Africa's participation in FP7.
 - FP7 Awareness days and brokerage events and Mobilisation of African countries.
 - Participation of CAAST-Net Partners in Pan African Scientific events (Science with Africa; CODIST)





Thank you



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