

What ERAfrica is about...

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**“A first step towards a long-term initiative to
foster communication
dialog
towards **a greater coordination**
and **collaboration**
of program owners/managers involved in S&T&I
cooperation between Europe and Africa”**

ERAfrica objectives

- Identifying topics of mutual interest between EU-AU partners
- Joint funding schemes among EU-AU Countries and Organisations (Program Owners and Program Managers)
- Strengthen Capacity building in Africa – addressing Priority Action 1- of the 8th Partnership

“ If you look at any of the researchers who carry out any significant research in Africa, 99.9% of their funding comes from outside”



Tom Egwang, Uganda,
former Executive-Director,
African Academy of Sciences

African nations vow to support science. *Nature* **465**, 994-995 (2010)

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Aida Opoku-Mensah
United Nations
Economic Commission
for Africa (UNECA)

“Donors have their own priorities, and I don’t think they would be able to provide all the resources that Africa needs... There needs to be a mind shift in African countries”

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Africa is ready to invest in S&T

Co-funding = REAL co-ownership = Africa's priorities



ERAfrica Project activities

- **Mobilisation of African and European Programme Owners and Managers**

1. **African Briefing Session – June 2011 – Mombasa Kenya**

2. **European Briefing Session – October – 2011 – Brussels Belgium**

ERAfrica Project activities

- **Analysis topics of current cooperation among Programme Owners and Managers in Africa and Europe**
- **Analysis continental regional EU-AUC programmes.**
- **Identify areas of common interest**
- **Are there any Gaps?**
- **Align the activities with the CPA and EU_AU 8th Partnership initiatives**

Africa Briefing Session - Participants

- African Countries – 17 - Regional distribution
- Meeting – initially – planned for 22 PO's and PM's (plus ERAfrica partners)
- Total for all categories - Attended 56
- **Over 20 participating organisations met their travel and accommodation costs**

African Countries - participating

Botswana,
Burundi,
Congo,
Egypt,
Ethiopia,
Ghana,
Kenya,
Malawi,
Morocco,

Mozambique
Nigeria,
Rwanda,
South Africa,
Tanzania,
Tunisia,
Uganda,
Zimbabwe

Achievements – Priority Topics proposed

- Capacity building – Human and infrastructure
- Policy engagement – for commitment of funds for S&T in Africa
- Thematic topics
 - ✓ Health, Food security, Water, Energy, Environment Climate Change ...etc

Next on our agenda

Meeting for African and European Program Owners in Alexandria Egypt – January 2012 to agree on;

- 1. Areas for joint funding Schemes**
- 2. Funding Mechanisms**

Africa is starting to invest in its science, to develop new knowledge for innovation and development

**A new opportunity for
*Doing things differently and better***

Europe WITH Africa

NEW KNOWLEDGE PARTNERSHIPS



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