

The European-South African Science and Technology Advancement Programme (ESASTAP)



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Context

- ESASTAP project background
- Objectives of ESASTAP 2
- DST instruments established to support SA researchers' participation in the FP
- Project achievements



ESASTAP BACKGROUND

- ESASTAP is a dedicated platform aimed at:
 - promoting S&T cooperation between SA and the EU,
 - addressing challenges encountered by SA researchers wishing to participate in the European Union Framework and other programmes
- Implemented by the Department of Science and Technology, South Africa
- 1st ESASTAP was funded under FP6 and implemented in during 2005-2007
- Main focus was raising awareness of FP7 and other EU funding opportunities



ESASTAP 2

- Response to an FP7 call on bilateral coordination for the enhancement and development of S&T partnerships
- ESASTAP 2 aims to:
 - strengthen, reinforces and intensify existing relationships, initiatives, and achievements of the 1st ESASTAP; and
 - provides the foundation and resources for successfully engaging with identified needs and challenges (JSTCC and other dialogues)
- ESASTAP 2 duration 2008-2012



ESASTAP 2 objectives

- **To improve and increase participation in FP7**
 - targeted initiatives to private, public sectors
 - thematic call analysis by NCPs
- **To develop and enhance networks and partnerships between EU and SA researchers and institutions**
 - facilitate entry into long-standing partnerships / consortia (NCPs and Brussels office)
- **To better identify and demonstrate mutual interest and benefit in S&T cooperation between the EU and SA**
 - facilitate consideration of Specific International Cooperation Activities (SICAs) in FP7 (Political dialogues between SA and the EC)

ESASTAP SUPPORT INSTRUMENTS

- **Awareness-raising & information:**

- Website: <http://www.esastap.org.za>, which is our main source of information
- E-mail updates to ESASTAP community
- Brochures which are distributed to participants during our local and international events
- Information sessions, trainings and thematic workshop



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ESASTAP2 INSTRUMENTS...

- **Advisory and support mechanisms:**
 - Guidance and support to SA FP participants through dedicated help desks (contact@esastap.org.za)
 - Development of SA specific FP materials and other instrument guidance notes
 - Expert and technical advice by NCPs (*also to other African countries*)
 - Assistant by our S&T representative based full time in Brussels

ESASTAP2 INSTRUMENTS...

- **Partner-matching service:**
 - Active on the ESASTAP website
 - Mobility portal also linked to EURAXESS
 - Dissemination of information via European and South African networks
 - Organise dedicated partner-matching events locally and internationally and also NCP facilitated partner matching activities

Achievements

- Increased awareness of the EU funding programmes amongst the SA research communities, also government departments
- Increased SA participation since FP6, and currently the first 3rd country participant in FP7
- Establishment of an effective SA NCP network, and are sharing best practice and experience with other African countries
- Growth of ICT and space research in the last few years
- New successes in the mobility programme
- Traditional partner in the health, environment and KBBE

Achievements...

- Establishment of funding instrument to support SA participants in the EU funding programmes
 - FP7
 - SA-COST reciprocal agreement
 - EDCTP
 - ACP S&T programme
- Highlighted of SA-EU research cooperation during the SA-EU Summits since 2008

Thank you!

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