

The Role of the National Contact Point

A South African Perspective

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Location of the NCP Role



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- ✓ **A Support Action Project in FP7**
- ✓ **Coordinated by Department of Science & Technology (DST)**
- ✓ **Facilitate cooperation between SA and EU**
- ✓ **NCPs are Appointed by DST**



Responsibilities of the NCP

- ❑ **Raising Awareness of FP7 Opportunities**
 - ✓ **Presentations Workshops about Open Calls**
 - ✓ **Highlighting South African capabilities in other countries**

- ❑ **Guidance and Proposal Preparation Support**
 - ✓ **Advising researchers on participation rules and objectives**
 - ✓ **Linkages between South African and European researchers**

- ❑ **Knowledge Acquisition and Dissemination**
 - ✓ **Meetings in Brussels and Europe in general**
 - ✓ **Participate in NCP network activities**

Key Contributions

- ❑ **Meraka Institute is the leading participant**
 - ✓ **Original NCP was an employee of Meraka**

- ❑ **Stimulating Participation of Small Enterprises**
 - ✓ **Future and Emerging Technologies Proposal**

- ❑ **Growing number of participations**

Current and Upcoming Calls

- Call 8 Date of Publication:** 26 July 2011
- Call 8 Closing Date:** 17 January 2012
- Call 9 Date of Publication:** January 2012
- Call 9 Closing Date:** April 2012



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Thank you!

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