

NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS TRAINING IN NIGERIA: NCPs IN AFRICA; LESSONS



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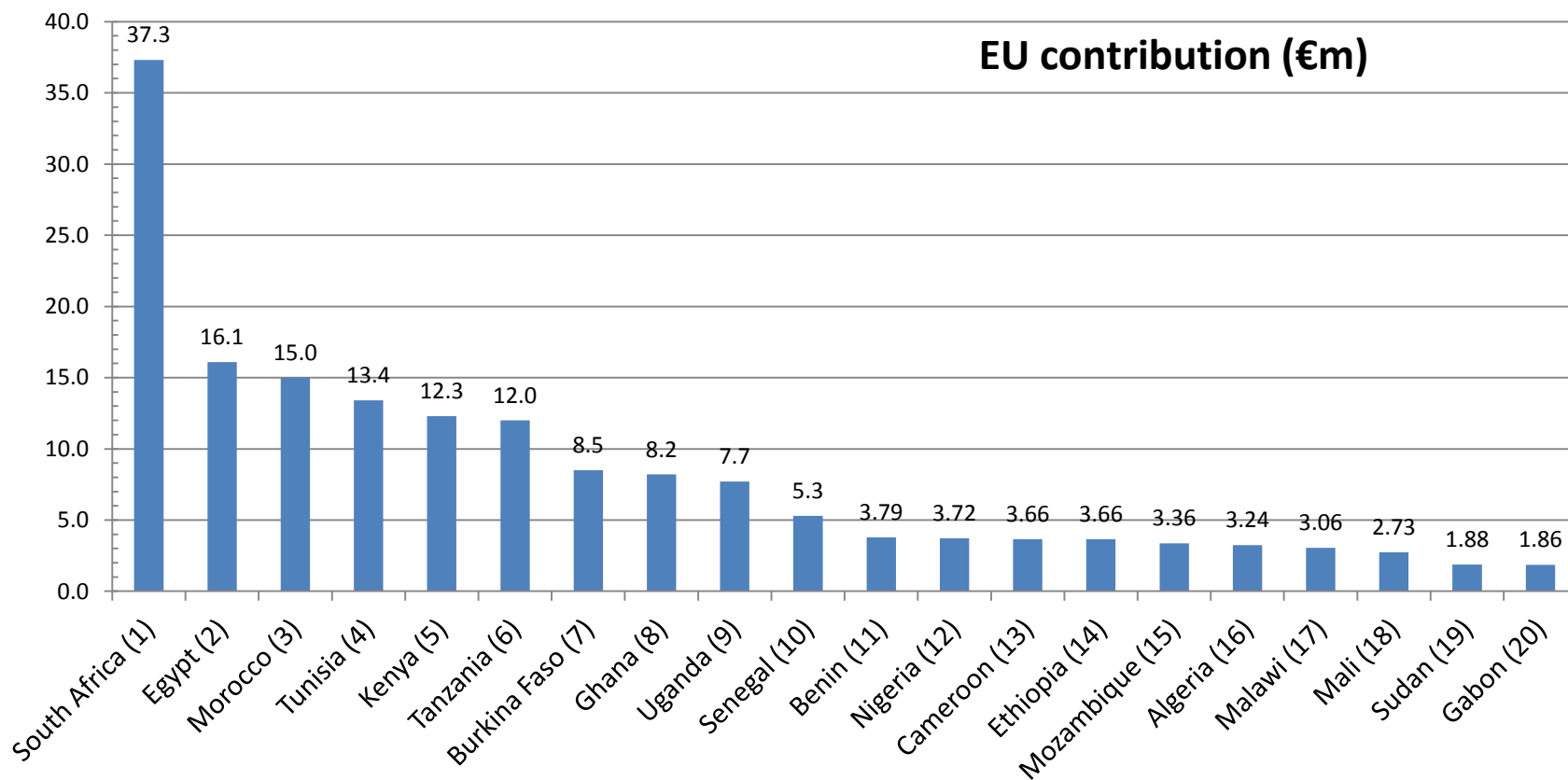
National Contact Points are national structures set up and financed by members of the European Union Commission and states associated to the Framework Programme (FP) to provide information and guidance to prospective participants of the Framework Programme (FP)

Framework Programme & International Cooperation

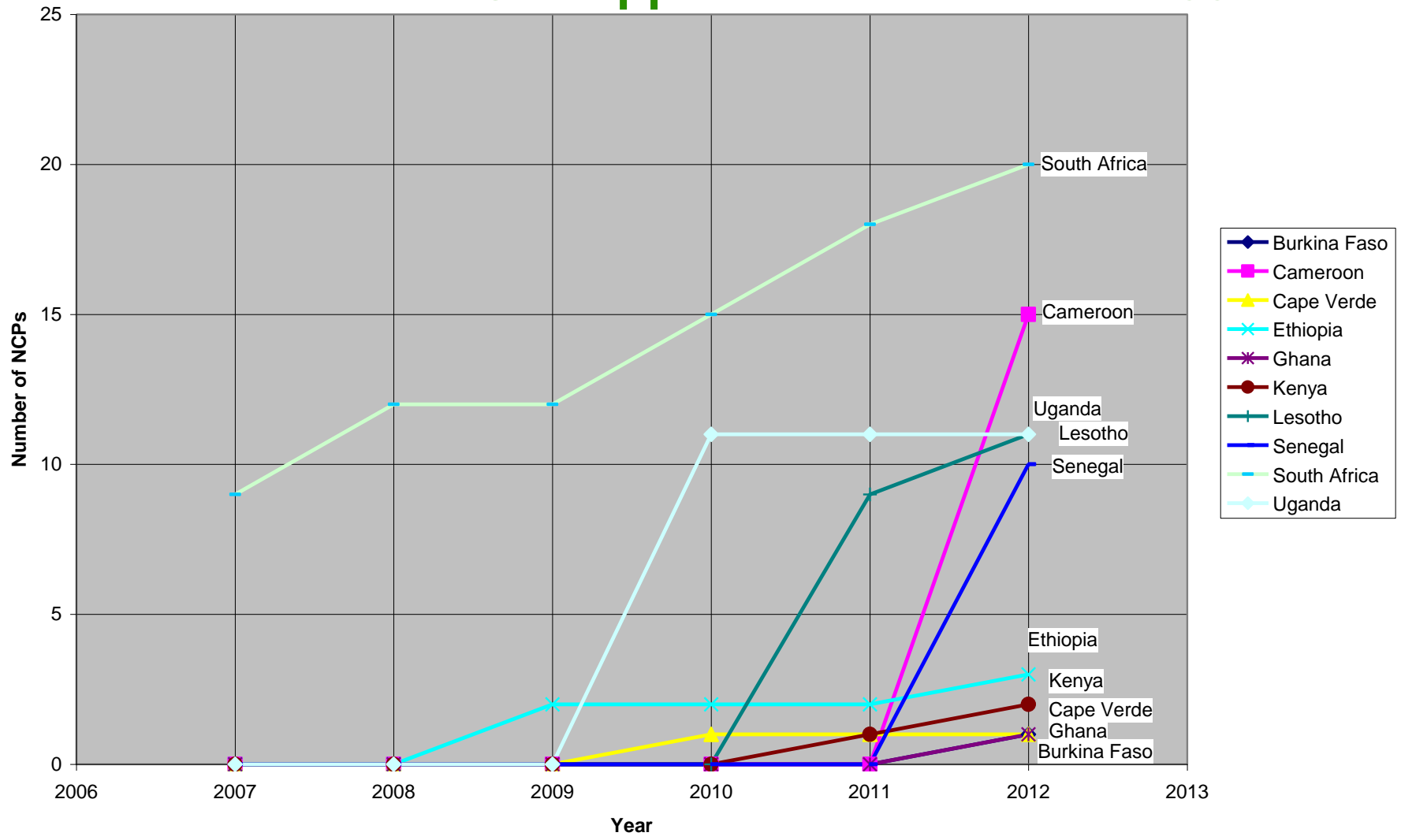
- opened to international cooperation
- Africa in FP7 (**as of September 2013**)
 - 45 countries involved
 - 1315 participations in 565 projects
 - total EU-funding received: €178 million
 - **Mainly (82%) in Cooperation programme (€145.7 million)**

AFRICA in FP7

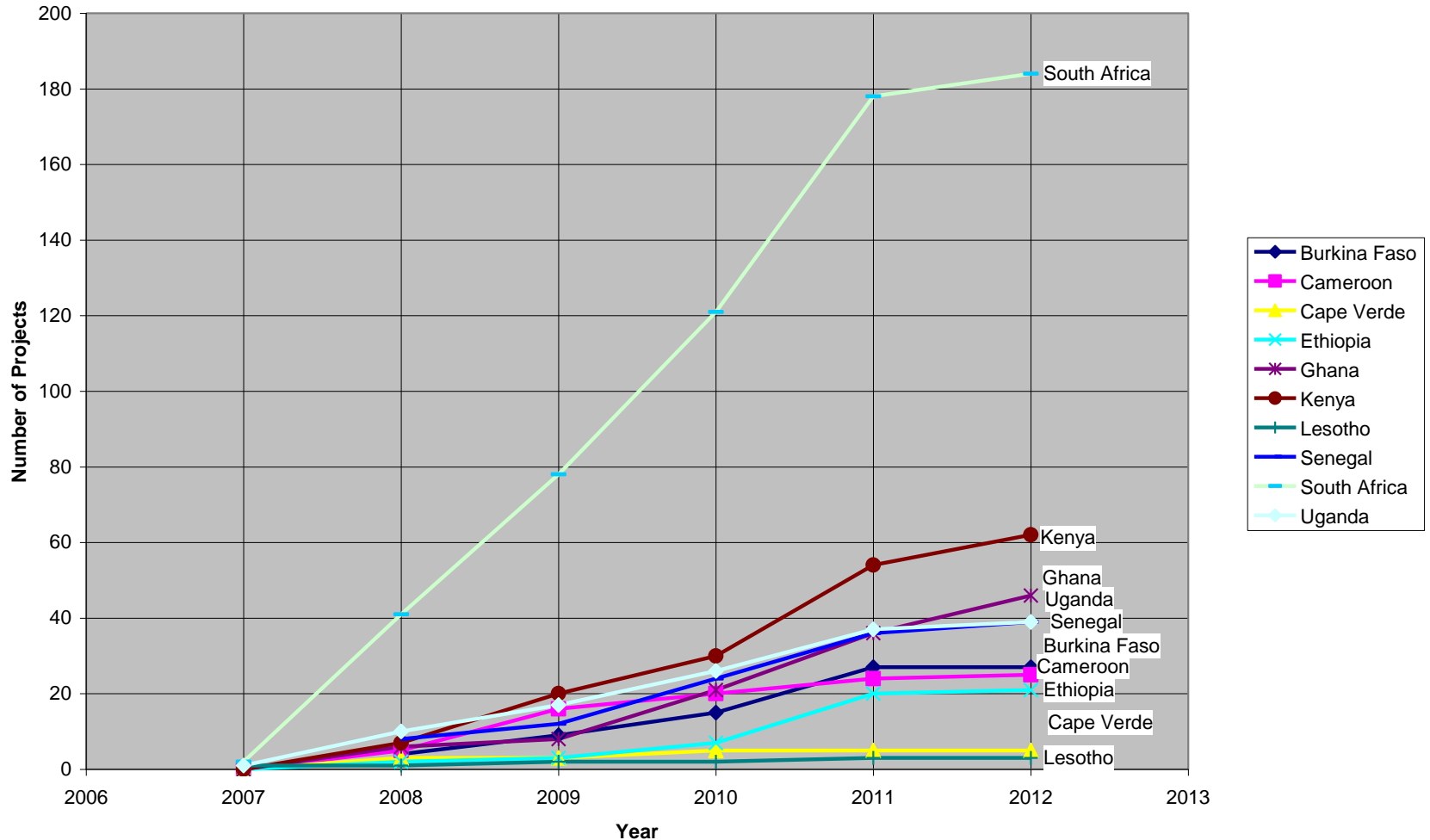
Leading participants



Evolution on NCPs appointments in Africa 2007-12



Participation of sub-Saharan-African countries with appointed NCPs in FP7 projects by year



South Africa NCP Operation

- DST invites/appoints experts in specific fields to act as NCP's
- These experts come from academia, science councils, government, industry etc.
- Nominations are then forwarded to the DG for his approval
- NCP's are then inducted & EU advised
- **SA Senior S&T Representative in Brussels***

Operations of NCPs in Ghana

- NCPs appointed by the Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) through Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Currently (2013) Ghana has one (1) approved NCP
- Nominated Ten (10) NCPs from academic and Research Institutions going through the process of confirmation.

How did Ghana fair (2007-13)?

Ghana is the 6th most successful African country in the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) in terms of numbers of participations in projects and 8th in terms of total EU contribution.

12 individual Ghanaian researchers were funded through Marie Curie Actions.

- 54 participations in EU-funded projects*
- €8.2 million of EU contribution for research.

*(total by September 2013, excluding Marie Curie actions)

Status of Nigeria

- 30 participations in EU-funded projects*
- €3.7 million of EU contribution for research.
- Nigeria is the 11th most successful African country in the 7th Framework programme (FP7) in terms of numbers of participations in projects and 12th in terms of total EU contribution.

Thematic Areas of Proposed NCPs

- Space Science – Mr. Christopher Kofi Nyakey
- Agricultural/Biotechnology-Mr. Stephen Awuni
- Social Economics – Dr. Charles G. Ackah
- ICT – Mr. Ernest Ofori Yirenkyi
- Environment – Mr. Roland Asare
- Health – Dr. Abraham Hodgson
- Transport Aeronautic – Prof. Mohammed Salifu
- Energy – Mr. David Ato-Quansah
- Nano Science – Prof. S.Y. Mensah
- Security – Major Frederick Kwesi Botchie

What Next?

- Started the process with the EU for confirmation of new NCPs
- Ghanaians are in high anticipation of the H2020 Calls.

What About Nigeria? How prepared are we to take advantage of the H2020?

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Thank you