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Building Bi-regional Partnerships for Global Challenges



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CAAST-Net Plus

- A Network (25 Partners; 11 Europe & 14 Africa)
- Network funded under the 7th Framework Programme of the EU (FP7)
- Part of the new INCO projects under FP7
- Advances bi-regional research and Innovation cooperation between Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe

CAAST-Net Plus Contd.

- Building on the Activities and Outputs of CAAST-Net (2008-2012)
- Runs from 2013 to 2016 and based on mutual interest (emphasis on partnership)
- Full Project Name: *Advancing Sub-Saharan Africa-EU Cooperation in Research and Innovation for Global Challenges*
- Goal: *Strengthen the cooperation in research and innovation between Europe and Africa*

PRELUDE TO CN+

- JAES launched in 2007 by Heads of Government from Africa and Europe
- Response to geo-political changes, globalization and strengthen partnership between Europe and Africa
- Achieving value for cooperation between the two continents is critical to JAES

CN+ OBJECTIVES

- To encourage diverse multi-stakeholder partnerships through research and innovation to tackle global challenges in health, food security and climate change
- To facilitate better understanding on relationship between research and innovation and improved uptake of research results
- To identify and share opportunities for cooperation through networking and communication

AIMS OF CN+

- Strengthen bi-regional research and innovation cooperation in health, food security and climate change through policy analysis and multi-stakeholder events
- Support formal and informal policy dialogue processes
- Disseminate vital results through provision of strategic communication and interaction platforms

AIMS OF CN+ Contd.

- Gather informed opinions and experiences about bi-regional cooperation process
- Formulate and disseminate such information in admissible form to the formal bi-regional policy dialogue process and to programme owners

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CN+

- Informing the bi-regional policy dialogue for mutual learning and awareness
- Building support for coordinated and innovative approaches to bilateral funding of bi-regional cooperation
- Facilitating the public-private relationship to foster improved uptake and translation of bi-regional research partnership outputs into innovative technologies

CN+ IMPLEMENTATION: Thematic Work Packages

- Guided by Global challenges and building synergies
- WP1: Food security
- WP2: Climate change
- WP3: Health

CN+ IMPLEMENTATION: Support Work Packages

- WP4: Policy Dialogue Support
- WP5: Strengthening Bi-Regional Cooperation Partnerships (Africa-EU Research Cooperation Partnerships)
- WP6: Communication and Dissemination
- WP7: Coordination and Management
- Total of 18 Deliverables and 17 Milestones across WP's

COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

- Project Coordinated by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), United Kingdom (Dr Andy Cherry)
- African Regional Coordinator: Dr Eric Mwangi (Ministry of Higher Education, Science & Technology-MOHEST), Kenya
- Activities rotate between the two continents to build symmetrical partnerships
- WP Leadership: Reflects partnership

Thank You



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