

Ghana NCP SYSTEM



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Ghana NCP system Introduction

- NCP state before 2014 – only one NCP
- The need to appoint more NCPs
- Followed procedure and appointed 11 NCPs
- Re-structured system and appointed 8

NCP System in Ghana

- MESTI is the NCPs coordination points and host the NCP coordinator
- 9 Thematic NCPs hosted in research institutions and universities:
 - Food Security, Sust Agric, Marine, Maritime, and Inland Water, and Biotechnology
 - Energy
 - ICT
 - Social Science
 - Space Science
 - Health
 - Socio-Economics
 - Nanoscience and Security

Selection Criteria

- Sectors of priority to national development
- Institutions with programs in the areas
- Expertise availability/competence
- Willingness to host

Role of NCPs in Ghana

- Sharing Information on calls
- Orientating prospective Ghanaian applicants
- Training of applicants/researchers
- Awareness creation
- Assistance in applications
- Assisting in partner search process
- 2 way information flow (European Commission ↔ Ghana)
- Representing Ghana during NCP networking forums
- Encouraging Researchers to apply

Funding of NCP activities in Ghana

- GOG Funding based on annual budgetary allocations for STI activities
- Initiate fund raising activities with key technology firms in the Ghanaian industry
- Institutional funding of NCP reps from their institutions
- Donor Support

Tools used/ to be used by Ghana NCPs

- ✓ Documents: Info-Notes, Presentations
- ✓ Proposal format template
- ✓ Web site(NCP website for Ghana)
- ✓ E-mail lists
- ✓ Promotion material: Booklets
- ✓ Information Days
- ✓ Conferences
- ✓ Project Preparation Workshops
- ✓ Project Based Meetings

Challenges of NCPs in Ghana

- Limited funding of NCPs activities
- Lack of institutional support for activities of some thematic NCPs
- Inadequate training of NCPs (Non participation in info-days/meetings)
- Lack of database on national research/entrepreneurs/activities on FP7 and horizon 2020 calls

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