

Review of FP7



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Building Bi-regional Partnerships for Global Challenges

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Overview of FP7

- Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7)
- EU funding for research and technological development and demonstration projects
- 2007 – 2013, budget over €50 billion
- Funding Schemes
 - Collaborative projects
 - Networks of Excellence
 - Coordination and Support Actions
 - Individual Projects
 - Support for training and career development of researchers
 - Research for the benefit of specific groups – in particular, SMEs

Overview of FP7

COOPERATION	Health	IDEAS	European Research Council
	Food, agriculture and biotechnology	PEOPLE	Initial training
	Information and communication technologies		Life-long training
	Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies		Industry-academia
	Energy	CAPACITIES	International dimension
	Environment (including climate change)		Specific actions
	Transport (including aeronautics)		Research infrastructures
	Socio-economic sciences and the humanities		Research for the benefit of SMEs
	Security and Space		Regions of Knowledge
			Research potential
	Science in society		
	Coherent development of research policies		
	International co-operation		
	Non-nuclear actions by the Joint Research Centre		

International Cooperation in FP7

- FP7 open to international partners, with certain conditions
- International Cooperation taking place primarily through the 'Capacities' theme or through targeted actions (specific international cooperation actions)
- Top international partners from BRICS + USA
- Top sub-Saharan African partners from: South Africa, Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania

Africa in FP7

- Examples of FP7 Projects with Africa
 - CAAST-Net & CAAST-Net Plus – Coordination & support for bi-regional S&T cooperation
 - ERAfrica – ERA-Net for Africa
 - EuroAfrica ICT – Supporting bi-regional cooperation on ICT
- Examples of research projects:
 - EAU4Food – increasing food production in irrigated farming systems in Africa
 - Afromaison – tools & strategies for natural resource management
 - Africa Build – building a research and education infrastructure for Africa

2010 Coordinated Call for Africa

- Large-scale Call, targeting bi-regional research consortia
- Focus on “Water and Food Security” and “Better Health for Africa”
 - Joint call between 3 directorates: Health; Food, agricultures and biofisheries, and biotechnology; and Environment (including Climate Change)
 - 26 projects funded, with partners from 42 different countries
 - Ghana: 4 institutions in 6 projects

National Contact Points in FP7

- National Contact Points (NCPs) give personalized help and advice on FP7 to those intending to participate
- NCPs nominated by relevant national authorities to the EC via the ministries of foreign affairs of the host countries
- Third Country NCPs were strongly encouraged
- Africa:
 - 97 people acting as 126 NCPs
 - NCPs in sub-Saharan Africa: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cap Verde, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Senegal, South Africa, Uganda
 - Most NCPs in Health (10)
- Ghana: Ms. Adelaide Asante

Thank you



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