

# 1st CAAST-Net Plus Stakeholder Forum



## **EU-AFRICA High Level Policy Dialogue (HLDP) on Science Technology and Innovation**

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# Developing more strategic cooperation

## The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD):

- in context of EU-Africa Joint Strategy (JAES) est. in 2007
- HLPD created within the STI cooperation component of JAES
- this platform endorsed in 2010 by 3<sup>rd</sup> EU-Africa Summit
- and launched in October 2011
- major objective: "to build better common understanding, mutual trust and ownership of joint and co-owned programmes between the two continents and above all to strengthen the overall cooperation"

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## The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD):

- **Operates on the basis of a Bureau**
  - **European Commission (EC) & African Union Commission (AUC)**
  - **Representatives of Member States from AU and EU:**
    - Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Congo Brazzaville, Namibia, Nigeria & South Africa
    - France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Portugal & UK
  - **regular meetings** (including videoconferences)
- **Plenary meetings** (with all Member States invited)
  - **October 2011** (Addis Ababa)
  - **November 2013** (Brussels)

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## The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD):

- **Current African co-chair: Congo** (as president of AMCOST)
- **Current European co-chair: EC, DG RTD**
- **Discussions involve AUC, EC and Member States**
- **Good progress in 2012-2013, leading to 2<sup>nd</sup> High Level Policy Dialogue meeting** (Brussels, 29-30 November 2013)
- **Identified common priorities and selected one for action**
  - **“Food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture (including water)”**
  - **Priority endorsed at Africa–EU Summit in April 2014**
  - **Expert Working Group (EWG) formed (5 African & 5 European) to develop a roadmap towards a jointly funded and co-owned financed Partnership**

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- **Expert Working Group (EWG) 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (6-8 Oct. 2014, Addis)**  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=africa>
- **The EWG has prepared an advanced draft roadmap. To go into consultation mid-November**
- **Focus on:**
  - **Sustainable intensification**
  - **Agriculture and food systems for nutrition**
  - **Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade**
  - **Cross-cutting issues:** framework for improved coordination, innovation, capacity-building (HR, organisational, institutional, financial, RI), evolving/flexible programme

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- **At the same time, instruments and models for joint implementation by EU and AU** will be examined for implementation in **short/medium to long-term**

### Instruments:

- Jointly funded competitive calls: ERAfrica, AU Research Grants, H2020
- Cooperation and Support actions H2020: CN+, RINEA, PAERIP, CSA sustainable intensification
- Commissioned work (DG DEVCO)
- Twinning

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### Models:

- Public-public models: CORAF West African Productivity Partnerships, Trust funds (like GAVI, CGIAR programmes)
- Public-Private models: EIP, CG innovation platform, pooled instruments (UK research club model, African Enterprise Challenge Funds, GAIN)

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## The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD):

### ➤ **Rationale of the Partnership:**

- Many investments are already being made – high on global agenda - but fragmentation of efforts
- Europe and Africa share problems and goals, with different dimensions (development versus agro-environmental)
- Innovation can arise in Africa and Europe: sharing, adaptation and implementation is a clear win-win for both

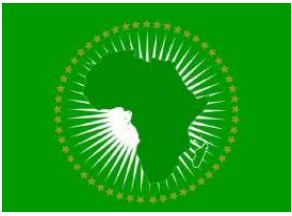


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## The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD):

### ➤ **Added-value of the Partnership:**

- Build on recent bilateral and multilateral AR and AR4D projects and efforts in capacity-building
- Enhanced coordination of relevant research and innovation
- Broader mobilisation of STI community in Europe and Africa
- Joint design, management and funding of programme
- Direct linkage of research and innovation



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