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

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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 3rd 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)
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 2nd 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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The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD):


- 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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The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD):

- 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
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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