

EU-Africa high level policy dialogue on Science, Technology and Innovation

EU-Africa Senior Officials Meeting

Addis Ababa, AUC, 10-11 October 2011

Draft Agenda

Monday, 10 October 2011			
Time	Item	Description of Item	Speakers
13:00-14:00		Registration, welcome coffee	
14:00-14:40	1	<p>Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Table: Introduction of SOM participants (1 min. each) • Opening remarks by the European Commission Co-Chair • Opening remarks by the AU Co-Chair • Adoption of the agenda 	<p>Robert-Jan Smits, European Commission DG Research and Innovation Director General and Koen Vervaeke, EU Ambassador to the AU and Jaroslav Szczepankiewicz, Representative of the EU Council Presidency</p> <p>Prof. Maged Al-Sherbiny, President of the Scientific Research and Technology Academy, and Egyptian S&T Vice Minister, AMCOST Chair and Prof. Jean-Pierre Ezin, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology AUC</p>
14:40-15:20	2	Governance and operational guidelines of the	SOM co- Chairs

		<p>EU-AU science, technology and innovation SOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short presentation of the draft operational guidelines • Discussion and adoption of operational guidelines (Terms of Reference) 	
15:20-15:40		<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Group Photo</p>	
15:40-17:10	3	<p>Developments in science, technology and innovation policies with emphasis on EU-Africa cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Union S&T Consolidated Plan of Action-CPA • Information on Innovation Union and FP7 EU-Africa related projects • EU-Africa Partnership on Science, Information and Space: State of play and synergies with SOM • Discussion 	<p>Dr. Ahmed Hamdy, AUC HRST Department</p> <p>Dr. Laurent Bochereau, Head of Unit International Policy Cooperation, European Commission</p> <p>Prof. Luis Magalhães, President of the Knowledge Society Agency UMIC, Portugal</p> <p>and</p> <p>Prof. Rached Hamza, CERT, Tunisia</p>
17:10-18:40	4	<p>On which socioeconomic challenges should bi-regional cooperation focus: building on, and going beyond, existing activities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by EU/Africa lead discussants • Discussion • Conclusion 	<p>Lead discussants:</p> <p>Prof. Sospeter Muhongo, Full Professor of Geology at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</p> <p>and</p> <p>Prof. José Encarnação, Professor at the TU</p>

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09:00-10:30	5	<p>On what fronts should capacity building focus (e.g.; research infrastructures, human capital)? How can complementarities and synergies at regional level be enhanced?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by EU/Africa lead discussants • Discussion • Conclusion 	<p>Lead discussants:</p> <p>Dr. Umar Bindir, Director General/CEO National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP) Federal Republic of Nigeria</p> <p>and Dr. Jacques Lancon Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa, Cirad</p>
10:30-11:00		Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	6	<p>On which cross cutting issues should the dialogue focus, share experience and develop mutual learning (governance, best practises, improved networking of existing activities)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by EU/Africa lead discussants • Discussion • Conclusion 	<p>Lead discussants:</p> <p>Dr. Pascoal Mocumbi, High Representative of the EDCTP</p> <p>and</p> <p>Dr Bothlale Tema Managing Director of Consultancy for African Creative Connections</p>
12:30-13:30	7	<p>The way forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting objectives and priorities for future cooperation • Implementation and Financial mechanisms 	SOM co-Chairs
13:30-14:45		Lunch (<i>at own expenses</i>)	Congo Hall
14:45-15:45	8	Adoption of conclusions and calendar towards developing a roadmap 2012-2013 of the EU-Africa High Policy Dialogue on STI	SOM co-Chairs
15:45-16:15	9	Closure of the meeting	