



**Invitation to the ESASTAP 2020: Horizon 2020 Information Sharing Session on Funding Opportunities.**

**Date** : 24 November 2017

**Time** : 10:00am

**Venue** : South African Astronomical Observatory SAAO,  
Observatory Road Observatory, Cape Town

**Background**

The Strengthening Technology, Research and Innovation Cooperation between Europe and South Africa, ESASTAP 2020 (E2020) coordination and support action will be hosting a Horizon 2020 Information Sharing Session on 24 November 2017 at SAAO, Cape Town.

The purpose of the H2020 workshop is to present calls for proposals currently open focusing on Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research. The workshop will serve as an ideal opportunity for South African based researchers and institutions interested in cooperating with European organisations and institutions under H2020 to learn more about the administrative requirements and the procedure to be followed when submitting proposals. Details will also be presented of the various advisory and support services, availed by the ESASTAP 2020 platform, to support South African-European cooperation under Horizon 2020.

**Background of H2020**

H2020 is the European Union's (EU) Framework Programme for research and innovation stems from the combination of "Europe2020" and the "Innovation Union" and is a successor to the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, providing investment support on research and innovation. H2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation Programme ever with €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020).

**You are kindly requested to register your participation in the ESASTAP 2020: Horizon 2020 Information Session by visiting the following link:**

[http://www.esastap.org.za/events/register\\_saa0.php](http://www.esastap.org.za/events/register_saa0.php)

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**Facilitator: Dipuo Kgotleng: Deputy Director: Science Platforms**

Time	Item	Speaker
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome and introduction	<b>Gilbert Siko Gilbert Siko</b> Director: Marine and Polar Research, Palaeosciences, DST
10:15 - 10:45	Overview of Horizon 2020	<b>Toto Matshediso,</b> Deputy Director, Strategic Partnerships. DST and Technology
10:15 - 11:45	Tea break	<b>All</b>
11:45 - 12:15	Presentation of H2020 open calls on Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research	<b>Gilbert Siko</b> Director: Marine and Polar Research, Palaeosciences
12:15 - 12:35	ESASTAP 2020 and SA support instruments	<b>Seipelo Kgosiejang,</b> Assistant Director, (DST), Strategic Partnerships
<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>		
13:15	Way forward and recommendations	<b>Gilbert Siko</b> Director: Marine and Polar Research, Palaeosciences
13:30	Closing remarks	

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