



Strengthening Technology, Research and Innovation Cooperation  
between Europe and South Africa

**Seminar: Presenting South Africa – a research and innovation partner for  
Europe in Horizon 2020**

*Thon Hotel EU, Brussels*

*Tuesday 14 January 2014*

The purpose of the seminar will be to present to the European science and technology community the exciting opportunities for cooperation with South Africa under the European Union's new Horizon 2020 Framework Programme. This one-day event will be held in Brussels on Tuesday 14 January 2014, immediately following the annual South Africa-European Union Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee (JSTCC) meeting, which brings together senior officials of the South African Department of Science and Technology, and the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, to review current and launch new flagship initiatives to strengthen South Africa-EU cooperation.

In addition to presenting the policy context, from both a South African and European perspective, regarding the strategic importance of collaboration in research and innovation between the two partners, the seminar will highlight South Africa's scientific and technological expertise in some of the priority research and innovation focus areas of Horizon 2020. The event will, thus, be an ideal opportunity for European organisations interested to cooperate with South Africa under Horizon 2020 to learn more about the countries' capacities. Details will also be presented of the various advisory and support services, availed by the ESASTAP Plus platform, to support South African-European cooperation under Horizon 2020.



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*The seminar is organised by ESASTAP Plus. It will provide an overview of opportunities for South African – European cooperation under the Horizon 2020 Framework Program for Research and Innovation.*

**Tuesday 14 January 2013**  
**Venue: Thon Hotel EU, Brussels**  
**10:00-17:00**  
**Agenda**

Time	Item
09:00	Arrival and Registration
	Seminar chairperson: Ms Martina Desole, APRE – Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europe (APRE – Italy), ESASTAP Plus project partner
10:00	Opening remarks <i>Ms Maria-Cristina Russo, Director: International Cooperation, Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission</i> <i>South Africa's Ambassador to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg, His Excellency Ambassador Mxolisi Nkosi (to be confirmed)</i>
	<b>(1) Setting the scene: Policy context and support for South Africa-EU cooperation</b>
10:20	Presentation: European policy context for cooperation with South Africa under Horizon 2020 <i>Ms Nienke Buisman, Policy Officer responsible for South Africa, European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation</i>
10:40	Presentation: South African policy context for participation in Horizon 2020 and cooperation with the EU <i>Mr Daan du Toit, South Africa's Senior S&amp;T Representative to the EU, Department of Science and Technology)</i>
11:00	Presentation: ESASTAP Plus platform – advisory and support instruments to foster South African-European cooperation <i>Mr Constantine Vaitsas, Help-Forward, ESASTAP Plus Coordinator</i>
11:15	Discussion
11:30	Break
	<b>(2) South African research and innovation: a value proposition for Europe and Horizon 2020</b> <b><i>(10 minute presentations, five minute discussions per theme)</i></b>
11:45	Horizon 2020 priority: Health, demographic change and well-being <i>Case study: South African participation in the European Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) and Strategic Health Innovations Partnerships programme (SHIP</i> <i>Ms Tugela Matubatuba, Deputy Director: Strategic Partnerships, Department of Science and Technology</i>
12:00	Horizon 2020: Sustainable food security <i>Case study: South Africa's bio-economy strategy and opportunities for cooperation with</i>



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	<p><i>Europe</i> Mr Mmboneni Muofhe, Deputy Director-General: Research, Development and Innovation, Department of Science and Technology</p>
12:15	<p>Horizon 2020 priority: Blue growth: Unlocking the potential of the oceans <i>Case study: South Africa's cooperation with Europe in the International Centre for Education, Marine and Atmospheric Sciences over Africa (ICEMASA)</i> Prof Francis Marsac, University of Cape and IRD (France)</p>
12:30	<p>Horizon 2020 priority: A resource to recycle, reuse and recover raw materials <i>Case study: South African support for Africa-EU waste management road map</i> Mr Imraan Patel, Deputy Director-General: Socio-Economic Partnerships, Department of Science and Technology</p>
12:45	<p>Horizon 2020 priority: Water innovation <i>Case study: Water research and innovation in South Africa: Opportunities for cooperation with Europe</i> Mr Imraan Patel: Deputy Director-General: Socio-Economic Partnerships, Department of Science and Technology</p>
13:00	Networking Lunch
14:00	<p>Horizon 2020 priority: Low-carbon economy <i>Case study: South Africa's hydrogen and fuel cell technology programme</i> Mr Mmboneni Muofhe, Deputy Director-General: Research, Development and Innovation, Department of Science and Technology</p>
14:15	<p>Horizon 2020: Strategic raw materials <i>Case study: South Africa's dedicated minerals national science council: Mintek</i> Mr Peter Craven, General Manager: Business Development, Mintek</p>
14:30	<p>Horizon 2020 priority: Research infrastructures <i>Case study: Partnerships in developing new research infrastructures and promoting reciprocal access</i> Daan du Toit, Senior S&amp;T Representative to the EU, Department of Science and Technology</p>
14:45	<p>Horizon 2020 priority: Researcher training and mobility <i>Case study: Marie Sklodowska Curie and ERC instruments: Interface with South African programmes</i> Dr Phethiwe Matutu, Chief Director: Human Capital Development, Department of Science and Technology</p>
	<b>(3) Conclusions and onwards towards partnerships</b>
15:00	<p>Panel discussion: How to leverage synergy between different cooperation instruments, e.g. Horizon 2020, South African programmes, EUREKA, COST, development cooperation programmes, Innovation Partnerships, etc., with participation of: <i>Mr Michel Andrieu, Advisor to the Head of the EUREKA Secretariat</i> <i>Dr Andy Cherry, Senior Science Officer, Association of Commonwealth Universities</i> <i>Prof Roseanne Diab, Chief Executive Officer, South African Academy of Science</i> <i>Mr Jan Haakonsen, Special Advisor, Research Council of Norway</i> <i>Mr Stephane Hogan, Science Counsellor, European Union Delegation to the African Union</i> <i>Dr Matladi Ndlovu, Global Publications Manager Immunology, UCB Pharma</i></p>



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15:45	Closing remarks <i>Dr Elisabeth Lipiatou, Head of Unit: European Neighbourhood, Africa and the Gulf, Directorate-General: Research and Innovation, European Commission</i> <i>Mr Daan du Toit, Senior S&amp;T Representative to the EU, Department of Science and Technology</i>
16:00	Networking reception



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