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**SA-EU Information Sharing session on European Union Programmes: A side event to
the Science Forum South Africa (SFSA)**

Invite

Date 7 December 2015

Venue : Pretoria, National Research Foundation (NRF) Auditorium

Time : 09h00-16h00

Background

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) will be hosting the first ever major public science event, the "Science Forum South Africa" (SFSA), in Pretoria on 8-9 December 2015. SFSA is partly inspired by the "open science" conferences convened with great success elsewhere in the world. Through the organisation of our Forum it is envisaged that the event will provide Africa with a similar type of event, which will enable a dynamic and robust debate on the interface between science and society. You are kindly requested to register your participation in the SFSA by visiting the attached link (<http://www.sfsa.co.za>).

In this regard, the DST extends an invitation to you to participate in a "**pre-forum**" event entitled "**SA-EU Information Sharing session on European Union Programmes: A side event to the Science Forum South Africa (SFSA)**" to be held on the 7th December 2015. The pre-forum event will consist of the following information sessions:

- Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) and ERASMUS Plus, which mobility programmes that afford researchers outside Europe to conduct and collaborate with their European counterparts;
- Joint Research Council (JRC)-focusing on its role, structure and resources; and
- Information session on raising awareness and promoting the EEN and EUREKA networks in South Africa (SA). The session is aimed at discussing various aspects of bridging the gap between R&D and industry through various platforms such as the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) and the EUREKA Network and how the SA and EU SMEs can benefit from these networks.

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Kindly register to participate at the "pre-forum" event using the following link:

http://www.esastap.org.za/events/register_sfsa.php

For more information on the event, please contact:

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<p>Monday 7 December 2015, Pretoria, South Africa Venue: National Research Foundation (NRF) Auditorium 09:00-16:00 DRAFT AGENDA</p>
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Facilitator: Isayvani Naicker: Chief Director: International Resources (DST)

Time	Item	Speaker
08:00-09:00	Arrival and Registration	All
09:00-09:05	Opening remarks and setting the scene	Daan du Toit: Deputy Director-General: International Cooperation and Resources, (DST)
09:05-09:10	Remarks from the European Commission (EC)	Representative from the EC (DG-RTD) tbc
09:10-09:25	Overview of H2020 and current open calls	EC/DST (tbc)
09:25-09:45	Presentation on Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)	Bheki Hadebe, Director High End Skills and MSCA NCP
09:45-10:00	MSCA Open Calls	
10:00-10:20	ERASMUS Plus (ERASMUS+)	Christophe Larose: European Union (EU) Delegation to South Africa
10:20-10:30	Open Calls ERASMUS+	
10:30-11:00	DST Support Instruments	DST (tbc)
11:00-11:30	Tea Break	



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11:30-12:00 30 minutes	Overview of SA SME landscape	TIA (tbc)
12:00-12:30 30 minutes	Presentation of the EEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is EEN; • Benefits to SA SMEs; • EEN success stories 	DST (tbc)
12:30-13:00 30 minutes	Presentation of EUREKA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is EUREKA; • How does one participate in the network; • How can SA SMEs benefit 	Pedro de Sampaio Nunes : Head of EUREKA Secretariat
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	Presentation of Joint Research Council (JRC)	Ulla Engelmann , Joint Research Council (JRC)
14:30-15:30	Presentation of ASSAf's report on <i>"Insights into South Africa's Participation in the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development of the European Commission"</i>	Roseanne Diab , CEO of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)
15:30-15:45	Concluding remarks by EC	Representative from the EC (DG-RTD) tbc
15:45-16:00	Concluding remarks by DST	Daan du Toit : Deputy Director-General: International Cooperation and Resources, (DST)
End of Programme		