



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

**ESASTAP PLUS Innovation Conference**  
**South Africa**

**Thursday 21 October 2015**  
**Pretoria, Sheraton**

**Invite**

The 21st of October 2015 the ESASTAP Plus project will host a “South Africa (SA) – European Union (EU) Conference on Innovation” especially **intended to policy-makers, cooperation facilitators and innovation manager** interested in discussing the latest development and possible future scenarios of the EU-South Africa cooperation in the fields of Innovation (RTDI).

The **goal of the conference** will be to:

- provide feedback from researchers, businesses and business support structures to policy makers and notably to discuss the barriers, challenges and good practices experienced by businesses and researchers involved in EU-South Africa collaboration in Innovation,
- exchange on recommendations on policy measures in order to overcome barriers and enhance EU-South Africa innovation collaboration; and
- present best practices on Innovation cooperation between South Africa and Europe.

The opening session will focus on Innovation policies: after the presentation of the Innovation landscape both in EU and in South Africa, the affiliation of South Africa to the Enterprise Europe Network will be announced. Feedback from businesses and business support structures to policy-makers will be discussed during the roundtable “EU – South Africa Innovation landscape – Framework conditions for innovation”.

A “**best-practice**” session will follow, where four flagship projects that showed an excellent emphasis on innovation will be presented together with the “Experiences and outcomes of Technology Transfer Exchanges”.

This session will showcase the lessons learnt from participation in the ESASTAP Plus Short-term exchange programme (E+STEP) with specific focus on innovation collaboration opportunities between SA and the EU and will include perspectives from South African and European Exchange fellows and hosts.



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Venue: Pretoria, (Sheraton), South Africa

Time : 13h00-17h30

Kindly register to participate at the event using the following link: <http://www.esastap.org.za/>

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**Agenda**

Time	Item	Speaker
<b>Lunch on arrival</b>		
12:00-13:00	Arrival, Lunch and Registration	
<i>Moderation: <b>Constantine Vaitsas</b>, Innovation Management &amp; International Cooperation Technical Coordinator EEN-Hellas BIO &amp; WIDESPREAD NCP &amp; ESASTAP Plus Coordinator</i>		
13:00-13:10	Welcome and introduction	<b>Daan du Toit</b> , Deputy Director-General (DDG): International Cooperation and Resources (ICR), DST
<i>Session 1: Setting the scene: Policy context and support for South Africa-EU innovation cooperation</i>		
13:10-13:25	Innovation strategies in South Africa	<b>Beeuwen Gerrys</b> , Chief Director (CD): Technology Localisation Beneficiation and Advance, DST
13:25-13:40	Innovation strategies in Europe	<b>Claire Skentelbam</b> representative to the EU
<b>Presentations</b>		
13:40-13:50	Enterprise Europe Network in South Africa	<b>Tugela Matubatuba</b> , Deputy Director: Strategic Partnerships (SP), DST
13:50-14:00	Presentation of recommendations from the SA-EU Innovation Policy Dialogues	<b>TBC (DST/EC)</b>
<i>Session 2: Round Table discussion facilitated by: <b>Martina Desole</b>, APRE - Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea</i>		
14:00-15:00	EU – South Africa Innovation landscape – Framework conditions for innovation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Presentation of Innovation Landscape Report</li> <li>✓ Roundtable</li> </ul>	<b>Nelisha Naidoo</b> , SARIMA and <b>Martina de Sole</b> , APRE
<b>15:00-15:15 Tea-break</b>		
<i>Session 3: Sharing Best Practice facilitated by <b>Jean Albergel</b> IRD-CNRS-CIRAD Joint Office for Southern Africa</i>		
15:15-16:15	Presentation of four SA-EU FP7 projects that have	<b>TBC</b>



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	an excellent emphasis on innovation	
<i>Experiences and outcomes of Technology Transfer Exchanges facilitated by Ayanda Noma, SARIMA</i>		
16:15-17:15	Experiences and outcomes of Technology Transfer Exchanges	<p><b>Pushkar Wadke</b>, Queen Mary University, UK</p> <p><b>Mary-Ann Chetty</b>, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa</p> <p><b>Hazel Mathye</b>, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa</p>
17:15-17:30	Closing remarks	<b>Daan du Toit</b> , Deputy Director-General (DDG): International Cooperation and Resources (ICR), DST
<b>18:00 Gala dinner</b>		



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