



ESASTAP

EU FP7 ENERGY INFORMATION SESSION

Background:

The European Union has increased its efforts to fund collaborative research with third world country research institutions. One of the EU programmes established to fund research and development is the Framework Programmes (FPs). The first FP (FP1) started in 1984 and we are now on the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) which will run from 2007 until 2013. There are 10 thematic areas that will be funded under FP7 and energy is one of them.

South Africa, through the Department of Science and Technology (DST) views the participation of SA researchers in international competitive funding programmes as critical in research development in the country. To that effect DST created the **European-South Africa Science and Technology Advancement Programme (ESASTAP)**, a dedicated platform for supporting SA researchers' participation in the European Union's Framework Programmes. ESASTAP thought it opportune to discuss the EU FP7 during the Biofuels Workshop to be held in Stellenbosch as a number of energy researchers would already have congregated for this event.

ESASTAP therefore cordially invites you to EU FP7 Energy Information session.

Date	Thursday, 4 th October 2007
Time	12:30 for 13:00 until 14:30
Venue	Microbiology Room A309, Department of Microbiology, JC Smuts Building, University of Stellenbosch
RSVP	Please confirm your attendance by email to Nomkhosi Mvubelo on NMvubelo@csir.co.za , or Dr. Marinda Bloom on mv4@sun.ac.za

PROGRAMME

Chair: Prof. Emile van Zyl, SANERI Research Chair of Biofuels

12:30	Arrival & joining the Biofuels Workshop delegates for finger lunch
13:00	Welcome of ESASTAP & DST visitors: <i>by Prof. van Zyl, (Stellenbosch University).</i>
13:05	Background on EU FP7: <i>by Ms Mabatho Mphomane (DST)</i>
13:25	FP7 Legal and Financial information: <i>by Ms Cristina Pinto (Legal and Finance NCP)</i>
13:45	The Energy Focus Area in FP7: <i>by Dr. P.C. Masangane (Energy NCP)</i>
14:00	ESASTAP & DST Support for FP7 Participation: <i>Mr Mmboneni Muofhe (DST)</i>
14:15	Q&A as well as discussion on SA participation: <i>by all</i>
14:30	Tea Break: Biofuels Workshop continues after ESASTAP & other visitors leave.