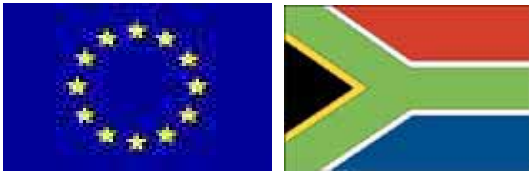


# **Innovation for Poverty Alleviation – Sector Budget Support to the Department of Science and Technology**

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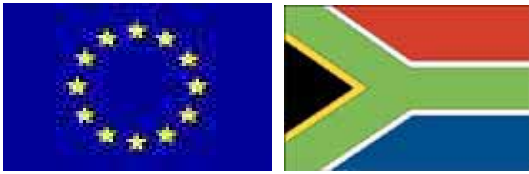


# The Programme

## ● Innovation for Poverty Alleviation

- Untargeted Sector Policy Support to the DST
- Implementation period – 2008 to 2011
- Budget - € 30,000,000.00
- The Programme Joint CSP (2007-2013) – Focal Area: Employment Creation
- Guided by the SA-EU TDCA in terms of the fight against poverty, as well as the DCI and EU-SA Strategic Partnership
- Focus on sector improvement, policy dialogue & donor coordination



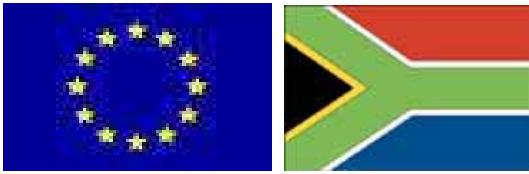


## Rationale for SPSP

- The DST has in place a comprehensive policy and strategy that guides the sector
- Political commitment to S&T is evident
- The quality and application of the sector's public finance management systems are excellent (adhere to national MTEF system)
- Partnership Forum established to coordinate donor involvement
- DST has a track record of performance-based reporting & monitoring
- High institutional competence in strategic innovation and operational management. This includes close relations with the private sector and other stakeholders

**Policy Dialogue is seen as crucial for the sector**





# Overall Objective

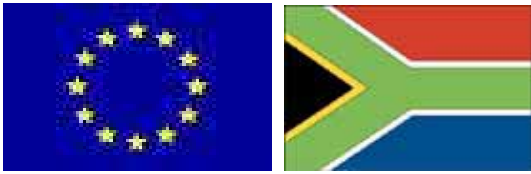
## ● Programme Objective

- To contribute to DST's policy and strategy of using science and technology for reducing poverty through job creation, SME development, economic growth and the improvement of quality of life.

## ● Main focus areas

- Creating sustainable livelihoods through agro-processing and aquaculture in rural areas
- Social services and infrastructure
- High impact health initiatives, incl. TB, HIV/AIDS, malaria
- Human capital development
- ICTs for access to government services
- Technology and knowledge transfer through technology stations
- Improvement of climate change research & response

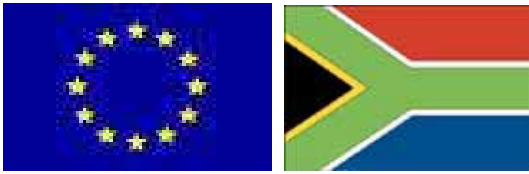




# The Sector Policy

- **White Paper on Science & Technology (1996)**
  - ➔ Policy Framework for S&T in SA based on principles of National System of Innovation
  - ➔ Aimed at establishing an integrated system of innovation; development of a culture of knowledge advancement, and improve support of innovation to sustain economic growth
- **National Research & Development Strategy (2002)**
  - ➔ Creates the way forward for publicly financed S&T
  - ➔ Create an enabling environment for the NSI
  - ➔ Addresses main challenges of the innovation chasm and geographic distribution of S&T interventions
- **DST Corporate Strategy 2005-2010**
  - ➔ Operationalises the NRDS through sub-programmes





## The state of play so far...

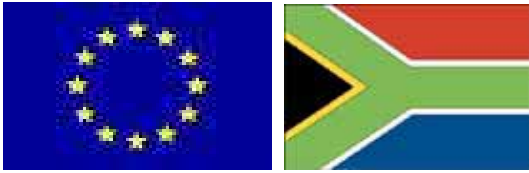
- **First fix tranche expected for 2008**

- ➔ Setting-up of a programme entry/coordination point
- ➔ Refinement of performance review mechanisms
- ➔ Establishment of programme consultation mechanisms & funding criteria (annual business plan)
- ➔ Development of policy guidelines addressing poverty alleviation through S&T

- **Strategically...**

- ➔ Policy dialogue systems (i.e. quarterly forum meetings, presentation at EXCO level and an annual S&T Seminar)
- ➔ Increased donor coordination, especially with Finland, Germany, France, UK, Sweden and World Bank Institute





## Critical way forward

- Establishment of structures and systems to coordinate and manage programme (including timely disbursements & performance against targets)
- Setting-up of efficient and effective policy dialogue mechanisms
- Continued donor coordination
- Coordination & alignment with other EC-SA S&T programmes, incl. FP7, ACP Capacity Building & ACP-ICT Programmes

