


OUR EXPERIENCE = THE BASIS OF SUPPORTING THE LISBON AGREEMENT

1999



DEVELOPMENT PHASES	CONTINENTAL S&T PROGRAMME	COOPERATION WITH EU	SADC PROGRAMME
<i>Pre-NEPAD/AU</i>	2002: ACP S&T Conference	FP4(1996) FP5(99-2002 PARTICIPATION	1999: SADC S&T Policy Meeting in Pretoria
	2003: Establishment of NEPAD & NEPAD OST OFFICE		2002-2003: SADC S&T Senior Officers Meetings & Policy Training Sessions
<i>Pre-HRST at AUC</i>	2003: African Minister's Conference for S&T & formation of AMCOST	FP6 PARTICIPATION	Separation of S&T Programme from Education within SADC Secretariat
	2005: AMCOST becomes AU Sectoral/Technical Committee for S&T		2006: Establishment of SADC S&T Ministerial Conference
<i>AU/NEPAD Phase</i>	2005-2007: South Africa Permanent Member of AMCOST Bureau		Development of SADC S&T Protocol
	2007: SA loses permanent Seat on AMCOST to SADC Representation on Bureau		FP7 PARTICIPATION

2008

EMERGING ISSUES & COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES

- Significant South African contribution to the African S&T programme
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- Longstanding cooperation between EU & South Africa especially as regards FP Programme
- AU considers its 5 regions(South, North, West, Central & West) as its building blocks
- Lessons learnt in the process of establishing African S&T programme can be of use in the implementation of the Lisbon Agreement
- Lessons learnt in SA participation in FP programme can be transferred to SADC and shared with the rest of the continent
- Lessons learnt in the establishment of the SADC S&T policy infrastructure can be shared in the CAAST-NET policy dialogue and EU can support the policy capacity-building efforts within SADC.