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What is ESASTAP

- **Specific Support Action implemented by SA Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the FP6 and supported by EC**
- **Create a dedicated platform to promote SA-EU S&T cooperation, bringing together existing efforts from:**
 - **DST and EC**
 - **National Contact Points**
 - **SA Senior S&T Representative in Brussels**



Challenges

- **Insufficient awareness of opportunities – both within SA and the EU**
- **Instruments for cooperation frequently perceived as complex – need to improve understanding**
- **Difficulties for SA researchers to find European FP consortia partners**
- **Need to broaden range of participants – especially SMEs, industry, HDI, UT**
- **Promote proactive engagement with opportunities required**

ESASTAP Priorities

- **Create dedicated programme and branding for SA-EU S&T cooperation**
- **Supporting SA's FP preparation and participation**
- **Marketing SA's S&T excellence in Europe**
- **Exploit synergies between FP participation with other international cooperation activities, especially bilateral links with European countries**



ESASTAP Instruments

- Awareness-raising & information:
 - Website: <http://www.esastap.org.za>
 - Weekly e-mail updates
 - Brochures and catalogues
(incl. electronic document library)
 - Seminars and workshops



ESASTAP Instruments (2)

- **Partner-matching service**
 - **Active on the esastap website**
 - **Dissemination of information via European and South African networks**
 - **Dedicated partner-matching events**
 - **Seed Funding instrument – travel costs for partners to and from South Africa**



ESASTAP Instruments (3)

- **Advisory and support mechanisms:**
 - **Providing institutional support to NCPs**
 - **Guidance and support to SA FP participants through dedicated help desks**
 - **Preparation of SA specific FP materials and other instrument guidance notes**
 - **Strategic Co-Investment funding instrument**



ESASTAP Instruments (4)

- **Marketing SA S&T excellence in Europe**
 - **Concerted efforts via Brussels S&T Representative office**
 - **Events and publications**



Opportunities

- **Progressively greater opportunities for international cooperation in FPs**
- **Connect with global research**
- **Strong political commitment to SA-EU S&T cooperation**
- **SA's existing knowledge base and experience of successful FP participation**
- **Benefits not only in financial resources leveraged, but also in knowledge generation experience gained**
- **Long-term strategic networks built**



SA Strategy for FP7 Engagements

- SA participation informed by national policy perspective:
 - Connection of SA to global R&D research
 - Increase leveraging of international funding for SA R&D
- Strategy: Raising awareness, identifying opportunities, explaining modalities, and fostering partnerships with Europe
- Learn from successful SA project funded in FP4, FP5 and FP6



ESASTAP Promotional Activities

- **FP7 Information Sessions**

- In all nine Provinces targeting HDI's
- Information sessions in Europe
- Visit by the Director for Health Research 19 March
- South African International Aerospace Symposium 19-20 April 2007
- SA S&T Day in Brussels, 26-27 April (Celebration of Freedom Day), in partnership with SA Embassy in Brussels



ESASTAP Promotional Activities (2)

- **FP7 Information Sessions**
 - IST-Africa Conference, Mozambique 9-11 May 2007, side workshop and Exhibition in partnership with START and ST-EAP
 - Transport Seminar July 2007
 - Bio-economy Dialogue 18 September 2007
 - Visit by the Principal Scientific Officer from NMP EC DG Research 5 October 2007



The Role in Africa

- **ST-EAP**
- **IST Africa**
- **INCO-NET**
- **INT-ER-LINK**
- **African Water**



Thank you!

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