EU-Africa 8th Partnership
Science, Information Society, Space
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EU-Africa Summits

1\textsuperscript{st} EU-Africa Summit, Cairo, 3-4APR2000
Declaration of Cairo and Joint EU-Africa Cairo Plan of Action, addressing trade, debt, political issues, peace building and conflict prevention, and development

2\textsuperscript{nd} EU-Africa Summit, Lisbon, 8DEC2007
New Strategic Partnership and Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES), vision and roadmap for future cooperation, Action Plan I (2007-2010)

3\textsuperscript{rd} EU-Africa Summit, Tripoli, 29-30NOV2010
Established the new AU-EU High Level S&T Policy Dialogue
EU-Africa 8th Partnerships
Action Plans I and II

1. Peace and Security
2. Democratic Governance and Human Rights
3. Regional integration, Trade and infrastructure
4. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
5. Energy
6. Climate change and Environment
7. Migration, Mobility and Employment
8. Science, Information Society and Space
EU-Africa Partnership Overall Governance

➡ Guidance: Africa-EU Ministerial Troika (biannual)
with inputs from sector-specific Ministerial Troikas

➡ Monitoring: College-to-College (C2C) Commissioners
Meetings (annual)

➡ Monitoring: Joint AU-EU Task Force (JTF) (6-monthly)
AUC, EUC and EEAS, Parliaments, African and EU JEG co-chairs, chefs
de files, RECs, private sector and civil society representatives (for the
African side through AU-ECOSOCC)

➡ Implementation Follow Up of each of the 8 Partnerships:
Joint Experts Group (JEG)

➡ Implementation Coordination in EU: Jointly COM and EEAS
Role of EEAS in EU-Africa Partnership

- EEAS has an Africa Department and a specific unit of Pan-African Division

- Division of tasks between EEAS and COM is not very clear, but it is understood that the EEAS will act more directly on the more political partnerships (peace and security, democratic governance and human rights) and less on the more technical

- EEAS was commissioned by the Council Africa WP (COAFR) to prepare a proposal of improvements for the Action Plan II implementation (2011-2013) and beyond. The draft proposal (0.0) is to be submitted to the COAFR WP by the end of JUL2011 and to be discussed with African partners in the Autumn

- With the EEAS, the role of EU Delegations in African capitals has been strengthened. All EU Delegations in Africa, but specially EU Delegations to the AU and in RECs capitals, will play an important role in ensuring effective EU coordination and in promoting awareness and ownership of AU MSs
EU-Africa 8 Partnership Action Plan II
Science, Information Society, Space

**PRIORITY ACTION 1:**
S&T capacity building for the implementation of Africa’s S&T Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA)

**PRIORITY ACTION 2:**
Support the development of an inclusive Information Society in Africa

**PRIORITY ACTION 3:**
Enhance Cooperation on Space Applications and technology
EU-Africa 8th Partnership Governance

- Co-Chairs (MS): EU (Luis Magalhães, Portugal), AU (Rached Hamza, Tunisia)

- Joint Experts Group of 8th Partnership (JEG8)

- European Experts Group of 8th Partnership (EEG8)
  EU members of JEG8 (no African counterpart)
  - EEG8 Sub-group for Science (Chair: France)
  - EEG8 Sub-group for Information Society (Chair: Finland)
  - EEG8 Sub-group for Space (Chair: vacant, calling for expression of interests from MS)
AU-EU High Level S&T Policy Dialogue

➡ Ministerial Level
AU: AMCOST – African Ministerial Conference on S&T
EU: Competitiveness/Research Council

➡ Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)
Decided at 1st C2C (1JUN2011) that 1st SOM will be in Addis Ababa on 10-11OCT2011

➡ Task Force to prepare SOM
AU: AMCOST Bureau (Egypt, South Africa, Congo and the AUC as Secretariat)
EU: Troika of past, present and forthcoming EU Presidency (BE, HU, PL; but also involving DK), DG RTD, EEAS, EEG8 Chair
1st meeting held on 14JUN2011 (video-conference)
EU-Africa 8th Partnership Action Plan II

Priority Action 1: S&T capacity building for the implementation of Africa’s S&T Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA)

Expected outcomes

• Strengthened African S&T capacities and EU capacities for working with Africa to enhance coherence of cooperation
• Improved training, and hence increase the quality and number of African and EU scientists, technicians and engineers
• Improved exchange programmes
• Mainstreamed S&T into REC's sectoral programmes and projects, including those in EDF RIPs
• Improved pan-African infrastructure and facilities for R&D
• Actively pursued AU-EU high-level policy dialogue
• Enhanced S&T cooperation at all levels (bilateral, bi-regional, bi-continental, REC-level)
• Enhanced innovation capability of African and European SMEs
• Developed STI evidence-based AU EU policy making, including support to the Africa STI observatory.
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Activities
• **Awareness-raising** at all levels (policy makers/government, parliament, local stakeholders/communities, private sector, civil society) on the opportunities for S&T to contribute to national/regional/pan-African development and to respond to major challenges faced by both Africa and Europe

• **Consolidate and implement** national/regional/pan-African S&T policies consistent with regional or continental social and economic development agendas, including the support of the AU objective of designing a multi-annual African Research Framework, *inter alia* by implementing the African Research Grants Initiative, as well as providing the AUC with the requisite experience and management capacity

• **Enhance EU (Commission and Member States) cooperation**, in partnership with RECs (through a well-defined framework with the AU) on mainstreaming S&T for socio-economic sustainable development and support the strengthening of their capacities in this area
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Activities

• Complete formulation of S&T for the development of African SMEs and Business Incubators network Lighthouse project and seek its financing by further mobilizing stakeholders in Europe (EC, Member States, Private sector and Local authorities) and in Africa (national, regional and continental financial instruments, Private Sector, NGOs) and others

• Explore all possibilities for Africa to support the deployment of regional, and global high quality research infrastructures

• Set up an adequate mechanism to promote an African brain-gain programme

• Cooperate in capacity building in R&D and R&D policy in Africa and EU

• Stimulate and support collaborative research in the areas of the CPA. This will be done by exploiting opportunities of new programmes focused on developing bi-regional funding frameworks
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Activities

• The S&T related activities will be implemented in line with the CPA with a focus on the grand challenges faced by Africa and Europe. Priority will be given to joint strategic initiatives where a particular impact of S&T is expected, for example, Climate Change/Energy, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security and Global Health (emphasis on Maternal and Child Health and Infectious Diseases). Strategies will be developed to further adapt and open the existing 7th FP to African scientists

• Pursue the EUC–AUC Exchange programme, extend it to Member States and include RECs, following the development of an exchange strategy by the AUC-EC;

• Seek active coordination and cooperation with university related activities in order to improve the value of S&T within national policies including budget allocation to science and research

• Ensure coordination with the proposed new high-level AU-EU science and technology policy dialogue.