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OECD Global Science Forum workshop on "Research Cooperation between Developed and Developing Countries in the Area of Climate Change Adaptation and Biodiversity".

9-10 May 2013, Stellenbosch: This GSF workshop examined the many issues affecting this type of cooperation, taking the field of Climate Change Adaptation and Biodiversity as an example, such as how to design cooperation appropriately and how to create and measure impact.

Full report available soon: www.oecd.org/sti/sci-tech/oecdglobalscienceforum.htm

IST-Africa 2013 Conference & Exhibition

29-31 May 2013, Nairobi: IST-Africa is supported by the EC and the AUC and co-funded under the EU Framework programmes since 2005 to support Information Society and ICT aspects of the Africa-EU strategic partnership and promote Africa-Europe research cooperation in the Framework Programmes.

Full report: www.ist-africa.org/Conference2013/files/ISTAfrica2013_ConferenceReport.pdf

EC workshop – Waste as a resource: recycling and recovery of raw materials

24-25 June 2013, Addis Ababa: This event was the first of two workshops organised by the EC's DG Research & Innovation to explore a joint European- African R&I agenda on waste management. The objective is to identify key research and innovation issues for waste management leading to reduction in environmental impact and promotion of recycling and recovery of raw materials.

Further information: <http://jointeuauwasteworkshop.teamwork.fr/en/programme>

CAAST-Net Plus workshop on EU-Africa Cooperation on water resources and food security under climate change

25-26 June 2013, Addis Ababa: The workshop aimed to discuss the status of and priorities for EU-Africa cooperation on climate change in its effect on water resources and therefore food security. Organised in the framework of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy, it will inform the bi-regional policy dialogue.

For summary and presentations: www.caast-net-plus.org/object/news/364

CAAST-Net Plus workshop on Research Infrastructures for EU-Africa Cooperation

26-27 June 2013, Addis Ababa: The workshop built on the earlier joint PAERIP–CAAST-Net conference on Research Infrastructures for Africa-EU Cooperation (Accra, December 2013) in order to advance the discussions and feed into the on-going bi-regional policy dialogue between Europe and Africa.

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Joint Expert Group (JEG) meeting on STI for Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES)

27-28 June 2013, Addis Ababa: The JEG meeting for JAES priority 8 – Science, Information Society & Space – was organised by the EC and the AUC and the co-chairs for Europe and Africa. Discussions centred on the future of the STI component within the broader JAES, which is currently under review.

Further information: www.africa-eu-partnership.org/areas-cooperation/science-info-society-space

Final workshop: African Leadership in ICT (ALICT) and Knowledge Society Development

5 July 2013, Addis Ababa: Over 200 mid-to-senior level government and public sector officials from 8 African countries graduated from a special course implemented by GESCI titled African Leadership in ICT and Knowledge Society Development, adding to hundreds of previous graduates of this course.

Further information: www.gesci.org/africas-future-leaders-graduate-from-ground-breaking-leadership-course-for-knowledge-society-development-in-africa1.html - contact: niamh.brannigan@gesci.org

6th Africa Agriculture Science Week – Africa Feeding Africa through Science and Innovation

15-20 July 2013, Accra: Convened by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), this broad gathering of all stakeholders involved in Africa's agricultural development takes place every 3 years. The main aim is to determine the African regional agenda in this domain for the next three years.

The theme was Africa Feeding Africa through Agricultural Science and Innovation with sub-themes on: Education and human resource development, Innovations to improve productivity and resilience, Moving beyond competition to collaboration, and Innovative financing and investment in agriculture.

Further information: www.fara-africa.org/scienceweek

CESSAF – new PhD centre in Angola

Luanda: Angola has established a Centre of Excellence in Science for Sustainability in Africa (CESSAF) which aims to provide higher-education designed to promote teaching and research in applied science for sustainability in Angola and throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Developed with partners at Newcastle University, Agostinho Neto University, UNESCO and the Angolan Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, it aims to train 100 African students to PhD level over the next 10 years.

For information: www.planeteearthinstituteworldwide.org/projects/higher-education/centres-of-excellence

Showcasing EU-Africa collaboration in Research

Europe and Africa collaborate through hundreds of research projects funded through the EU's Framework programme, as well as national research funding programmes. Each issue of EARL News showcases some of these projects. In this edition the focus is on **climate change and agriculture**.

ANIMALCHANGE - Integrating mitigation and adaptation options for sustainable livestock production under climate change

This FP7 project aims to provide scientific guidance to design sustainable development pathways for livestock production in Europe, Northern and Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

The project runs from March 2011 to February 2015 with an EU contribution of €9 million, led by INRA (France) with 17 other European partners, 2 Brazilians, 1 New Zealand & 4 African partners: University of Pretoria (South Africa), Institut Nationale de la Recherche Agronomique (Tunisia), Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles and the African Livestock Research Institute (KE). [www.animalchange.eu]

Upcoming events:

- 7-10 October, 2013 – Cape Town: **SARIMA conference** (www.sarimaconference.co.za)
- 9-11 October 2013, Verona (Italy): **Biopreservation and Biobanking annual event** (www.esbb.org).
- 15-16 October, Johannesburg: **GMEs and Africa validation workshop**
- 21-24 October 2013, Dakar, Senegal: **EDCTP 7th Forum** (www.edctpforum.org)
- 10-12 November 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: **Annual Meeting of African Science Academies** and conference '**Biotechnology for Africa's Development**' (www.nasaonline.org)
- 2-3 December, 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: **"2013 Africa-EU Cooperation Forum on ICT"** (<http://euroafrica-ict.org/events/cooperation-forums/2013-africa-eu-cooperation-forum-on-ict/>)

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