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AOSTI surveys scientific productivity in African Union

9 September 2013 – Malabo: The African Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation (AOSTI) has analysed the scientific output of African Union member states between 2005 and 2010. It found that scientific output was relatively small, but growing rapidly, at a rate similar to that of India, China & Brazil. Notably the study highlights how infrequently African countries collaborate – only 4.3% of the papers in 2008-2010 included inter-African country collaboration, while the proportion of collaboration between at least one African and one non-African country was 40%.

Further information: <http://aosti.org/> – Contact: info@aosti.org

SARIMA conference

7-10 October 2013 – Cape Town: The annual conference of Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) is a large annual event that gathered over 400 delegates from the Southern African region. The first day was dedicated to various workshops, including one to present Horizon 2020 organised by the ESASTAP Plus project – an EU-funded initiative intended to strengthening research and innovation cooperation between Europe and South Africa.

Further information: www.sarimaconference.co.za & www.esastap.org.za
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HORIZON 2020 - First launch events in Africa

7 October 2013: As the EU's prepares to launch its new €79 billion programme for research and innovation for 2014-2020, many events are planned to raise awareness in Europe and elsewhere.

The Horizon 2020 workshop in Cape Town was the first event in Africa. Other workshops are foreseen in several African countries, including Ghana and Burkina Faso in November and Ethiopia in December. Dates will be announced in EARI News in the "Upcoming Events" section.

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2nd High level meeting for EDCTP2

21 October 2013 – Dakar: This second high level meeting brought together African ministers and senior officials to discuss "African commitment and engagement in the second phase of EDCTP", which is the proposed follow up to the European and Developing countries Clinical Trials Partnership. The meeting went well with many countries affirming their support and some prepared to contribute.

The meeting was supposed to precede the 7th EDCTP Forum, which was to bring together over 400 African and European researchers involved in EDCTP-funded projects. However, this event was cancelled at the last minute as the conference venue was requisitioned by the Senegalese presidency.

Further information: www.edctp.org

GMEs and Africa validation workshop

24-25 October 2013 – Johannesburg: The GMEs and Africa validation workshop finally took place following a late postponement. The workshop, organised by the BRAGMA project in co-operation with South Africa's Department of Science and Technology (DST), started with an overview of the GMEs & Africa Plan taking into account the output of 3 previous workshops on marine and coastal areas, water resources management and long term management of natural resources. It also covered infrastructures, governance and the GMEs & Africa Action Plan roadmap. Finally, the workshop participants issued a call for the Implementation of GMEs and Africa addressed to all stakeholders and proposing this issue for discussion at the EU-Africa Summit in 2014 (see web site for details).

Further information: www.bragma.eu – Contact: Dr. Ana Morgado, BRAGMA (anamorgado@iict.pt)
<http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/africa-eu-part.gmes/minisite/4-gmes-africa-consolidation-validation-workshop>

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 EARI News showcases some of these projects. In this edition the focus is on **climate change research**.

CLUVA - CLimate change and Urban Vulnerability in Africa

This FP7 project aimed to develop methods and knowledge to be applied to African cities to manage climate risks, to reduce vulnerabilities and to improve coping capacity and resilience to climate change, focussing on selected cities (Addis Ababa, Dar es Salam, Douala, Ouagadougou and Saint Louis).

The project ran from December 2010 to November 2013 with an EU contribution of €3.5 million. It was led by AMRA (Italy) with 6 other European partners and 6 African partners in Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Senegal, South Africa and Tanzania. [for more information: www.cluva.eu]

CLIMAFRICA - Climate change predictions in Sub-Saharan Africa: impacts and adaptations

This FP7 project aims to develop tools to better understand and predict climate change, assess its impact on African ecosystems and populations and develop appropriate adaptation strategies.

The project runs from January 2010 to September 2014 with an EU contribution of €3.5 million. It is led by the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change (Italy) with 9 other European partners and 8 African partners in Burkina Faso, Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Sudan and Togo. [for more information: www.climafrika.net]

Upcoming Events:

- 4 November 2013 – Accra (Ghana): **Horizon 2020 information session** org. by CAAST-Net Plus
- 6 November 2013 – Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso): **Horizon 2020 information session**
- 6 November 2013 – Addis Ababa (Ethiopia): **SPIRITS* launch event** (* software tool developed by the EC's Joint Research Centres to analyse satellite data to monitor agricultural and food security).
- 6-8 November 2013 – Addis Ababa: **CLUVA final conference** on Climate risks impact and urban planning in Africa. CLUVA is an FP7 project (www.cluva.eu).
- 10-12 November 2013 – Addis Ababa (Ethiopia): **Annual Meeting of African Science Academies** and workshop on 'Biotechnology for Africa's Development' (www.nasaonline.org)
- 25 November 2013 – Yaoundé (Cameroon): **1st AFRICA BUILD conference**
AFRICA BUILD is an FP7 project. (<http://africabuild.eu/conference/yaounde>)
- 28-29 November – Brussels: **2nd meeting of the High Level Policy Dialogue on S&T**
- 2-6 December 2013 – Addis Ababa: **2013 African ICT week** as part of the OAU/AU 50th anniversary.
- 2-3 December 2013 – Addis Ababa: **"2013 Africa-EU Cooperation Forum on ICT"** (an FP7 project) (<http://euroafrica-ict.org/events/cooperation-forums/2013-africa-eu-cooperation-forum-on-ict/>).
- 5 December 2013 – Addis Ababa: **IST-Africa Horizon 2020 workshop**. IST-Africa is an FP7 project.
- 6 December 2013 – Addis Ababa: **IST-Africa Living Labs Training Workshop**
- 9-13 December 2013 – Addis Ababa: **African Union S&T week** (part of OAU/AU 50th anniversary).
- Early May 2014 – Mauritius: **IST-Africa 2014 Conference** - Call for Papers - Deadline 16 December. http://www.ist-africa.org/Conference2014/files/ISTAfrica2014_CallForPapers.pdf

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