



2nd INCO Conference Open day, Tuesday 27 September 2011

**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PARTNERSHIPS TO MEET
GLOBAL CHALLENGES**

Emperor's Palace, Johannesburg, South Africa

Draft programme - NOTE: ALL SPEAKERS TO BE CONFIRMED

Conference Chair: Mmboneni Muofhe, Chief Director: International Resources, South African Department of Science and Technology

High-level opening session

08:30 Welcoming remarks by INCONTACT One World Coordinator, Epaminondas Christofilopoulos
Keynote address by South Africa's Minister of Science and Technology, Ms Naledi Pandor
Welcoming remarks by the EU Ambassador to South Africa, Ambassador Roeland van de Geer

Session one: Policy context for international S&T cooperation and global challenges

09:00 Ms Vera Brenda Ngosi, Director: Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
Ms Elizabeth Lipiatou, Head of Unit: Directorate-General Research and Innovation, European Commission
Prof Lidia Brito, Director: Science Policy and Sustainable Development, UNESCO
Prof John Wood, Secretary-General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities and Chair of the European Research Advisory Board

10:30 Break

Session two: Taking stock and learning from past and current S&T partnership initiatives

11:00 Dr Mongi Hamdi, United Nations Commission for Science and Technology

Dr Tracey Elliott, Royal Society, presenting the report “Knowledge, Network and Nations”

Ms Jana-Marie Mehrtens, OECD, presenting project on *governance of international science, technology and innovation cooperation to address global challenges*

Prof Aggrey Ambali, New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordination Agency, presenting NEPAD S&T initiatives

12:30 Lunch

Session three: Success stories and challenges in Africa-EU S&T partnerships to address global challenges

Chaired by Dr Yves Savidan, Coordinator of FP7 ERA-Net for Africa, ERAfrica

13:30 Dr Andy Cherry, Coordinator of FP7 INCO-Net for Sub-Saharan Africa, CAAST-Net, presenting portfolio of FP7 African Call projects

Prof Charles Mgone, Executive Director of the European Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) (on health research)

Dr Bob Scholes, South African Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (on biodiversity research cooperation and the Global Earth Observation System of Systems – GEOSS)

Dr Judith Frances, ACP-EU Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (on food security research)

Ms Cathrin Stover, DANTE and Africa Connect project funded under Joint Africa-EU Strategy (on ICT and enabling e-Infrastructure cooperation)

15:00 Break

Session four: High-level panel discussion on international cooperation in the Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation

15:30 No presentations – introductory comments by panelists in response to questions by moderator (Prof Thomas Auf der Heyde, Deputy Director-General, South African Department of Science and Technology)

Panelists:

Dr Helga Nowotny, Chair of the Scientific Council of the European Research Council (perspective excellence and brain circulation)

Dr Monica Dietl, COST Office Director (coordination of national programmes perspectives)

Ms Britta Thomsen, Member of the European Parliament (parliament's perspective)

Dr Pascoal Mocumbi, former Prime Minister of Mozambique (science for development perspective)

Prof Hamid El-Zoheiry, Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (innovation in international cooperation perspective)

Dr Stefan Michalowski, Director of OECD Global Science Forum (global research infrastructures perspective)

Dr Joachim Schaper, Vice-President SAP Research (industry perspective)

Ms Aida Opoku Mensah, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) (multilateral perspective)

17:00 Conference closure: Presentation of main conclusions by conference chair, Mmboneni Muofhe