

Awareness Workshop on ST-EAP and EU-FP7



As a side event to WAITRO's 58th Executive Committee Meeting in Uganda, the Networking and Capability Building workshop was held on the March 14 - 15, 2007 in Kampala, Uganda. The event comprised two main sessions on sharing of learning on SME experiences and creating an awareness of EU framework opportunities. The workshop was attended by 60 delegates, many of whom came from the East African community. The African RFP

committed a budget of USD 20 000 towards the cost of this event, which included the sponsorships for seven participants from East Africa.

The CSIR in South Africa, together with its partner, AAS (African Academy of Sciences in Kenya), will be co-coordinating and implementing a European Union Framework 6 (FP6) project called ST-EAP (Science and Technology-Europe Africa Project) once

the final contract has been signed. ST-EAP is aimed at assisting sub-Saharan African researchers and scientists to become involved in EU FPs addressing science and technology. As a first step towards this ambitious target, the project aims to create awareness and increase the involvement of universities, research institutions and, where possible, the private sector, in activities open to them in FP7. Similarly, EU scientists will be made aware of the capacity in sub-Saharan Africa.

The RFP made presentations to the audience on ST-EAP, FP7, and South Africa's and African experiences in EU framework programmes. The audience was very supportive in response to the facilitation work being done by the RFP through these instruments.



Mr. Takalani Nemaungani delivering his presentation on ST-EAP