



Announcement

WAITRO / ST-EAP EU FP Workshop hosted by CSIR

18-19 November 2009

CSIR, International Convention Centre, Pretoria, South Africa

The World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organisations (WAITRO) Africa Regional Focal Point (RFP), and the Science and Technology - Europe Africa Project (ST-EAP), hosted by the CSIR, cordially invites you to attend the European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) Workshop at the CSIR, International Convention Centre, on 18-19 November 2009.

The success of previous workshops held in Kenya in March 2009, and Ghana in October 2009, led to the thinking of holding a similar, continent-focused, FP7 workshop in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DST). The workshop in Pretoria will touch on the challenges that hinder African countries from participating in FP Programmes, with the aim of encouraging African participation, creating awareness, and sharing learning and good practices.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Raise awareness among African researchers to participate in FP7, as well as looking into its challenges.
- Provide a basis for networking between African researchers to promote cooperation and coordination between African countries to encourage participation in FP7.
- Increase awareness of the role of the science and technology programmes.

Key invited speakers include Dr Sibusiso Sibisi, President and CEO: CSIR, Dr Dieter Fuchs, President: WAITRO, Dr Rohani Hashim, Secretary General: WAITRO, Dr Eckart Bierdumpe: Fraunhofer Institute, Dr Thomas Egwang, Executive Director: African Academy of Sciences, Mr McLean Sibanda: Acting Executive Director: Technology Innovation Agency (TIA).

Session topics include:

- EU Africa Science and Technology Partnerships
- Tips and Guidelines to Prepare an EU FP Proposal
- African FP7 Proposal Examples, Best Practices and Outcomes
- Networking and Discussions on Thematic Areas

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