

SRC – Role in Optimizing ACP/EU Opportunities

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OVERVIEW

- Brief on the Scientific Research Council
- National, Regional & International Role
- Key Interest Areas
- Introduction to FP7
- Local Initiatives regarding FP7
- Opportunities & Challenges
- Lessons Learnt and Next Steps

The Scientific Research Council

- Established by Act of Parliament : SRC ACT 1960
- Agency of the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce (MIIC)
- Governed by a Board of Directors
- Subsidiary - Marketech

SRC - Agency of GoJ Fulfills Its Mandate by:

Supporting the Growth and Development of the Agro-industrial Sector in Jamaica Through:

- Research
- Adaptation of Available Technologies
- Provision of Training, Tech. Transfer and Technical Assistance
- Popularization of Science and Technology

KEY PLAYER

- Regional Focal Point for Caribbean Energy Information Systems (CEIS)
- National Focal Point for International Council on Science (ICSU)
- National Focal Point for International Geosphere Biosphere Programme (IGBP)
- Member of World Association of Industrial & Technological Research Organization (WAITRO)

KEY PLAYER

- Focal Point (Co) for Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST)
- Member of Advisory Committee of the Technical Centre for Agric. & Rural Co-op. (CTA)
- Member of the National Commission on Science and Technology (NCST)

SOME FOCUS AREAS

- Food Safety
- Value Addition to Agricultural commodities
- Nutraceuticals, Functional Foods
- Process Control
- Wastewater Optimization
- Renewable Energy
- Molecular Characterization of agricultural commodities

Cross-Cutting Interest Areas

- Commercialization of Technology
- Best Practices for RTOs
- Technology Incubator Models
- Popularization of Science & Technology
- Innovation Systems
- International Standards - SPS
- Intellectual Property Rights

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME 7

- Food, Agriculture, Fisheries and Biotechnology
- Energy
- Environment (including Climate Change)
- Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
- Information and Communication Technologies

FRAMEWORK 7 PROGRAMME

- Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies
- Transport (including aeronautics)
- Space
- Security
- Socio-economic sciences and the humanities

Jamaica's Introduction

- ACP/EU 2002 R & D for Sustainable Development – Cape Town Meeting
- Launch of FP7 Programme
- Information Point
- Network (ACP)
- Proactive Mission (Brussels)
- European Partnership Agreement (EPA)

Local Initiatives

- Press Release
- Correspondence to EU Delegation & GoJ
- Link SRC website to CORDIS
- Contact selected members in database
- Recommend thematic NCPs
- Meet with local NCPs (designates)

NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

- National Co-ordinator : Audia Barnett (SRC)
- Alternate Co-ordinator : Georgia Bernard (Brussels)
- *NCP – Agriculture, Food, Biotech, Fisheries*
 - *Health*
 - *Information & Communication Technologies*

National Contact Points (*Des.*)

- Health : Linnette Peters (Min. Health)
- ICT : Marcia Forbes (Min. Telecom.)
- Energy : Ruth Potopsingh (PCJ)
- SME : Edward Chin-Mook (SBAJ)
- Environment : Leary Myers (NEPA)
- Food, Agric. : Audia Barnett (SRC)
Fisheries & Biotech

OPPORTUNITIES

- International Co-operation
- Marie-Curie (*Limited*)
- Cooperation – Collaborative Research (*Networks of Excellence etc.*)
- International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC)
- Thematic Areas

CHALLENGES

- Learning Curve (Steep)
- Programme not “felt” at policy level, local EC Mission
- Time consuming in nature
- Inadequate “mentoring”
- Inability to attend meetings at short notice

Lessons Learnt ...to date

- Programme for EU & Associated Countries
- Numerous meetings during the year
- Call Specific
- Complex Application System
- European Counterpart crucial
- Dedicated personnel - advantageous

NEXT STEPS

- Navigate/familiarize with CORDIS
- NCP Network Training, “Work Network”
- Join EU projects
- Attend selected Info Sharing Sessions (Prague?)
- Build contacts (ACP & EU)
- Draft Concept Papers for “floating”

THANK YOU!

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