



CAAST-Net and the 8th partnership.

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What *is* CAAST-Net?

- Bi-regional project promoting cooperation in S&T between Europe and sub-Saharan Africa.
 - Policy and RTD
- An INCO-NET
 - FP7, Capacities Programme.
- 18 consortium partners:
 - 10 in Africa,
 - 8 in Europe.

CAAST-Net: Partners

Source: Research Research (Africa) (Pty.) Ltd.

- Africa

- Cameroun
- Cape Verde
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Research Africa (Pty) Ltd
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Senegal
- Uganda

- Europe

- Finland
- Norway
- Portugal
- IRD France
- CIRAD France
- Germany
- Sweden
- UK



CAAST-Net Goal

To promote improved cooperation in science and technology between Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.

CAAST-Net Objectives

- To support existing Africa-Europe S&T policy dialogue & cooperation processes.
 - No official, permanent high level EU-SSA S&T policy dialogue platform, though many S&T dialogue processes exist.
 - Dynamic landscape – JSAP & JEG.
 - CAAST-Net principal interlocutor is AMCOST via AU-HRST, and linking to NEPAD.
 - 2009. 1st EU-Africa senior officials S&T policy dialogue in association with AU Commission.

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CAAST-Net Objectives...

- Identify and prioritize research topics of mutual interest.
- Promote greater synergy between RTD cooperation and development cooperation & capacity building.
- Improving the quality and quantity of coordinated practical support to Africa's participation in FP7.
- Monitor the performance and impact of Europe-Africa S&T cooperation under FP6 and FP7.

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Opportunities

- Building & maintaining AUC / NEPAD support...
- Contributing to / building on the established & emerging African agendas, the CPA, ARAPKE, CAADP...
- Build on the existing momentum of the joint strategy, the 8th partnership and the lighthouse projects.

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Joint Strategy

- Objectives of the JS set the framework for specific strategies to be put in place in key areas:
 - Peace and Security – 1st partnership
 - Governance and Human rights – 2nd partnership
 - Trade and Regional Integration – 3rd partnership
 - Key development issues – 4th to 8th partnerships



CAAST-Net & the Joint Africa-EU strategy

- Africa-EU Partnership 4 on the MDGs
 - Food security, health,
- Africa-EU Partnership 5 on Energy
 - Renewable energy,
- Africa-EU Partnership 8 on Science, Information Society and Space
 - Enhance cooperation with the RECs,
 - S&T for the MDGs,
 - Develop and harmonize S&T policies in Africa,
 - Participation of Africa Research Community in EU RTD programmes.
 - Promote EU-Africa twinning...





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Lighthouse projects

Information Society:

- African Internet Exchange System
- AfricaConnect
- African Virtual Campus
- African ICT Leadership Program
- Harnessing Information and Knowledge for Youth Development

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Lighthouse projects

Science:

- African Research Framework Programme,
- Popularization of Science and Technology,
- Capacity Building in Science and technology at African Level, and
- Capacity Building at Thematic Level .

Space:

- GMES Africa: African Global Monitoring for Environment and Security,
- Implementation of the African Reference Frame (AFREF).