



## Project Board Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

## Project Kick-Off Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

**Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe, UGANDA**

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### **PROGRAMME and AGENDA**

*(updated 15 February 2008)*

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February

#### **CAAST-Net Kick-off organising group meeting.**

10:00–13:00 Organising group meet for kick-off planning session.

Evening Dinner at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel restaurant.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Project Board meeting (WP Leaders). Princess Hall.**

09:00-17:00 A round-table discussion of work packages, their strategies, associated deliverables, activities and milestones. Each WP discussion to be led by the respective leader(s). *Chair to be elected by the Board. Rapporteur: S. Calamassi (ACU, UK)*

10:30-11:00 Refreshment break.

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

15:30-16:00 Refreshment break

Additional CAAST-Net consortium members and invited guests arrive in Entebbe.

18:30 Pre-dinner cocktails sponsored by CAAST-Net at Resort Beach Pool Side.

19:00 Dinner at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel at Resort Beach Pool Side.

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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**CAAST-Net Kick-Off meeting, day 1. Princess Hall.**

09:00-09:30 Registration.

**Session 1: Welcome, introductions, and context. Conference hall.**

**Chair: Ministry of Science and Technology, Kenya.** (*Rapporteur: Joseph Odiambo, MOST, Kenya*)

09:30-10:00 Words of welcome from MOST-KE, UNCST, European Commission and the ACU.

10:00-10:45 Participant introductions – “Tour de table”

10:45-11:15 Refreshment break.

11:15-11:45 **The European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme:** *Fadila Boughanemi (European Commission, Brussels).*

11:45-12:15 **NEPAD’s Consolidated Plan of Action.** *Professor Luke Mumba (CSIR Bioscience, Pretoria, representing NEPAD’s Office of Science and Technology).*

12:15-12:45 **CAAST-Net.** *Eric Mwangi (MOST, Kenya), and Andy Cherry (ACU, UK)*

12:45-13:00 General discussion in plenary.

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 **Session 2a: Individual work package presentations (30 minutes per WP to include 10-15 mins discussion). Conference hall.**

**Chair: Dr Peter Ndemere, UNCST** (*Rapporteur: UNCST- to be confirmed*)

**Work Package 1:** An Observatory for Europe-Africa S&T cooperation activities: Gathering the Evidence. *Daan du Toit (DST, South Africa), Andy Cherry (ACU, UK)*

**Work Package 2:** Synergy between development cooperation instruments and S&T partnerships – Supporting S&T capacity building and fighting poverty: *Ismail Barugahara (UNCST, Uganda), Arne Tostensen (RCN, Norway).*

**Work Package 3:** Europe-Africa S&T policy dialogue platform – Fostering an optimal policy environment for S&T cooperation. *Nadia Meyer (PT-DLR, Germany), Eric Mwangi (MOST, Kenya).*

15:30-16:00 Refreshment break

16:00-17:30 **Session 2b: Workshop presentations (30 minutes per WP to include 10-15 mins discussion). Conference hall.**

**Chair: Dr Peter Ndemere, UNCST** (*Rapporteur UNCST - to be confirmed*)

**Work Package 4:** Europe-Africa S&T cooperation platforms – Building partnerships. *Ariel Crozon/Jean Albergel*



*Rwanda*

**Work Package 5:** Supporting and strengthening African participation in FP7 – Improving information and advisory services. *José Bonfim (FCT, Portugal), Arminda Brito (DGESC, Cape Verde).*

**Work Package 6:** Knowledge Management and Outreach. *Diana Coates (ResearchAfrica, South Africa)*

- 17:30-18:00 General discussion of Work Packages.
- 19:00 Cocktails sponsored by the Kenyan Ministry of Science and Technology, on the Resort Beach.
- 19:30 CAAST-Net group dinner on the Resort Beach.
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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**CAAST-Net Kick-Off meeting, day 2. Princess Hall.**

09:00–10:30 **Session 3: CAAST-Net external relations. Conference hall.**

**Chair: Dr Arame Faye Boye, Senegal** (*Rapporteur to be confirmed*)

**The Joint EU-Africa strategy and associated S&T partnership.** *Dr Fadila Boughanemi (European Commission, Directorate General for Research).*

**Existing S&T dialogue between Europe and Africa: CAAST-Net added value.** *Daan du Toit, (Department of Science and Technology, South Africa)*

10:30-11:00 Refreshment break

11:00-13:00 Cooperation between CAAST-Net and NEPAD, AU and AMCOST. A group discussion. *To be led by NEPAD and AU Commission.*  
Building a CAAST-Net stakeholder community.

13:00-14:00 Lunch break.

14:00-17:00 **Session 4: Conference hall. Governance, administrative & financial issues.**

**Chair: Mmboneni Muofhe, DST, South Africa.** (*Rapporteur: Siphokazi, DST*)

**Work Package 7:** Project Management: *Andy Cherry and Sara Calamassi (ACU, UK).*

**CAAST-Net Advisory Panel** – role and composition. *Daan du Toit and Mmboneni Muofhe (DST, South Africa), Andy Cherry (ACU, UK).*

**Consortium Agreement; roles, responsibilities, reporting, budget and finance.** *Sara Calamassi (ACU, UK).*

Dates and venue for first Annual Meeting to be decided

Any Other Business.

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- 17:00 Meeting conclusions and close
- 18:30 Pre-dinner cocktails on the Resort Beach sponsored by South Africa's Department of Science and Technology.
- 19:00 CAAST-Net group dinner on the Resort Beach. Entertainment provided by the Ndere Dance Troupe sponsored by the UK Government Office of Science.
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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**WP meetings: Princess Hall (1 other room available if required)**

Day set aside for individual focussed WP meetings as determined by WP leaders.

Departures

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