



3rd CAAST-Net Project Assembly, 16th – 18th May 2010

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Stakeholder meeting, 17th May, &
Advisory Panel meeting, 18th May
Programme & Agenda:

Venue:
Grand Ball Room, Hilton Hotel, Durban, South Africa.



Monday 17th May 2010

CAAST-Net Stakeholder Meeting

(CAAST-Net partners, stakeholders, invited guests and Advisory Panel members,)

08:30-09:00 Arrival and registration

09:00-09:30 Opening

Chair: *Professor Crispus Kiamba, Permanent Secretary, MoHEST.*

Rapporteur: *Sara Calamassi (ACU, UK)*

- Welcome from Mr Mmboneni Muofhe, Chief Director, International Resources, South African Department of Science and Technology.
- Coordinators' review of CAAST-Net past and future: *Eric Mwangi and Andy Cherry.*

09:30 – 11:00 **Session 1: Africa – EU policy frameworks for cooperation:**

Chair: *Professor Crispus Kiamba, Permanent Secretary, MoHEST*

Rapporteur: *Sara Calamassi (ACU, UK)*

All speakers and titles remain tentative at this stage.

- **African Union Commission.**
- **AMCOST Chair:** *Prof. Dr. A. Hamid El-Zoheiry, Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. 'Progress in the implementation of CPA: AMCOST role in advancing international cooperation between Africa and other regions: Where does EU-Africa cooperation stand, and how can the existing opportunities be exploited?'*
- **European Commission:** *Dr Gerasimos Apostolatos, EC Directorate General For Research, International Cooperation. 'Drivers for EU-Africa cooperation: - Mutual interest, or strengthening the ERA?'*
- **European Commission:** *Dr Fadila Bouganhemi, EC Directorate General For Research, International Cooperation. 'EU-Africa S&T cooperation: present status and perspectives for the future'.*

General discussion

(15- 20 minutes per presentation with 30 minutes for general discussion).

11:00 – 11:20 *Morning Break*

11:20 – 13:00 **Session 2: Implementation of priorities:**

Chair: *Daan du Toit (DST, South Africa)*

Rapporteur: *Thabisa Mbungwana (DST, South Africa)*

- **NEPAD-Office of Science and Technology:** *Professor Luke Mumba, 'The vision of the new NEPAD agency in promoting international cooperation and development in STI to address Africa's social - economic challenges. NEPAD approaches for engaging the RECs in S&T cooperation'.*
 - **SADC secretariat S&T desk:** *Mr Funda Mpanza. 'SADC STI priorities and the role of international cooperation; opportunities and challenges'.*
 - **JEG-8.** Speaker / title to be confirmed.
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General discussion.

(15- 20 minutes per presentation with 30 minutes for general discussion)..

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:30 **Stakeholder meeting session 3: CAAST-Net thematic presentations:**

Chair: *Dr Marie-Christine Gasingirwa (MINEDUC, Rwanda)*

Rapporteur: *José Bonfim (FCT, Portugal)*

- *Engagement with Africa's Regional Economic Communities – research prioritisation, practical support, research dialogues, opportunities and challenges. Eric Mwangi (MoHEST, Kenya. CAAST-Net Africa Region Coordinator).*
- *EU-Africa cooperation - Policy recommendations: Birgit Wirsing (PT-DLR, Germany) and Eric Mwangi (MoHEST, Kenya. CAAST-Net Africa Region Coordinator).*

15:30 – 16:00 *Afternoon Break*

16:30 – 17:30 **Stakeholder meeting session 3 continued: CAAST-Net thematic presentations (past and future):**

- *Networking European-African initiatives. Gordon Akon-Yamga (CSIR-STEPRI, Ghana) and Melissa Plath (JyU, Finland).*
- *Africa-Europe cooperation foresight analysis – a concept paper. Daan du Toit (DST, South Africa)*

(Maximum of 25 minutes per presentation, inclusive of discussion time)

17:30 – 18:00 **Panel discussion led by chair persons from sessions 1, 2 and 3.**

18:00 **Close of CAAST-Net Stakeholder Meeting**

Evening Dinner and cocktail at Moyo restaurant kindly sponsored by DST and RRA for CAAST-Net partners, our invited guests and stakeholders.
18:45 – Gather in Hilton hotel foyer for shuttle bus to nearby Moyo restaurant.
19:00 – Cocktails
19:30 - Dinner

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08:00 - 08:45 Website support workshop – optional. *Gerard Ralphs (RRA, South Africa).*

CAAST-Net Advisory Panel Meeting

(CAAST-Net partners, invited guests, and Advisory Panel members only)

Session 1: Advisory Panel (*Dr Bothale Tema, Mr Tomas Kjellqvist, Professor Sospeter Muhongo, Dr Yves Savidan*).

Chair: *Mr Dhesigen Naidoo, Director of Research and Innovation, University of Pretoria. Invited external moderator.*

Rapporteur: *Gerard Ralphs (RRA, South Africa).*

- 09:00 – 11:00**
- Welcome from Mr Mmboneni Muofhe, Chief Director, International Resources, South African Department of Science and Technology.
 - Question and answer session. Advisory Panel members are invited to seek clarifications from partners on issues arising from presentations of 17th May and from CAAST-Net documents.

11:00 – 11:30 *Morning Break (adjacent to meeting room)*

Session 1: Advisory Panel continued:

- 11:30 – 13:00**
- Advisory Panel chairperson's report to partner presentations and the project as a whole
 - Open discussion between CAAST-Net partners and Advisory Panel members on the report, with emphasis on the way forward.
 - Wrap up and close.

Close of CAAST-Net Advisory Panel Meeting

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Close of CAAST-Net Assembly 2010

Subsequent events in the week of 17-21 May

Tuesday 18th May 2010

14:00 JEG-8 meeting; public session. Durban international convention centre.

18:00 JEG-8 Reception, hosted by DST. Durban international convention centre.

Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st May 2010

IST-Africa conference (www.ist-africa.org).

Durban international convention centre. Free registration for CAAST-Net partners attending the CAAST-Net Assembly. Contact the organisers for details.