

Ministry of Higher Education,
Science and Technology - Kenya



Cooperation in Science and Technology between Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa: "Status and way forward "

Mombasa, Kenya, 10th -11th November, 2009

Conference Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

The Kenyan Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MoHEST) in collaboration with the International Bureau of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (IB of BMBF) **announce a Stakeholders Conference on Africa-Europe science and technology cooperation, taking place in Mombasa, Kenya, on 10th and 11th November 2009.**

During the conference and with reference to the Joint EU-Africa Strategy and its 8th Partnership in Science, Information Society and Space, common European-African interest in an enhanced science and technology cooperation as well as the respective (policy) framework will be addressed in different sessions in order to elaborate on good practice and on chances for synergies and coherencies in science and technology policies and frameworks. It will provide common ground for joint policy recommendations and thus support the strategic S&T policy dialogue between Africa and Europe on all levels.

The main objectives of the Conference are:

- To support **the dialogue between European and African S&T stakeholders from different spheres** (mainly policy and science community)
- To explore the **opportunities and limitations of present S&T cooperation mechanisms** (e.g. within the framework of FP7, bilateral scientific as well as development cooperation)
- To pave the way towards an **enabling policy framework for S&T cooperation.**



Your institution has been identified as a key stakeholder for this event.

We would like to draw your attention to the upcoming Conference so as to enable you to prepare and plan for your participation. A formal invitation as well as details regarding the conference programme and registration will be circulated to you shortly.

The conference will be an activity of the CAAST-Net Project. CAAST-Net is a Network for the Coordination and Advancement of Sub-Sahara Africa – EU Science & Technology cooperation (www.caast-net.org), which is funded by the European Commission within the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development (FP7). It comprises 18 partners (10 from Sub-Saharan Africa and 8 from Europe). Enhancing the policy dialogue among African and European stakeholders is one strategic activity of CAAST-Net. The above announced conference is the first one among the others to follow from the secretariat.

For further information, please contact the organising secretariat through the following Email address; - sc2009@caast-net.org

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Crispus Kiamba', written over a horizontal line.

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