



**FARA & EFARD Consultation on Agricultural Research Programming for FP7-FAB and FSTP**  
**Organised by European Commission in collaboration with CTA**  
**DGDEV Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium**  
**14 – 16 April 2008**

## **Background**

The Joint Africa-EU Strategy, adopted in Lisbon in December 2007, provides a long-term vision for a strategic partnership between Africa and the European Union. The European Commission (EC) is supporting Agricultural Research for Development (ARD) as part of its EU Development and Research policies. The 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research and Technology – Food Agriculture and Biotechnologies (FP7-FAB) and the Food Security Thematic Programme (FSTP) are the two main instruments contributing to the support of ARD at the global, continental and sub-regional level. As such, the EC is facilitating a consultation between European and African ARD experts, organized by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and the European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development (EFARD), making use of their existing Platform for African – European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD). The workshop will be supported and facilitated by the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA).

## **Objectives:**

The general objective of the consultation is to establish priority areas of cooperation to increase the impact of agricultural research and knowledge systems on rural productivity, poverty reduction, food security and sustainable management of natural resources. More specifically, it is to identify targeted research topics and activities, taking into account the 10 broad priority areas to be funded in 2009 and beyond by FP7-FAB and the FSTP global non-CGIAR components in order to assure coherence, complementarity and synergy among the two programmes.

## **Participants**

40 African and European experts from Africa and the EU.

## **Programme**

### **Day 0 – Sunday April 13**

14:00 – 17:00

**African & EU Caucus meetings at the Radisson SAS Hotel** (Rue d'Idalie 35, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium) – Chaired by M. Jones, Executive Director, FARA & G. Rothschild, Chair, EFARD

19:00 – 22:00

**Group Dinner at the Radisson SAS hotel** – hosted by Dr. Hansjörg Neun, Director, CTA

### **Day 1 - Monday 14 April** (DGDEV Office, 15 Rue De La Science, Brussels, Belgium)

8:00 – 8:30

Registration



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8:30 – 8:45	Welcome Remarks – Lluís Riera, Director of Direction B – Development Policy Thematic Issues – DG DEV - Timothy Hall , Acting Director of Direction E - Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food - DG RTD
8:45 – 9:30	Self-Introduction - Workshop Participants
9:30 – 9:40	Workshop Expectations - Jean-Luc Khalfaoui, Executive Secretary, EIARD, DG RTD
9:40 – 10:00	Vision for ARD in Africa – Monty Jones – Executive Director, FARA
10:00 – 10:20	Vision for ARD in Europe – George Rothschild - Chair, EFARD
10:20 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:20	Vision for the African/Europe ARD Partnership – Paolo Sarfatti – DG DEV
11:20 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 11:50	FP7: An Overview - Jean-Luc Khalfaoui
11:50 – 12:10	FSTP: An Overview – Remy Noe - DG AIDCO
12:10 – 12:20	Update on FSTP Regional African Programme – Christer Hermansson, Programme Manager, DG AIDCO
12:20 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 12:40	Presentation of Key Conclusions of PAEPARD Consultations – Jacky Ganry, & Myra Wopereis-Pura, PAEPARD Coordinators
12:40 – 12:50	Presentation of Key Conclusions of the E-Consultation Report – Judith Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, S&T Strategies, CTA
12:50 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch (DGDEV Cafeteria)
14:30 – 16:00	Working Group Session 1 – Review of E-Report: Relevance of FP7 & FSTP Research Priorities for Africa and Europe
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break



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16:30 – 17:30 Working Group Session 1 (Continued) - Review of E-Report: Seeking Coherence, Complementarity and Synergy between FP7-FAB and FSTP

**Day 2 - Tuesday 15 April**

9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session – Presentation & Discussion of Working Group Reports  
Session 1 - Relevance of Research Priorities for Africa and Europe & Seeking Coherence, Complementarity and Synergy between FP7-FAB and FSTP &

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Working Group Session 2 – Review of E-Report & Peer to Peer Update of Draft Descriptions of FP7-FAB Research Priorities and Expected Impact for 2009 & 2010 and Beyond

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (DGDEV Cafeteria)

14:00 – 15:30 Plenary Session – Presentation & Discussion of Peer to Peer Working Group Reports  
Session 2 - Update of Draft Descriptions of FP7- FAB Research Priorities and Expected Impact for 2009 & 2010 and Beyond

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Working Group Session 3 – Review of E Report & Peer to Peer Update of Description of FSTP Research Priorities and Expected Impact for 2009 & 2010

**Day 3 - Wednesday 16 April**

9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session – Presentation & Discussion of Peer to Peer Working Group Reports  
Session 3 - Update of Description of FSTP Research Priorities and Expected Impact for 2009 & 2010

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Working Group Session 4 – Finalization of Descriptions of FP7-FAB & FSTP Research Priorities and Expected Impact for 2009 & 2010 and Beyond

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (DGDEV Cafeteria)

14:00 – 15:30 Plenary Session – Presentation & Discussion of Working Group Reports  
Session 4 - Descriptions of FP7-FAB & FSTP Research Priorities and Expected Impact for 2009 & 2010 and Beyond

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break



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| 16:00 – 17:00 | Working Group Session 5 – Preparation of Main Workshop Conclusions on FP7-FAB & FSTP Research Priorities and Expected Impact for 2009 & 2010 and Beyond and Modalities for Implementation |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | Closing Session – Presentation & Discussion of Workshop Report & The Way Forward  |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | Cocktail Reception at the DGDEV Cafeteria   |