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**AERAP Briefing**

**Opportunities for enhanced STI cooperation**

**between the EU & Africa**

**18 November 2020.**

**All time CET (Brussels)**

**Online.**

**Draft Agenda**

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**AERAP briefing on EU support for science and innovation with Africa, 18 November 2020, Online**

AERAP, the Africa-Europe science platform, will organise a briefing on EU support for cooperation with Africa on science, R&D innovation and education for the period 2021 to 2027. The briefing will take place online on Wednesday, 18 November 2020.

**09h30 Introduction and welcome**

**Declan Kirrane,** *AERAP Coordinator*

**09h35 Perspectives Africa-EU science and innovation cooperation**

**Maria Cristina Russo** *Director for International Cooperation in Research and Innovation, European Commission, Belgium*

 **Mahama Ouedraogo** *Director of Human Resources, Science and Technology Department, African Union Commission, Belgium*

 **Daan du Toit** *Deputy Director-General: International Cooperation and Resources, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa*

 **Carlos Zorrinho** MEP, Chair, Delegation to the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, European Parliament, Brussels

**10h15 Keynote Speech: EU Africa Strategy**

**Lora Borissova**: *International Partnerships, Cabinet Commissioner Urpilainen, European Commission, Brussels*

**10h35 High-Level Policy Dialogue**

**Nienke Buisman**: *DG Research and Innovation (RTD), European Commission, Belgium*

 **James Kasigwa** *Chair of the African Union-European Union High-Level Policy Dialogue on Science and Technology, Uganda*

**11h15 Key Area 1 Public Health**

**Marcel Tanner** *High Representative for Europe, European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), South Africa*

**Jan Marco Müller** *Science and Technology Advisor European External Action Service (EEAS), Belgium*

**Kurt Zatloukal** *Austria Node, Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure, Austria*

**Rainer Fischer** *Perdue University and Aachen University, USA and Germany*

**12h00 Key Area 2 Green Transition (food, climate change and energy)**

**Leonard Mizzi** *DG Development Cooperation, European Commission, Belgium*

**Murray Hitzman** *Science Foundation Ireland Research Centre for Applied Geosciences iCRAG, University College Dublin, Ireland*

**Marta Iglesias** *Nutrition, Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA), DG Agriculture, European Commission, Belgium*

**Ronald de Bruin** *European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST), Belgium*

**12h45 Portuguese Council Presidency Priorities**

**Maria João Pinto** *Counsellor at the Cabinet of the Minister of Science, Technology and High Education, Portugal*

**13h00 Break**

**14h00 Key Area 3 Innovation and Technology**

**Liliana Pasecini** *Inter-institutional, International Relations and Outreach, DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Belgium*

**Thierry Barbe** *DG Development and Cooperation (DEVCO), European Commission, Brussels*

**Jamal Mimouni** *President, African Astronomical Society (AfAS), Algeria*

**Mark Edge** *Director of Collaborations for Developing Countries, Bayer*

**14h45 Strategic Forum on International Cooperation on Science and Technology (SFIC)**

**Martina Hartl** *Department International Research Cooperation and Science Diplomacy, Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research, Austria*

**15h05 Key Area 4 Capacities for Science**

**Juan Miguel González-Aranda** *LifeWatch ERIC, EU-AFRICA Green Deal Collaboration on Biodiversity & Climate Change, Spain*

**Chiara Ferrari** *The Square Kilometre Array Telescope (SKA), France*

**Astrid-Christina Koch** Copernicus and Galileo, *DG Defence Industry and Space (DEFIS), European Commission, Belgium*

**Fiorella Perotto** *DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (EAC), European Commission, Belgium*

**Yousef Torman** *Integrating Arab e-infrastructure in a Global Environment,(e-AGE), Jordan*

**15h50 Data and Regulation for STI**

**Martha Phiri** *Director for Human Capital Youth and Skills Development, African Development Bank, Cote d’lvoire*

**Oscar Rodriguez** *Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA), ITU, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

**Denis Dembois** *DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW), European Commission, Belgium*

**16h20 Discussion**

**16h40 Conclusion**