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**Launch of Horizon Europe**

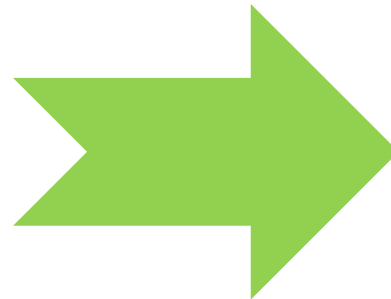
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## Joint AU-EU Cooperation Strategy, Lisbon 2007



"It is now time for European and African continents, with their rich and complex history, to forge a new and stronger partnership that build on their new identities and renewed institutions, capitalize on the lessons of the past and provide a solid framework for long-term, systematic and well integrated cooperation".



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# What is the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue on Science Technology and Innovation?

- Endorsed by Africa-EU Summit in Tripoli in 2010
- Fully embedded in the Joint EU-Africa Strategy (JAES)
- Platform for better common understanding, building trust and ownership, define and agree shared priorities, design and monitor implementation
- Brings together Senior officials from Research and Innovation Ministries in **Africa** and **Europe**, the **EC** and the **AUC**
- Supported by a Bureau
- High-level engagement
  - September 2011 in Addis Ababa
  - April 2016 (Addis Ababa)
  - October 2017 (Brussels)
  - October 2019 (Addis Ababa)
  - July 2020 (Virtual) & Ministerial

## Achievements: Conclusions 2011 meeting

- Mutual understanding of necessity to meet in the configuration of the EU-Africa HLPD
- Call to map study to assess **existing bi-regional STI cooperation** initiatives between EU and Africa to identify best practice **models, gaps and effective financial mechanisms**

## Conclusions 2013 meeting

- Recognition of STI as driver of socio-economic development
- Focus the cooperation on **first priority area** for it to be more effective
- Development of a long-term "jointly funded and co-owned **research and innovation partnership**" between the EU and Africa
- High Level Policy Dialogue on STI as **key platform** for priority-setting and implementation design in the future Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES)

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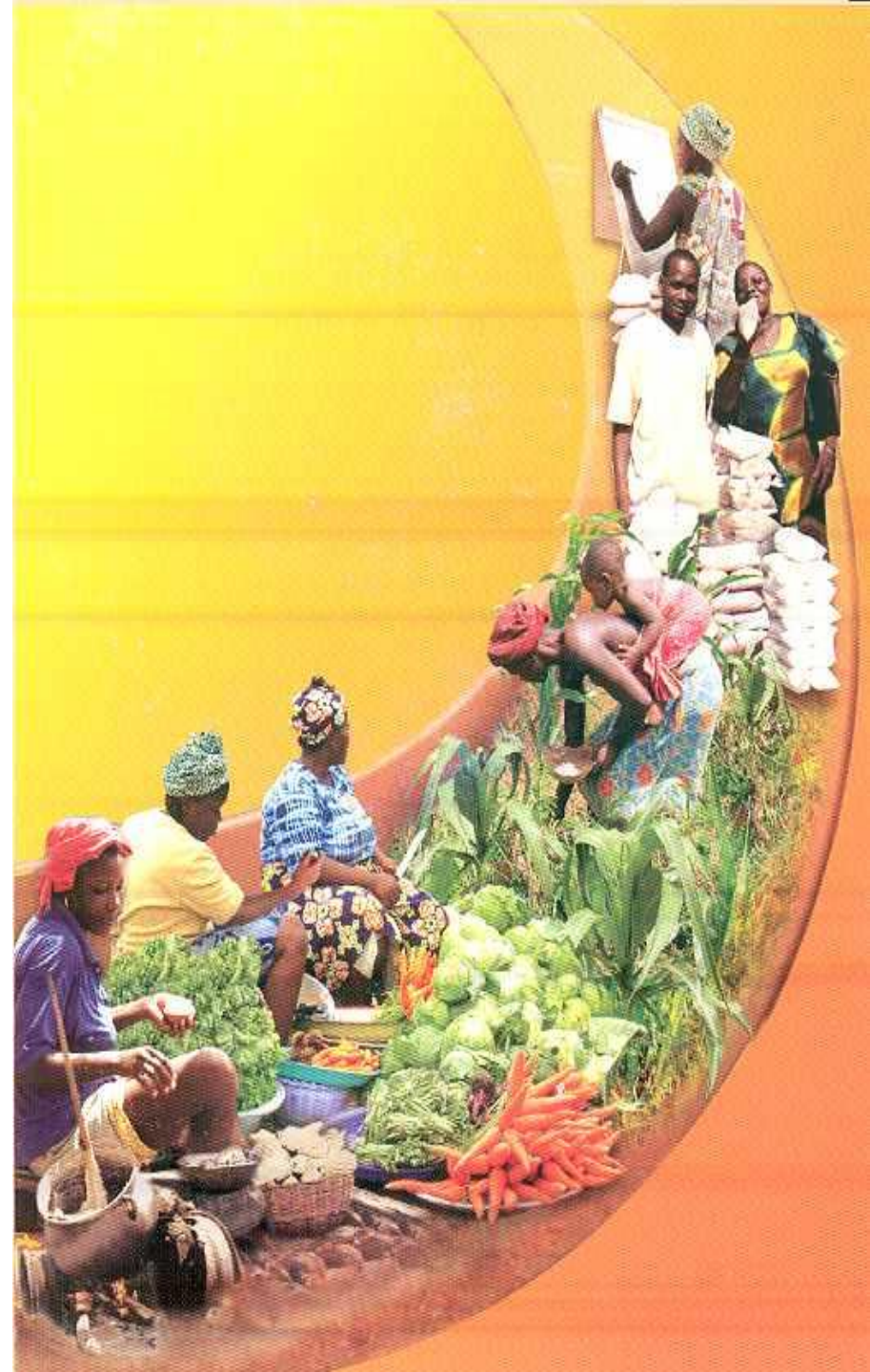
- **Identified common priorities and selected first one for action**
  - ***"Role of STI in ensuring food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture (including water)"***
  - Priority endorsed at Africa–EU Summit in April 2014
  - Roadmap towards jointly financed R&I Partnership on FNSSA

# First Priority Area

## Role of science, technology and innovation in ensuring “Food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture”

An integrated STI approach, recognising the important cross-cutting nature of innovation, entrepreneurship, research infrastructures and technical competences strengthening Including the management of water resources for agriculture.

Roadmap: Outlines **short-, medium- and long-term** steps and milestones towards the establishment of a long-term R&I Partnership



# Roadmap R&I FNSSA

1. Sustainable Intensification
2. Agriculture and food systems for nutrition
3. Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade
4. Cross cutting issues
  - ( Adding value to what exist; facilitating innovation process; strengthening R&I capacities; ensuring partnership governance adaptation)
  - ADOPTED the roadmap towards the Research and Innovation Partnership on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture (FNSSA), in 2016.
  - REQUESTED the Bureau to start work towards defining the next priority area;



## Second Priority Area

### Climate change and sustainable energy (CCSE)

#### **Roadmap R&I CCSE**

- **Climate Action for adaptation and mitigation**
- **Sustainable energy**

**ADOPTED** the roadmap on climate change and sustainable energy (CCSE), by the 2017 Meeting

- WG CC
- WG SE



# HLPD Ministerial Meeting 2020

**1. Public health**, focusing on equitable access to new COVID-19 diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines, as well as on the role of the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) in building the capacity of Sub-Saharan-African countries to conduct robust clinical trials.

**2. Green transition**, on the importance of investing into a green and sustainable economy through R&I Partnerships and boost the implementation of R&I Partnerships on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCSE)

**3. Innovation & technology**, a more recent domain of cooperation between the two continents, highly relevant in the recovery phase. It features successful initiatives such as the Africa-Europe Innovation Partnership, the EU-Africa Digital innovation hubs (showcasing digital solutions with links to the Digital Education action plan), and support to the African Research and Education networks infrastructure.

**4. Capacities for science**, on the role of: open science (open sharing and open access to scientific data; support to African scientific networks for enhanced science policy advising; gender equality; human capital development (including researchers' mobility and training).

# 'AU-EU Innovation Partnership'

'AU-EU Innovation Partnership': to foster collaborative alliances and relationships between our continents under the AU-EU high level policy dialogue on STI, aiming to strengthen cross-cutting innovation cooperation between the EU and the AU

- Set up a Working Group on Innovation
- AIEP Pilot Programme
- Taking Innovation to the Next Summit

**Thank you**