

**“Engaging SMEs in EU-Africa Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Research Cooperation”**

**Workshop organized at the occasion of the 5th EU-Africa Business Forum (EABF) and  
4th EU-Africa Summit**

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**The Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union, Avenue de Cortenbergh 80, Brussels.**

**AGENDA**

**Chair & Co- Chair**

1. **Hannu Korhonen**, MTT Agrifood Research, Finland
2. **Daan Du Toit**, Minister Science and Technology, South African Department of Science and Technology to the EU

09.00	<b>Coffee/Tea</b>	
09.15	<b>Welcome and Opening Session</b>	<b>1. Mrs. Pilvi-Sisko Vierros-Villeneuve</b> , Finland's Permanent Representative <b>2. European Commission, DG Research</b>
	<b>Key-Note Presentations</b>	
09.45	The Role of SMEs in promoting Science, Technology and Innovation in Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture	<b>Ambassador Wendell Mcintosh</b> , ADA Commercial/PAEPARD
10.05	Current trends of SME involvement in EU-Africa STI Research Partnerships	<b>Judith Francis</b> , The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation, (CTA) The Netherlands.
10.25	<b>Commentary, Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Hannu Korhonen</b>
	<b>Case Presentations</b>	
10.40	Technology and Human Resources for Industry Programme (THRIP) – Creating Knowledge based internationally competitive South African Industries	<b>Lisa Du Toit</b> , Director: Development Partnerships at Department of Science and Technology (DST), South Africa/ESASTAP Plus
10.55	Makery Science Park and Hubconcepts Cooperation Model – Finnish examples of Research-SME cooperation	<b>Mikko Punakivi</b> , VP Business Development at Makery - Helsinki Business And Science Park Ltd, Finland
11.10	From Literature Research to Real-life Cooperation - a Roadmap	<b>Sabine Möbs</b> , Head of Business Information Systems, Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University, Germany
11.25	<b>Q &amp; A from the audience</b>	<b>Daan Du Toit</b>
12.00	<b>Lunch</b>	
13.00	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lisa Du Toit, DST South Africa/ESASTAP-Plus</li> <li>2. Ambassador Wendell Mcintosh, ADA Commercial Liberia/PAEPARD</li> <li>3. Prof. Dr. John Isaac Graham Meewella, IPMI International Business School &amp; Oulu Business School, University of Oulu</li> <li>4. Mr. Mikko Perälä, Million-Plans, Finland</li> <li>5. European Commission, DG Research</li> <li>6. Prof. Francis Matambalya, Nordic Africa Institute</li> </ol>
14.00	<b>Comments &amp; Discussion from the audience</b>	<b>Daan Du Toit</b>
14.30	<b>Concluding Remarks</b>	<b>Hannu Korhonen</b>
15.15	<b>Networking Cocktail</b>	Thon EU Hotel, Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 75

