Horizon 2020 Info Day: Funding opportunities for cooperation between Africa and Europe through Horizon 2020

7 June 2018, Kigali

Venue: Kigali Convention Center, Kigali, Rwanda

Preliminary Agenda

08:00 – 08:30   **Registration**

08:30 – 09:00   **Opening address**
Maria Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation at DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

09:00 – 09:20   **Horizon 2020 – Opportunities for African-EU cooperation in science and innovation**
An introduction to Horizon 2020, the European Union Framework Programme on Research and Innovation.

Presenter: Fadila Boughanemi, Deputy Head of Unit in charge of S & T Cooperation with Africa, European Commission

09:20 – 10:20   **Horizon 2020 – Open to the world & opportunities for African countries**
This session draws closely on the previous introduction on Horizon 2020 and identifies concrete opportunities within open and targeted upcoming calls of the new work programme 2018 – 2020, as well as benefits of participation for stakeholders from African countries.

Presenters: Prof. Bongani K. Ndimba; Daniel Stürzebecher, International Cooperation Service Facility of the EC

10:20 – 11:15   **EIC Horizon Prize for Affordable High-Tech for Humanitarian Aid – How to participate**
Participants will learn about details of this prize which aims to develop high-tech solutions for humanitarian aid. The prize value is €5 million, and is expected to be allocated in five awards of €1 million, each in a different area such as shelter, water, sanitation, energy, heating, cooling, food, hygiene and medical care.
Web*: http://ec.europa.eu/research/eic/index.cfm?pg=prizes_aid*

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Presentation of the Prize: *Fadila Boughanemi, Deputy Head of Unit in charge of S & T Cooperation with Africa, European Commission (15 min)*

The Humanitarian aid context: *Edward Maly, UNICEF Representative to Rwanda (15 min)*

Pitching ideas: Innovators with solutions relevant to Humanitarian Aid (15 min)

Joel Gasana - MD Candidate 2018, University of Rwanda, Companionapp Founder; Abdoulaye Baniré Diallo - Professor, UQAM & Chief Scientist, My Intelligent Machines

11:15 – 11:30	**Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00   **Sources of information on Horizon 2020**
This session covers the introduction to the Horizon 2020 Participant Portal and getting to know the different documents that are needed for application and other sources of information and consultancy. Focal areas of the African-EU partnership on science, technology and innovation will be presented as well.

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13:00 – 14:00   **Networking buffet lunch**

14:00 – 15:00   **Proposal preparation and submission**
This session includes all details on how to decode a call text, how to prepare and submit a competitive proposal, and how to avoid common pitfalls. Evaluation criteria will also be looked at.

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15:00 – 15:15   **Coffee break**

15:15 – 16:00   **Financial issues: How to budget a proposal**
Topics of this session are financial budgeting regulations for Horizon 2020 projects, eligible direct and indirect costs, involvement of third parties, and generated income.

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16:00 – 17:00   **How to find suitable partners for Horizon 2020 proposals**
This session gives an overview about networking platforms, how to find suitable partners and how to build a consortium, including best practice examples.

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17:00 – 17:30   **Concluding remarks**

Maria Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation at DG Research and Innovation, European Commission (tbc)