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

**18.10.2018, Nairobi**

**Venue: Hilton Nairobi, Kenya**

**Introduction**

Horizon 2020 is the European Union’s research and innovation programme with an allocation of over €77 billion funding for a period of over seven years (2014 to 2020) in addition to the private and national public investment that this money will attract. Horizon 2020 will help to achieve smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science and technology, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering solutions to big challenges facing our society.

While Horizon 2020 has a large focus on research and innovation in Europe, it offers opportunity for collaboration between European and non-european research institutions such as those in Africa, Asia and Latin America. However, some researchers in these parts of the globe do not have access to information on the available opportunities or do not have knowledge on how to apply for these opportunities.

The European Commission’s Directorate-General for Research and Innovation through its unit for Science and Technology Cooperation with Africa, has organised a Horizon 2020 Info day as a pre-conference event during the African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference on 18th October 2018 at Hilton Hotel, Nairobi.

The main objective of the event is to provide information on funding opportunities available for cooperation between Africa and Europe through Horizon 2020 and its successor programmes. Specifically, the information day will provide knowledge to the following:

1. Opportunities for African-EU cooperation in science and innovation in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe
2. Horizon 2020 – Open to the world & opportunities for African countries
3. European Innovation Council Horizon Prize on Affordable High-Tech for Humanitarian Aid
4. Best Practice Examples on research projects in horizon 2020
5. Networking: How to find suitable partners for Horizon 2020 proposals

**Preliminary Agenda**

**15:45 – 16:00 Registration**

**16:00 – 16:15 Opening address**

*Myra Bernardi, Head of Section for Agriculture, Job Creation and Resilience,*

*EU Delegation to Kenya*

*Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (tbc)*

*Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary for RUFORUM*

**16:15 – 16:35 From Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe – Opportunities for African-EU cooperation in science and innovation**

An introduction to Horizon 2020 and outlook to Horizon Europe

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

**16:35 – 17:05 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, especially from the agricultural sector.

*Presenter: Matteo Sabini, International Cooperation Service Facility of the EC*

**17:05 – 17:30 European Innovation Council Horizon Prize on Affordable High-Tech for Humanitarian Aid**

*Presenter:*

*Fadila Boughanemi, Deputy Head of Unit in charge of S&T Cooperation*

*with Africa, European Commission*

*Sandrine Ducroix, DG ECHO regional office*

*Jerome Burlot, DG ECHO regional office*

**17:30 – 17:50 Experience sharing from the Horizon 2020-supported project ‘InnovAfrica’**

*Presenter: Jacob Mignouna (tbc)*

**17:50 – 18:25** **Networking: 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.

*Matteo Sabini, International Cooperation Service Facility of the EC*

**18:25 – 18:50 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.

*Matteo Sabini, International Cooperation Service Facility of the EC*

**18:50 -19:00 concluding remarks**

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

*Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (tbc)*

*Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM*

**19:00 Networking dinner**