



Conference on Innovation for Poverty Alleviation

Presenting the European Union's development cooperation programme on
"Innovation for Poverty Alleviation" with South Africa

Celebrating the role of partnership in science and technology between South
Africa and the European Union as instrument for development and growth

Side event to the 2012 South Africa – European Union Summit

Tuesday 18 September 2012

Sheraton Brussels Hotel, Place Rogier 3, Brussels 1210 (Metro: Rogier)

Agenda

Time	Item	Speakers
	<i>Registration and Refreshments</i>	
09:45	Welcome and Opening	Her Excellency, Minister Naledi Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology of the Republic of South Africa His Excellency, Ambassador Roeland Van de Geer, Ambassador of the European Union in South Africa
10:00	Video presentation of the societal impact of the EU development cooperation programme with the South African Department of Science and Technology (DST) on "Innovation for Poverty Alleviation"	Introduced by Dr Phil Mjwara, Director-General of the DST and Mr Victor Senna, Director responsible for the Programme at DST
10:15	Key achievements of the DST in harnessing innovation for poverty alleviation in South Africa and the role DST plays in informing policy on poverty alleviation	Mr Imraan Patel, Deputy Director-General, DST



11:00	Break and refreshments	
	Innovation for Poverty Alleviation cooperation programme success stories	
11:30	Information and Communication Technology as tool for development and poverty reduction in South Africa: Wireless Mesh Network Project	Mr Kobus Roux, CSIR Meraka
	How partnership with the private sector has resulted in the creation of sustainable community based enterprises	Ms Chrisma Bredenkamp, Sasol Chemcity
	Success with technology transfer activities within the context of enterprise development that generate social and economic development opportunities	Ms Lizande Kellerman, CSIR: Enterprise Creation for Development
13:00	<i>Lunch and Exhibition of South Africa – EU development cooperation programme on “Innovation for Poverty Alleviation” results</i>	
14:30	The multilateral dimension: South Africa-EU cooperation in the ACP Science and Technology Programme	European Commission’s Directorate-General for Development
15:00	Panel discussion on how to best harness science and technology as instrument for poverty alleviation under the South Africa – EU Strategic Partnership as well as the Joint Africa-EU Strategy	Chaired by Mr Richard Young, Head of Development Cooperation at the European Union Delegation in South Africa with representatives of: European Commission’s Directorate-General for Research and Innovation; the European Parliament; the South African Department of Science and Technology; and academic experts
16:15	Special address by the European Commissioner for Development: Innovation for development in EU-South Africa cooperation - past, present, and future	Commissioner Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Development
16:30	Special keynote closing address	His Excellency, President Jacob G Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa, introduced by Minister Pandor
17:00	End of conference	