

AEROVIEW

THE AEROAFRICA-EU NEWSLETTER

Promoting European and South African research cooperation in aeronautics and air transport



Welcome to the first edition of AeroAfrica-EU's e-newsletter, AEROVIEW

This newsletter aims to impart useful information on the AeroAfrica-EU initiative; provide an insight into various projects and people in the aeronautics industry; and feature an up-to-date calendar of current events. In this issue we feature ALFA-BIRD, an EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7) co-funded project in which Sasol (Pty) Ltd South Africa (SA) participates. We also bring you perspectives from an SA researcher in the aeronautics field; a European aeronautics researcher based at an African university and an African engineer and businessman active in the aeronautics industry. AeroView will profile the aeronautics landscape in both Africa and Europe as well as include relevant information on FP7, funding opportunities and policy developments. Please look out for the next two newsletters, which will be published in October this year and again in January 2011, and do send the link on to anyone who may be interested in reading our newsletter.

About AeroAfrica-EU

Both the EU and South Africa recognise the power of aeronautics as a driver of innovation and competitiveness. Collaborative initiatives in the past have brought about enhancement of the



international knowledge base and improvement in the quality of lives of Europeans and South Africans. The AeroAfrica-EU partnership will continue to build on common aims and objectives so as to contribute to the development and maintenance of a competitive and knowledge-based economy in both Europe and South Africa.

Specifically, AeroAfrica-EU seeks to promote European-South African (and African) research cooperation in aeronautics and air transport by establishing networks and partnerships between Europe and Africa in mutually beneficial aeronautics fields and encouraging participation in related research projects. We would like to encourage our readers to send us contributions highlighting similar collaborative initiatives which could be featured in the forthcoming newsletters or on the website.

The project website (www.aeroafrica-eu.org) has proved very useful in disseminating information, creating awareness around the role of AeroAfrica-EU and making important documents available to the aeronautics community. We urge you to visit our website and register your organisation if you are interested in collaborative projects. You may also use the website to register for our electronic newsletter.

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