

Invitation: AeroAfrica-EU set for take off

On behalf of the AeroAfrica-EU consortium, I would like to invite you to a launch presentation of this Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) Coordination and Support Action designed to promote aeronautics and air transport research cooperation between South Africa and the European Union, as well as exploring the potential for other African countries to participate in such cooperation. The AeroAfrica-EU consortium consists of partners from South Africa (the Department of Science and Technology and the National Aerospace Centre of Excellence at the University of the Witwatersrand), France (Aerospace Valley), Germany (Fraunhofer Institute for Chemical Technology), Sweden (Royal Institute of Technology) and the United Kingdom (Cranfield University).

The project has the task to identify research areas where potential exists for mutually beneficial (South) African - European aeronautics and air transport R&D cooperation, and to undertake concerted efforts, through for example awareness-raising and partner-matching to promote such collaboration. Rich potential for partnerships exists in domains such as aerostructures and applied, experimental and computational aerodynamics, etc. The launch presentation will consist of an overview of the AeroAfrica-EU project activities, South Africa's key aeronautics and air transport research competencies of interest to Europe, as well as an example of current fruitful cooperation (Fraunhofer's engagement in South Africa.) A sandwich lunch and refreshments will be served to permit networking.

The event details are as follow:

Date: Monday 22 June 2009

Time: 12:00 - 14:00

Venue: South African Mission to the EU, Rue Montoyer 17-19, Brussels 1000 (Metro: Trone.)

Should you be interested in attending, kindly confirm your participation to Ms Françoise Dassy at françoise.dassy@belgacom.net

