

## **PACE-Net Key Stakeholder Conference**

### **Strengthening EU- Pacific collaboration in Research, Development, and Innovation**

#### **Day 1: Funding opportunities and networking**

**Tuesday, 20th of March 2012,**

**DLR office Brussels, Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels, near metro station "Trône"**

#### **Overview:**

The aim of this event is to provide an overview of many of the numerous programmes that may be accessed to support increased collaboration between Europe and the Pacific. Through the course of the day, programmes for research, education, capacity building, networking and mobility as well as experiences from similar regions will be presented and discussed, to equip participants with 'hooks' upon which they might hang ideas for cooperation that emerge from the Workshop and Dialogue Platform.

#### **Format:**

Presenters will have 10 minutes to highlight the main features of their programmes. Participants will be asked to write general questions down in order that questions may be grouped, and discussed during joint panel sessions. In addition, participants will be offered the chance to reserve a time (10-15 minutes) to have a one-to-one conversation with a presenter, in order to discuss specific issues of interest at the networking session. Pacific-based and EU-based multipliers will also present themselves to raise their profile in Europe, and to facilitate access to Pacific research capability not represented in the meeting.

**Target group:** PACE-Net conference participants; and researchers with an interest in strengthening EU-Pacific collaboration in research, development and innovation.

**Expected Outcome:** Participants will have a basic knowledge of applicable programmes to support EU-Pacific collaboration; and know some Pacific and EU-based multipliers who can identify local research capability. Experiences from the Pacific and other regions provide background information on the policy and other supporting actions in the process to strengthen EU-third country or region research, development and innovation collaboration.

Further, by providing an overview of funding and networking opportunities, 'funding gaps' may be identified, over subsequent workshop and dialogue platform days, whereby research needs are not able to be matched with opportunities. This would inform the policy dialogue activity of the PACE-Net project.

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| <b>Time</b> | <b>Subject</b>   | <b>Speaker</b>  |
|-------------|--|---|
| 08:45       | Registration   |   |
| 09:15       | Welcome by PACE-Net Project Officer at the European Commission and PACE-Net coordinator  | Armand Beuf (EC), Claude Payri (IRD)                      |
| 09:30       | Introduction and instructions for the day and the conference   | Gerd Ruecker (IB-BMBF)<br>Carole Glynn (ERSL)             |
| 09:40       | An introduction to FP7   | Manuela Schisani (APRE)                                   |
| 09:50       | EU-ASEAN S&T policy relationships: Process steps and lessons-learnt for the EU-Pacific relationships                                 | Jean-Michel Sers (EC)                                     |
| 10:00       | EU-Pacific partnership and its perspectives: European External Action Service  | Ranieri Sabatucci (EC)                                    |
| 10:10       | EC tools for coordination of national programmes – FP7 and beyond  | Ivan Conesa Alcolea (EC)                                  |
| 10:20       | Marie Curie Fellowships and the Pacific  | Carole Glynn (ERSL)                                       |
| 10:30       | The IDEAS Programme  | Manuela Schisani (APRE)                                   |
| 10:40       | Discussion   | Chairs: Gerd Ruecker (IB-BMBF)<br>Manuela Schisani (APRE) |
| 11:30       | <b>Coffee break</b>  |   |
| 12:00       | Funding opportunities for the Pacific of European Investment Bank  | Flavia Palanza (EIB)                                      |
| 12:10       | Exzellenz verbindet – be part of a worldwide network: The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation  | Katrin Amian (AvH)  |
| 12:20       | Short Remarks on National Research Funding and International Cooperation: The German Research Foundation                             | Christoph Mühlberg (DFG)                                  |
| 12:30       | Funding opportunities of the German Academic Exchange Service  | Nina Salden (DAAD)  |
| 12:40       | UNESCO: Facilitating science, technology, capacity development and innovation policy partnerships                                    | Hans Dencker Thulstrup (UNESCO)                           |
| 12:50       | Opportunities of the International Union for Conservation of Nature  | Dominique Benzaken (IUCN)                                 |
| 13:00       | Funding opportunities for the Pacific through UNIDO Technical Assistance   | Christophe Yvetot (UNIDO)                                 |
| 13:10       | Energy and environmental aspects of Hydrogen and related funding opportunities   | Nicholas Lymberopoulos (UNIDO-ICHET)                      |
| 13:20       | Funding opportunities from the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU  | Judith Francis (CTA)                                      |
| 13:30       | Discussion   | Chairs: Carole Glynn (ERSL)<br>Manuela Schisani (APRE)    |
| 14:00       | <b>Lunch buffet and booking of one-to-one/group conversations with presenters</b><br>(Lunch buffet will be provided to meeting room) |   |
| 15:00       | <b>Networking Session</b><br>Small group meetings between presenters and other participants for deeper networking                    |   |
| 16:00       | <b>Afternoon tea</b>   |   |
| 17:00       | <b>End of day 1</b>  |   |

