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**DSI Support Instruments for International
Projects**

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Presentation Outline



- Reflections from the DSI Decadal Plan
- What are Support Instruments?
- Why are we providing support instruments?
- Awareness-raising & information sharing sessions
- Advisory and technical support
- Partner-matching services & Financial support



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Reflections from the Decadal Plan



- Align international cooperation initiatives with priorities of the Decadal Plan;
- Leveraging Internationalisation as instrument for transformation;
- International mobility remains crucial for capacity building within the National System of innovation (NSI);
- Secure market access for and promote the offerings to the international market of the NSI;
- Enhanced coordination between DSI and entities of international cooperation engagements is essential also to safeguard South Africa's national interests in addition to avoiding duplication;
- Access to international markets for NSI developed products and services – new revenue streams, greater financial stability and sustainability for NSI actors;
- Joint programmes for international researcher training and mobility.



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What are Support Instruments?



Financial and non-financial support offered to the research and innovators community by the Department of Science and Innovation



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Why are we providing support instruments?



- To allow for **sharing of experience, expertise** (e.g. policy best practice) and resources with international partners to bolster national programmes;
- **Leverages international funding** to complement and supplement national investments
- Accesses opportunities for international **training and mobility** to develop human capability in South Africa;
- Supports South Africa's **influence in global governance** forums;
- Facilitates access to international markets as part of **economic diplomacy. (Science-Economic Diplomacy Interface)**
- Reinforces South Africa's **foreign policy objectives**, including global solidarity and multilateralism, and the African Agenda and South-South cooperation



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Awareness-raising & information sharing sessions



- Call websites:
 - ✓ <https://esastap.org.za/>
 - ✓ <https://www.eurekanetwork.org/open-calls/>
 - ✓ <https://www.era-min.eu/>
 - ✓ <https://m-era.net/joint-calls>
 - ✓ www.biodiversa.org
 - ✓ <https://www.martera.eu/joint-calls>
 - ✓ <https://we4f.org/sca>
 - ✓ <https://www.cost.eu/>
 - ✓ <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>
- How are opportunities communicated?
 - ✓ Information sessions, workshops, and marketing materials



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Advisory and technical support



- EUREKA National Projects Coordinator (NPC)
- ESASTAP Project helpdesk
- DSI Brussels office
- DSI Tokyo office
- DSI line Directorates
- DSI entities



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Partner-matching services & Financial support



- DSI organise and participate in events invited to and support innovators to participate in brokerage events;
- Seed funding for SA researchers and innovators to participate in project finalisation meetings;
- Seed/mobility funding for researchers and innovators to participate in B2B events, conferences with pitching opportunities and funding leveraging;
- Co-investments on approved projects for implementation;
- % of the co-investment is determined by the call for proposal.



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- Strategic Partnerships Directorate: contact@esastap.org & Tugela.matubatuba@dst.gov.za
 - ✓ <https://esastap.org.za/>
 - ✓ <https://www.era-min.eu/>
 - ✓ <https://m-era.net/joint-calls>
 - ✓ www.biodiversa.org
 - ✓ <https://www.martera.eu/joint-calls>
 - ✓ <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/>
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Conclusion



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