

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

Germany – Australia Joint Science and Technology Meeting

24 October 2016, Berlin

Germany and Australia share a long standing science and research relationship going back to 1976, when the *Australia-Germany Treaty on Science and Technology Cooperation*, was signed.

The focus of the 2016 Joint Science and Technology Meeting (JSTM) between Australia and Germany held in Berlin on 24th October was on the recommendations of the Australian-German Advisory Group.

The meeting provided an opportunity for Germany and Australia to exchange experiences in facilitating research-industry collaboration and consider opportunities for a closer alignment of both systems.

The JSTM also provided an opportunity for policy makers, senior executives and science representatives from major research organisations to discuss recent policy developments and programs in both countries, including opportunities presented by the G7/G20 framework.

Following the discussions in 2014 between officials, it was agreed to develop a roadmap reaffirming the strong desire to build closer collaborative linkages between Germany and Australia. The roadmap is seen as an important instrument for furthering bilateral cooperation between both countries.

Germany and Australia agreed that the direction for the 2018 roadmap should focus on key elements of successful models of collaboration, and develop new fields and areas of mutual interest such as

- Implementing the recommendations of the Australian-German Advisory Group regarding education and research
- Cooperation in the field of research-industry linkages and innovation
- Cooperation in the area of research infrastructures
- Increasing mobility of students and researchers between Germany and Australia
- Cooperation of Fraunhofer institutes with Australian Cooperative Research Centres
- Extension of the cooperation of Helmholtz centres with Australian research organisations and universities
- Intension to extend the cooperation between research centres of the two countries in the field of health research and medical technologies



Mr. Volker Rieke, Director General for European and International Cooperation from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) led the German delegation, which included officials from German research organisations and departmental officials. A list of the delegation is at Attachment A.

Ms. Glenys Beauchamp, Secretary of the Department of Industry Innovation & Science (DIIS) led the Australian delegation, which included government officials and research organisations. A list of the delegation is at Attachment B.

The German Australian roadmap on science and technology cooperation 2016 to 2018 is at Attachment C.

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science look forward to the opportunity to strengthen the relationship between both countries and have agreed to hold the next Joint Science and Technology Meeting in Australia in late 2018.

Berlin, 24 October 2016

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Attachment A

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Attachment C

German Australian Roadmap on Science and Technology Cooperation

2016 – 2018

Introduction:

German and Australian officials met on 24th October 2016 in Berlin as part of the intergovernmental talks during the Germany-Australia Joint Science and Technology Meeting. The dialogue was chaired by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS).

Germany and Australia recognise the longstanding, firm and friendly science and technology cooperation between our two countries that has allowed collaboration to flourish since the signature of the *Australia-Germany Treaty on Science and Technology Cooperation* in 1976. Both Governments agree that this excellent relationship should be further strengthened in the coming years.

Germany and Australia agreed to hold a future science and technology meeting to further our relationship in Australia in late 2018.

Both countries agreed on a roadmap to streamline collaboration in the fields of education, research, and innovation from 2016 to 2018. This is especially with regard to the recommendations of the Australian-German Advisory Group.

Opportunities for bilateral cooperation:

In order to develop this roadmap for future collaboration, it was agreed to seek measures for implementing the recommendations of the Australian-German Advisory Group wherever possible including:

- Strengthening the collaboration between Germany and Australia on research-industry linkages by holding an innovation workshop and visit of an Australian delegation in Germany in 2017.
- Dialogue on indicators, data analysis and evaluation regarding national innovation programmes.
- Facilitating an increased cooperation of Fraunhofer institutes with respective Australian organisations such as the CRCs, the Industry Growth Centers and CSIRO.
- Increasing the cooperation in the area of research infrastructures.
- Extension of the cooperation of Helmholtz centres with Australian research organisations and universities with a focus on areas like basic physics, materials research, life sciences and quantum computing through bilateral projects, joint seminars, summer schools and workshops at PhD/Postdoc level.



- Exploring possibilities for an increased cooperation in the areas of health and medical technologies.
- Exploring measures to steady the exchange of officers between BMBF and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and the Department of Education and Training.
- Holding a series of events to mark the 40th anniversary of the *Australia-Germany Treaty on Science and Technology Cooperation*.