



Event Agenda



For the first time in Europe, sub-Saharan African and European policy-makers are being brought together with ICT research organisations to address the development of research collaborative projects



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DAY 1 - Wednesday, March 25, 2009

07:00+ am	Registrations and welcome of participants
09:00 - 09:30 am	<p>Opening Session & Welcome Addresses</p> <p>Master of Ceremony Karine Valin - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis, France & Coordinator, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project</p> <p>Viviane Reding Commissioner, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFESO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p>Vera Brenda Ngosi Director, Directorate of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Abdul Waheed Khan Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)</p>
09:30 am - 10:45 am	<p>Keynotes - Roundtable Discussions: Africa-EU Cooperation on ICT: from Research to Deployment - Status & Perspectives</p> <p>Session Chairs Tim Unwin - UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, Director of the ICT4D Collective at Royal Holloway University of London, Chair of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, United Kingdom Vera Brenda Ngosi - Director, Directorate of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Stefano Manservigi Director-General, Directorate-General Development (DG DEV), European Commission (EC)</p> <p>Sally Kosgei Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Kenya</p> <p>Goundé Désiré Adadja Minister of ICT, Benin</p> <p>Sandro Bazzanella ITU-EC Project Manager, Projects & Initiatives Department, International Telecommunication Union (ITU-D), Switzerland</p> <p>Phil Mjwara Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa</p> <p>Luis T. Magalhães President of the Knowledge Society Agency (UMIC), Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal</p> <p>Maurice Tchuente Former Minister of Higher Education, Cameroon / Board Chairman of the National Agency for ICT</p> <p>Afzal Sher Director, The Swedish Program for ICT in Developing Regions (SPIDER), Sweden</p>
10:45 - 11:15 am	Coffee & tea break
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p>#1 - Roundtable Discussions: Implementation of the EU-AU Partnership on Science, ICT and Space (the 8th Partnership)</p> <p>Session Chairs Roger Torrenti - CEO, Sigma Orionis, France & Adviser, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project, France Gaston Zongo - Senior ICT4D Adviser, Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA), Senegal</p> <p>Vera Brenda Ngosi Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Antti Peltomäki Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFESO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p>Jean-François Girard President, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France</p> <p>Daan du Toit Senior Science and Technology Representative, South African Embassy, Belgium</p> <p>Ilari Lindy Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland</p>

	Aida Opoku-Mensah Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia
12:15 - 01:30 pm	Lunch (a cafeteria is available at Charlemagne Building - 5' walking distance from the Albert Borschette Centre)
01:30 - 03:00 pm	#2 - Introduction to EC (European Commission), AUC (African Union Commission) and ACP Programmes Session Chairs Aida Opoku-Mensah - Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia Jean-François Soupizet - Head of Unit A4, International Relations, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) Boubakar Barry - Coordinator, Research and Education Networking Unit, Association of African Universities, Ghana Flagship project of Partnership 8 of EU/AU Programme - Research Infrastructure / Africa Connect Harry de Backer - Directorate-General for Development and Humanitarian Aid (DG DEV), European Commission Support to the ICT Sector in the EC Development Programmes Alessandro Damiani - Head of Unit, International Dimension of the Framework Programme, Directorate-General for Research (DG RTD), European Commission Introduction to EU-Africa S&T Cooperation under FP7 Phillippe Kuhutama Mawoko - Coordinator, African Science, Technology & Innovation Indicators (ASTII) Initiative, NEPAD Office of Science & Technology, South Africa Introduction to the NEPAD S&T Programmes John F. Kakule - Expert, Education, Science, Technology, Information Technology, Health and Employment, ACP Secretariat, Brussels Introduction to the @CP-ICT & ACP-S&T Capacity-building Programmes Moctar Yedali - Directorate for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (AUC) Implementation of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Thierry Devars - Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission Introduction to the FP7/ICT Work Programme
03:00 - 03:30 pm	Coffee & tea break
03:30 - 05:30 pm	#3 - Roundtable Discussions: Public Private Partnerships (PPP) - Experiences and lessons learned Session Chairs Tim Unwin - UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, Director of the ICT4D Collective at Royal Holloway University of London, Chair of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, United Kingdom Alexander Ntoko - Head, Corporate Strategy Division, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland Christian Merz Research Project Manager, SAP Research, Germany Aida Opoku-Mensah Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia Beza Belayneh Executive Director, Bezaspeaks, Botswana Daniel Annerose CEO, Manobi, Senegal Anders C. Pederson Director, Green Power for Mobile, GSM Association Development Fund, United Kingdom Fabien Petitcolas Head of Intellectual Capital Development, Microsoft Research, United Kingdom Joachim Rix Board Member, INI-GraphicsNet Foundation, Germany Valerie D'Costa Programme Manager, InfoDev Jyrki Pulkkinen CEO, Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative (GeSCI), Ireland Caroline Figuères Managing Director, International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD), the Netherlands Serge Ferré Vice-President, Nokia Europe, Brussels Gertjan van Stam Executive Director, LinkNet, Zambia Kojo Boakyé Programme Manager, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO), United Kingdom
05:30 pm	End of Day 1

DAY 2 - Thursday, March 26, 2009

08:00+ am	Welcome of participants
09:00 - 10:15 am	#4 - How to enhance African organisations participation in FP7/ICT? Session Chairs Harold Elletson - Member of the Advisory Board, eLearning Africa and Director, e3Communications, UK Idris A. Rai - Associate Professor, Faculty of Computing and IT, Makerere University, Uganda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner Eric Badique - Unit C2 - ICT Strategy, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission The ICT theme of the FP7 research funding programme: perspectives for 2009-2010 Roger Torrenti - CEO, Sigma Orionis, France & Advisor, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project Introduction to the EuroAfrCa-ICT Initiative Paul Cunningham - President & CEO, International Information Management Corporation (IIMC), Ireland Introduction to IST-Africa Andy Cherry - S&T Adviser, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner Introduction to CAAST-NET Crispus Kiamba - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science & Technology, Kenya & CAASI-Net Project representative, Kenya Introduction to CAAST-NET
10:15 - 10:45 am	Coffee & tea break
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Thematic Session #A - Special emphasis on infrastructures, GEANT(2) & the FEAST project Session Chairs Carmen Mena-Abela - Scientific Officer, GEANT & infrastructures, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission Boubakar Barry - Coordinator, Research and Education Networking Unit, Association of African Universities, Ghana Konstantinos Glinos - Head of Unit of GEANT & infrastructures, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission infrastructures, GEANT(2) & the FEAST project - Status and perspectives Dai Davies - General Manager, DANTE, United Kingdom R&E Networking in the Global Context

Albert Nsengiyumva - Deputy Chair, UbuntuNet Alliance, Rwanda
REN Connectivity - Connecting to the RENs of the world

Gerti Foest - Project Manager, DFN, Germany
Applications in the context of African-European collaboration

Boubakar Barry - AAU, Networking Unit
AAU Networking Unit views and FEAST

Florencio Utreras - Executive Director, CLARA, Chile
ALICE2: Latin America focuses on consolidation of RedCLARA

John Dyer - Business and Technology Strategist, Terena, The Netherlands
The case for NRENS

Sea-cable providers
SEACOM - Jean-Louis Parmentier, COO
EASSy-WIOCC - John Sihra, Chairman

12:15 - 01:30 pm

Lunch (a cafeteria is available at Charlemagne Building - ground floor)

01:30 - 03:00 pm

Thematic Session #B - Panel Session related to technology roadblocks

Session Chairs

Tshepang Mosiea - Project Manager, Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner
Gumede Tobogo - Research Manager, CSIR-HLT, South Africa

DigitalWorld Initiative (Bertrand Loisel, Research Manager, Orange Labs)

Floss Include Project (Karsten Gerloff, Researcher, United Nations University Merit)

Nokia Europe (Serge Ferré, Vice-President)

Vodafone Group R&D (Nigel Jefferies, Head of Academic Relationships / Member of the eMobility Steering Board)

LinkNet (Gertjan van Stam, Executive Director)

TNO - Information and Communication Technology (Nicolas Chevrollier, Innovator)

PT Inovação (Luis Miguel Silva, Director for Applied Research)

This panel session will be preceded by the following contributions selected through the Call for Papers

Fabrcio Carvalho de Gouveia - Fraunhofer FOKUS, Germany

Marco Zennaro - Researcher, ICTP, Italy

Ezra Mugisa - Lecturer, University of the West Indies, Jamaica

Robert Klapisch - President, Sharing the Knowledge Foundation, Switzerland

03:00 - 03:30 pm

Coffee & tea break

03:30 - 05:00 pm

Thematic Session #C - Panel Session related to socio-economic goals and applications

Santhi Kumaran - Senior Lecturer, Kigali Institute of Science and Technolov (KIST), Rwanda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner

Peter McGrath - Acting Programme Officer, the academy of sciences for the developing world (TWAS), Italy & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner

Royal Holloway, University of London (Tim Unwin, Director of the ICT4D Collective and UNESCO Chair in ICT4D)

IICD - International Institute for Communication and Development (Deem Vermeulen, Team Leader, International Programmes)

SAP (Systems Applications Product) Research (Jan Eloff, Research Director)

ESA - European Space Agency (Giorgio Parentela, Telemedicine Task Force Manager)

WHO - World Health Organization (Getachew Sahlu, Programme Manager)

This panel session will be preceded by the following contributions selected through the Call for Papers

Natalie Kimbugwe - Coordinator, Kalangala Information Centre, Uganda

Sergio Carrato - Researcher, University of Trieste, Italy

Evan Duggan - Executive Director, Mona School of Business, Jamaica

Adesina Iluyemi - Researcher, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom

Chris Morris - ICT for Development Specialist, The Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa

Francesco Sicurello - President of @ITIM, Italian Association on Telemedicine and Medical, Italy

05:00 - 05:30 pm

Closing Session & Concluding Addresses

Vera Brenda Ngosi

Director, Department of Human Resources, S&T (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)

Thierry Devars

Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission

05:30 pm

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