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Event Agenda



07:30+ am	Registrations and welcome of participants (welcome coffee)
	Master of Ceremony Karine Valin - Managing Director of Sigma Orionis and Coordinator of the EuroAfrica-ICT Project, France
08:30 - 09:00 am	Opening Session & Welcome Addresses
	<p>Vera Brenda Ngosi Director, Department of Human Resources, Science & Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Antti Peltomäki Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p>Moctar Yedaly Head of Telecommunications & Post, Department for Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission (AUC)</p>
09:00 - 9:30 am	AU Frameworks & Priorities
	<p>Session Chairs Ilari Lindy - Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland Mohamed Ben Amor - Director General, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT), Tunisia</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rapporteur Peter McGrath, Acting Programme Officer, the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), Italy & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p>Diaby Moustapha Mamy - Senior Telecommunications Development Policy Officer, Department for Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission (AUC) AU Reference Framework for ICT Policies Harmonisation</p> <p>Esam M. Abukhirat - Senior ICT Policy Officer, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) Implementation of ARAPKE / Outcomes of the AU Summit on ICT for African Development</p> <p>Masheleni Hambani - Senior S&T Policy Officer, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) Implementation of the AMCOST Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA)</p>
09:30 - 10:30 am	Africa-EU ICT & S&T Cooperation
	<p>Session Chairs Thierry Devars - Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) Diaby Moustapha Mamy - Senior Telecommunications Development Policy Officer, Department for Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rapporteur Andy Cherry - S&T Adviser, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p>Strengthening Capacities</p> <p>Ahmed Hamdy - Head of the S&T/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society & Space (8th Partnership) - Implementation Status</p> <p>Mohamed Ben Amor - Director General, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT), Tunisia Ilari Lindy - Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society & Space (8th Partnership) - The Way Forward</p> <p>Zouli Bonkoungou - Telecommunication & ICT Expert, Department for Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission (AUC) Africa-EU Partnership on Infrastructures & the Implementation of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)</p> <p>John F. Kakule - Expert in charge of Education, Science and Technology, Information Society, Health and Employment, ACP Secretariat, Brussels Implementation of the @CP-ICT & ACP S&T Programmes</p> <p>Luis Magalhães - President of the Knowledge Society Agency (UMIC) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal ICT & S&T Cooperation on Capacity Building</p> <p>Cooperation under EU Research Programmes</p> <p>Fadila Boughanemi (represented by Thierry Devars) - Senior Policy Officer in charge of S&T Cooperation with ACP Countries, Unit D1 (International Dimension of the FP) Directorate-General Research (DG RTD), European Commission (EC) EU-Africa S&T Cooperation under FP7 - EU-Africa S&T Cooperation under FP7</p> <p>Thierry Devars - Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) EU-Africa S&T Cooperation under FP7 - Introduction to the FP7/ICT Work Programme and to the ACP Connect Initiative (e-Infrastructures)</p>
10:30 - 11:00 am	Coffee & tea break

11:00 am - 01:00 pm	Thematic Sessions - Part I			
	Session 1a - ICT for Education (Technology Enhanced Learning) <i>ICT for Development, Education and Training is a major cooperation theme between Africa and Europe. In education, the effective use of ICTs offers new ways in which the quality, effectiveness and in particular, the flexibility of higher education can be improved. ICT when integrated into education have the capacities to improve the delivery of education through Distance Learning; open the way to universal digital access to education.</i>	Session 1b - ICT for Environmental Sustainability and Energy Efficiency <i>Global patterns of resources use are damaging the earth's regenerative capacity and reducing the benefits that nature provides. We rely heavily on flows of natural resources and face increasing waste produced by a rapidly-growing global population. Buildings, critical infrastructure, industrial plants, transport and communication networks are not sufficiently energy-efficient. Advances in ICT can help combat environmental degradation and ensure sustainable use of natural resources, while improving efficiency in energy production and use, and modernising energy networks.</i>	Session 1c - Advanced Technology to Improve Health (e-Health) <i>The health sector is relying increasingly on advanced ICT to make healthcare more effective and more efficient. Eg. Alerting and management support systems will use innovative data analysis and integration techniques such as data/semantic mining, information integration, decision support, & RFID-based intelligent medication delivery. Applied to medical DB, such techniques will permit health professionals to predict, detect, and monitor health problems. All relevant stakeholders will also be involved in investigating how ICT can help predict/assess risk, and manage large-scale health crises.</i>	Session 1d - Digital Library Services & Digital Content Infrastructures <i>In today's society, individuals and organisations are, on one hand, confronted with an ever growing load of information and, on the other, with increasing demands for knowledge and skills. To cope with this, we need to link content, knowledge and learning, making content and knowledge more accessible, interactive and usable over time by humans and machines alike. Europe and Africa, with their unique cultural heritage and creative potential, are well placed to exploit this paradigm shift, becoming key players in the knowledge economy.</i>
	Session Chairs Matti Sinko - Technical Adviser, UN-ECA (United Nations - Economic Commission for Africa), Division for ICT, S&T, Ethiopia & Mbangwana Moses Atezah - Research Program Manager, Educational Research Network for West and Central Africa, Mali	Session Chairs Terence Van Zyl - Researcher and Project manager, The Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa & Ingo Simonis - Managing Director, Geospatial Research Germany	Session Chairs Mikko Korpela - Adjunct Professor, School of Computing, University of Eastern Finland, Finland & Beza Belayneh - CEO, Bezaspeaks Botswana	Session Chair Peacemaker Dlamini - Deputy Director, Leveraging New ICT, Department of Science and Technology (DST), South Africa
	Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene Venansius Baryamureeba Dean, Faculty of Computing and IT, Makerere University, Uganda Jyrki Pulkkinen CEO, Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative (GeSCI), Ireland Afzal Sher Director, The Swedish Program for ICT in Developing Regions (SPIDER) Oliver Petzoldt eLearning Program Manager, Engineering Capacity Building Program, GTZ/CIM Ethiopia	Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene Malick Diagne Expert, Centre de Suivi Ecologique Senegal Paulo Ferrão National Director of the MIT-Portugal Program, Portugal Augusto Nunes ICT Policy Implementation Technical Unit (UTICT), Mozambique Ingo Simonis Managing Director, Geospatial Research Germany Dirk Van Speybroeck Unit Manager, Remote Sensing, VITO NV Belgium Chris Morris Principal Researcher, The Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa	Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene Stefano Scarda Scientific Officer, Directorate-General Energy and Transport, European Commission Getachew Sahu Programme Manager, World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland Beza Belayneh CEO, Bezaspeaks Botswana Ousmane Ly General Director, Agence Nationale de Télé Santé, Ministère de la Santé, Mali Romain-Rolland Tshouri General Manager, ICTs Development Center Mali	Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene Agnes Chikonzo Librarian, University of Zimbabwe Library, Zimbabwe Cindy Jeffers Software Developer, Distance Lab United Kingdom Ronald Munatsi Principal Librarian, Zimbabwe Library of Parliament Margaret Ngwira Director, the UbuntuNet Alliance Susan Veldsman Director, Scholarly Publishing Unit, Academy of Sciences, South Africa
	Q&A Session <i>Rapporteur - Erol Kulahci, European Affairs Manager, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Belgium & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i>	Q&A Session <i>Rapporteur - Ezra Mugisa, Lecturer, University of the West Indies (UWI), Jamaica & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i>	Q&A Session <i>Rapporteur - Rapporteur Santhi Kumaran, Senior Lecturer, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i>	Q&A Session <i>Rapporteur - Sarah Hinz, Project Assistant, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i>
01:00 - 02:00 pm	Networking Buffet Lunch / Poster Session			
02:00 - 02:20 pm	Keynote Speaker Jean-François Le Bihan, HIPSSA Senior Project Coordinator, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)			
02:20 - 04:20 pm	Thematic Sessions - Part II			
	Session 2a - GEANT & e-Infrastructures <i>ICT-based research infrastructures - from supercomputers to genetic databanks & high-speed networks - are essential to high quality research. Work in this area to date has already led to GEANT, the world's most powerful research network. Sub-saharan Africa is now in a position to benefit from support to the development of research & education networking to foster cooperation between their user communities & to strengthen links with the global research & education sector. The objective of the AfricaConnect Feasibility Study is to examine the viability of working with African NRENs & other stakeholders to establish a sustainable & expandable regional research network infrastructure in Africa.</i>	Session 2b - Network of the Future <i>Over the next 15 years, advanced network and service infrastructures will open the door to a variety of new networked applications, costing less to build and run. To reap full benefit from these opportunities current Internet, mobile, fixed and broadcasting networks must progress, together with the related software and service infrastructures.</i>	Session 2c - ICT for independent living & e-Inclusion and e-Accessibility <i>Technological change drives deep transformation in the way we live and participate in society. New requirements are emerging for social inclusion, access to public services and lifelong participation. ICT can go a long way towards addressing the challenges of independent living and inclusion by, for example, extending the time during which elderly people can live independently in their preferred environment or providing a basis for a new generation of inclusive products and services that will help integrate people who are at risk of exclusion.</i>	Session 2d - CAAST-Net Information Session on FP7 <i>Against the background of a global consensus that indigenous capacity in S&T is an essential pre-requisite to economic competitiveness, sustainable development and poverty reduction, the Network for the Coordination and Advancement of sub-Saharan Africa-EU Science & Technology Cooperation (CAAST-Net) has been developed as a high-level platform, financed by the EU's FP7, to advance international cooperation between Europe and Africa for mutual benefit.</i>
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04:20 - 04:50 pm	Coffee & tea brea / Poster Session			
04:50 - 05:05 pm	EGNOS - The European Geostationary Navigation Overlay System: an Opportunity for Africa?			
	Michel Bosco Deputy Head of Unit G4: "EU Satellite Navigation Programmes: Applications. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)", Directorate-General TREN (Energy & Transport), European Commission (EC)			
05:05 - 05:30 pm	Reports from Thematic Sessions			
	Idris Rai Deputy Dean (Academics), Faculty of Computing and IT, Makerere University, Uganda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner <i>1 slide (bullet points) per thematic sessions / 2 minutes per slide / Short reports posted online after the event</i>			
05:30 - 05:45 pm	Closing Session & Concluding Addresses			
	Ahmed Hamdy Head of the S&T/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)			
	Harry De Backer European Union Delegation to the African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia			
05:45 - 07:30 pm	Networking Cocktail & Social Event			
07:30 pm	End of the 2010 Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research			



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