

# **3rd Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research**

Helsinki, Finland (Scandic Marina Congress Center) December 7-8, 2010



A Conference organised in the framework of the "2010 Euro-Africa Week on ICT Research & e-Infrastructures" (Dec. 7-10, 2010 - Helsinki, Finland). A series of events held under the aegis of the European Commission (DG INFSO: International Relations Unit + GEANT and e-Infrastructures Unit) and the African Union Commission with the support of the Finnish Government (Ministry for Foreign Affairs + Ministry of Employment and the Economy). A week organised by the FP7 EuroAfrica-ICT and the ei-Africa EU-funded projects with the support of the VTT Technical Research Center of Finland.

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Rapporteur

## Final agenda

DAY 1 - December 7, 2010		
07:00+ am	Registrations and welcome of participants	
08:30 - 10:00 am	Opening Session & Welcome Addresses	
<b>Chair</b> Karine Valin - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis & Coordinator, EuroAfrica-ICT Initiative, France		

	Peter Mc Grath - Programme officer at TWAS, Italy & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner
	Paavo Väyrynen Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Finland
	Vera Brenda Ngosi Director, Department of Human Resources, Science & Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)
	Antti Peltomäki Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)
	Laurent Besançon
	ICT Sector Coordinator for the Africa region at the World Bank, World Bank, US
10:00 - 10:30 am	Coffee & tea break offered by Google GOOgle
10:30 - 10:45 am	Torbjörn Fredriksson - Chief, ICT Analysis Section: Science, Technology and ICT Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade Development (UNCTAD), Switzerland
	Rapporteur Tatu Lyytinen - VTT Team & Researcher, Aalto University School of Economics, Finland
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	AU and EU Frameworks Priorities, Implementation Status, and Remaining Challenges
	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
	Rapporteur Tatu Lyytinen - VTT Team & Researcher, Aalto University School of Economics, Finland

	Esam M. Abulkhirat - Senior ICT Policy Officer, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) Outcomes of the 3rd Africa-EU Summit (Tripoli, Libya - Nov. 29-30, 2010)		
	Moses Bayingana - Expert ICT, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) Implementation of ARAPKE		
	Ahmed Hamdy - Head of the S&T/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)		
	Implementation of the AMCOST Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA) Antti Peltomäki - Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)		
	Europe 2020 Digital Agenda - A Strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth		
12:00 - 01:00 pm	Networking buffet lunch		
01:00 - 03:00 pm	Africa-EU Partnerships Strengthening Capacities		
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	Rapporteur Peter Mc Grath - Programme officer at TWAS, Italy & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner		
	Africa-EU Partnerships - Overview 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)		
	Africa-EU Partnerships - Perspectives (Roundtable Discussion) José Manuel de Morais Briosa e Gala		
	African Personal Representative and Special Advisor of President Barroso, European Commission Mohamed Ben Amor		
	Director General, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT), Tunisia		
	Raphael Koffi Principal Programme Officer, Head of Telecommunication Division, the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, Nigeria		
	Hannes Toivanen Senior Research Scientist, VTT Organisations, Networks and Innovation Systems, Finland		
	Takalani Nemaungani Director: Global Projects, Department of Science & Technolgy, South Africa		
	Eric Mwangi		
	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MoHEST), Kenya Pedro Guedes Oliveira		
	Member of the Board of Directors of FCCN (Foundation for National Scientific Computing), Member of the Steering Committee of the Fraunhofer-Portugal Program, and Professor at the University of Porto, Portugal		
	Raphael Mmasi Director of Information and Documentation of the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), Tanzania		
	Zaipuna O. Yonah Director of ICT, Ministry of Science Communications and Technology (MCST), Tanzania		
	Funda Mpanza Science & Technology Coordinator, the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Botswana		
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	Daniel Annerose CEO, Manobi, Senegal	
	Christine Leurquin VP Institutional Relations, SES, Belgium	
	Bernard Yvetot Vice President Strategy International Business, France Telecom / Orange, France	
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08:00+ am	Registrations and welcome of participants			
09:00 - 10:00 am	Cooperation under EU Research Programmes			
	Thierry Devars - Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission Recent developments and perspectives for EU-Africa cooperation on ICT			
10:00 - 10:30 am	Coffee & tea break			
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Thematic Sessions - Part I			
	Session 1a - e-Learning & e-Skills (technology enhanced learning)	Session 1b - e-Infrastructures & GÉANT (from research networking to global virtual research collaboration - infrastructures & access)	Session 1c - e-Health (advanced technology to improve health)	Session 1d - e-Libraries (services & digital content infrastructures)
	e-Learning comprises all forms of electronically supported learning & teaching systems. ICTs serve as specific media to implement the learning process through the computer and network- enabled transfer of skills and knowledge. Applications & processes include Web- based learning, computer-based learning, virtual classrooms, digital collaboration, etc. It can be self-paced or instructor-led and includes media in the form of text, image, animation, streaming video and audio. ICT for Development, Education and Training is a major cooperation field between Africa and Europe. In education, the effective use of ICT offers new ways in which the quality, effectiveness and flexibility of higher education can be improved. ICT when integrated into education have the capacities to improve the delivery of	e-infrastructures - consisting of a combination of ICT-based resources, such as computers, networks, and scientific data repositories facilitating global resource sharing and collaborative research - are key enablers for virtual global research communities and drivers of socio-economic development. To be able to fulfil their missions, African research and higher education institutions need access to the global research and education network infrastructure. Unlike their peers on other continents, most African institutions do currently not have such an access. Within the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership (namely P8), the AUC and the EC have given highest priority to the AfricaConnect initiative as an early deliverable with the objective to support the African research and higher	The health sector is relying increasingly on advanced ICT to make healthcare more effective and more efficient. Examples: alerting and management support systems will use innovative data analysis and integration techniques such as data/semantic mining, information integration, decision support, and RFID- based intelligent medication delivery. Applied to medical databases, 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. e-Health is definitely a major ICT research priority of common interest and benefit for the two continents.	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
	Session Chairs Dhesigen Naidoo (Director of Research & innovation, University of Pretoria, SA) & Jyrki Pulkkinen (CEO, Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative, Ireland)		Session Chair Caroline Figueres (Managing Director, IICD, The Netherlands)	Session Chairs Mbangwana Moses Atezah (Research Program Manager, Panafrican Research Agenda, ROCARE / ERNWACA, Mali) & Desirée van Welsum (Head of ICT Research, RAND Europe, Belgium)
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	<b>Jyrki Pulkkinen</b> CEO, Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative (GeSCI) Ireland	<b>Boubakar Barry</b> Coordinator, Research & Education Networking Unit, AAU Ghana	Laurent Braak Executive Director, MEDES-IMPS (Institut de Médecine et de Physiologie Spatiales), France	<b>Ronald Munatsi</b> Principal Librarian, Library of Parliament, Zimbabwe
	<b>Venansius Baryamureeba</b> Vice-chancellor, Makerere University Uganda	Burak Simsek Senior Researcher, Fraunhofer FOKUS Germany	Agostino Faravelli Member of the Patologi Oltre Frontiera NGO Italy	<b>Gift A. Kadzamira</b> Head of Documentation & Information Services, National Commission for Science & Tehnology, Malawi

	Dhesigen Naidoo Director of Research & innovation, University of Pretoria South Africa	Frederick F. Tusubira CEO of UbuntuNet Uganda Bjorn Pehrson Research Leader, School of ICT, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology) Sweden Wim Van Petegem K.U.Leuven Belgium	Fernando Jorge Monteiro Director's Board Member & VP of the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto, Portugal Ousmane Ly CEO, Agence Nationale de Télésanté et d'Informatique Médicale (ANTIM) Mali Chrissie Kaponda Associate Professor, Kamuzu College of Nursing, Malawi	Pascal Hoba Head of the Communication & Services Department, Coordinator of DATAD, AAU Ghana Peter Mc Grath Programme officer, TWAS, Italy
		<b>Omo Oaiya</b> WACREN Ghana		
	Q&A Session	Q&A Session	Q&A Session	Q&A Session
	Rapporteur - Tshepang Mosiea, Project Manager, the Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner	Rapporteur - Idris Rai, Deputy Dean (Academics), Faculty of Computing & IT, Makerere University, Uganda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner	Rapporteur - Santhi Kumaran, Deputy Director, e-health Center of Excellence, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner	Rapporteur - Sarah Hinz, Project Assistant, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), UK & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner
12:00 - 01:30 pm	Networking buffet lunch			
01:30 - 03:00 pm	Thematic Sessions - Part II			
	Session 2a - e-Agriculture, e-Food, ICT for Environmental Sustainability & Energy Efficiency (enabling environment, climate change effects, disaster management, etc)	Session 2b - Evolution and convergence of networks, infrastructures, equipment and services towards Future Network solutions	Session 2c - WORKSHOP Building and Strengthening Capacities in ICT Research in Africa (training programmes, ongoing initiatives, etc.)	Session 2d - e-Governance (secure services to citizens & business)
	Global patterns of resources use are damaging the earth's regenerative capacity & reducing the benefits that nature provides. We rely heavily on flows of natural resources & face increasing waste produced by a rapidly-growing global population. Buildings, critical infrastructure, industrial plants, transport & communication networks are not sufficiently energy-efficient. Advances in ICT can help combat environmental degradation & ensure sustainable use of natural resources, while improving	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.	This session will attempt to describe the teaching and research capacity for ICTs in Africa, identify what is being done well, where the gaps are, highlight some activities aimed at filling these gaps and - above all - develop recommendations for additional programmes to build and strengthen ICT research capacity in Africa.	e-Government (electronic government / e-Gov / digital government / online government / connected government) is creating a comfortable, transparent, and cheap interaction between government and citizens (G2C - government to citizens), government and business enterprises (G2B - government to business enterprises) and relationship between governments (G2G - inter- agency relationship). There are 4 mains domains of e-government namely: governance, information and
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03:00 - 03:30 pm	Coffee & tea break			
03:30 - 05:00 pm	Thematic Sessions - Part III			
	Session 3a - Local innovation & technology transfer	Session 3b - m-Banking	Session 3c - e-Inclusion & e- Accessibility (ICT for independent living, social inclusion, youth/women and the Information Society, etc.)	Session 3d - WORKSHOP Identifying joint ICT Research Priorities

	Despite the indisputable role of innovation in productivity growth, access to new technologies by developing countries and least developed countries remains one of the most contested areas	Mobile banking (m-Banking / SMS Banking) is a term used for performing balance checks, account transactions, payments, credit applications etc. via a mobile device such as a mobile phone or	Technological change drives deep transformation in the way we live and participate in society. New requirements	One of the main objectives of the EuroAfrica-ICT project is to identify ICT research priorities addressing cooperation between Europe and Africa. Once identified and analysed in detail,
	of international economic regulation. The persistent and deepening "innovation divide" between industrialised nations, where most research and development investment occurs, and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries who rely primarily on imports of technology to enhance domestic supplies of technical knowledge, suggests that existing global policies directed at promoting technology diffusion and increasing access to technical knowledge have been wholly inadequate (© Ruth L. Okediji). This session will strive to further discuss the	a personal digital assistant (PDA). The earliest mobile banking services was offered via SMS. With the introduction of the first primitive smart phones with WAP support enabling the use of the mobile web in 1999, the first European banks started to offer mobile banking on this platform to their customers. Africa probably boast the most advanced, oldest and most successful examples of mobile banking solutions on the planet today. It is not difficult to understand why, as this is also one of the fastest growing markets for mobile telephonv in the world.	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.	these priorities will lead to recommendations which may be taken into consideration in facilitating the rapid emergence of Euro-African collaborative projects addressing identified ICT research areas. To identify these ICT research priorities, the EuroAfrica-ICT Partnership is taking a wide range of sources into consideration: among them an extensive consultation of participants in the EuroAfrica-ICT cooperation forums
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05:00 - 05:30 pm	Closing Session & Concluding Addr	resses		
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	Ilari Lindy Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
05:30 pm	End of the 3rd Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research
07:00 - 10:00 pm	Social Event - Networking buffet dinner offered by the European and the African Union Commissions through the EuroAfrica-ICT/el-Africa EU- funded projects and VTT (Wanha Satama Ravintolat: Pikku Satamakatu 5, Ballroom A, Helsinki - 100m only from the conference venue) By invitation only (150 seats available)

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