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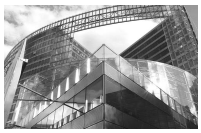

Tentative Agenda
(as of Jan. 28, 2009)

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

DAY 1 - Wednesday, March 25, 2009

07:30+ am	Registrations and welcome of participants
09:00 - 09:45 am	**Opening Session & Welcome Addresses**
	Master of Ceremony **Karine Valin** - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis, France & Coordinator, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project
	Viviane Reding Commissioner, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)
	Jean-Pierre Onvéhoun Ezin Commissioner for Science and Technology, African Union Commission (AUC)
	Louis Michel Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, European Commission (EC)
	Elham Mahmoud Ahmed Ibrahim Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (AUC)
	Janez Potočnik Commissioner, Directorate-General Research (DG RTD), European Commission (EC)
	Catherine Trautmann European Deputy, European Parliament
09:45 am - 10:45 am	**Roundtable Discussions: Africa-EU Cooperation on ICT: from Research to Deployment - Status & Perspectives**
	Session Chairs **Antti Peltomäki** - Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) **Abdul-Hakim Elwaer** - Director, Directorate of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)
	Mosibudi Mangena Minister of Science and Technology, South Africa
	Alexander Vendra Deputy Prime Minister for EU Affairs, Czech Republic (Presidency of the European Union)
	Ham-Musaka Mulira Minister of Communication and ICT, Uganda
	Stefano Manservisi Director General, Directorate-General Development (DG DEV), European Commission (EC)
	Speaker TBA Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Scientific Research, Rwanda
	Sally Kosgey Minister of Higher Education Science and Technology, Kenya
	Tillman Thomas Prime Minister of Grenada and CARICOM representative of Science and Technology, Grenada
	Abdoul Aziz Sow Minister of Information, Telecommunications & ICT, Senegal
	Hamadoun I. Touré Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland
	Luis T. Magalhães President of the Knowledge Society Agency (UMIC), Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal
	Abdul Waheed Khan Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
10:45 - 11:15 am	Coffee & tea break / Press Conference
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	**Roundtable Discussions: Implementation of the EU-AU Partnership on Science, ICT and Space (the 8th Partnership)**
	Session Chairs **Roger Torrenti** - CEO, Sigma Orionis, France & Adviser, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project **Gaston Zongo** - Senior ICT4D Adviser, Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA), Senegal
	Abdul-Hakim Elwaer Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)
	Antti Peltomäki Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)
	Jean-François Girard President, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France
	Daan du Toit Senior Science and Technology Representative, South African Embassy, Belgium
	Ilari Lindy Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
	Aida Opoku-Mensah Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia
12:15 - 01:30 pm	Lunch
01:30 - 03:00 pm	**Introduction to EC (European Commission) and AUC (African Union Commission) 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)
	Luis Riera Figueras - Director, Directorate-General for Development and Humanitarian Aid (DG DEV), European Commission Presentation title TBA
	Mario Campolargo - Director, Emerging Technologies and Infrastructures, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission Presentation Title TBA
	Abdul-Hakim Elwaer - Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) Implementation of the African Regional Action Plan on the Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE)

	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** **Philippe 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** ***Q&A Session***
03:00 - 03:30 pm	**Coffee & tea break**
03:30 - 05:30 pm	**Roundtable Discussions: Public Private Partnerships (PPP) - Experiences and lessons learned**
	Session Chairs **Jean-François Soupizet** - Head of Unit A4, International Relations, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) **Daan du Toit** - Senior Science and Technology Representative, South African Embassy, Belgium
	Muzi Dlamini MTN Manager for ICT Public Sector, South Africa **Joachim Schaper** Vice President EMEA, SAP Research, Germany **Speaker TBA** Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO), United Kingdom **Aida Opoku-Mensah** Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia **Damien Levie** Member of Louis Michel's Cabinet, European Commissioner for Development Policy and Humanitarian Aid (DG DEV), European Commisison (EC) **Beza Belayneh** Executive Director, Bezaspeaks, Botswana **Venansius Baryamureeba** Dean, Faculty of Computing and IT, Makerere University, Uganda **Daniel Annerose** CEO, Manobi, Senegal **Gabriel Solomon** Senior Vice President, GSM Association, United Kingdom **Speaker TBA** Microsoft Africa **Luc Genessay** Vice President for Africa, Orange **Valerie D'Costa** Programme Manager, InfoDev **Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid** Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (ITU-D) **Speaker TBA** Nokia, Finland **Speaker TBA** Ericsson, Uganda **Gertjan van Stam** Executive Director, LinkNet, Zambia ***Q&A Session***
05:30+ pm	**Networking Cocktail offered by a sponsor**

DAY 2 - Thursday, March 26, 2009

08:00+ am	**Welcome of participants**
09:00 - 10:15 am	**How to enhance African organisations participation in FP7/ICT?**
	Session Chairs **Karine Valin** - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis & Coordinator EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project **Idris A. Rai** - Associate Professor, Faculty of Computing and IT, Makerere University, Uganda
	Khalil Rouhana - Head of Unit C2: Strategy for ICT R&D, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission **The ICT theme of the FP7 research funding programme: perspectives for 2009-2010 (35')** **Roger Torrenti** - CEO, Sigma Orionis, France & Advisor, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project **Introduction to the EuroAfriCa-ICT Initiative (10')** **Crispus Kiamba** - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science & Technology, Kenya & CAAST-Net Project representative, Kenya **Introduction to CAAST-NET (10')** ***Q&A Session (20')***
10:15 - 10:45 am	**Coffee & tea break**
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	**Thematic Session #1 - Special emphasis on eInfrastructures, GEANT(2) & the FEAST project (to be organised by the EC Directorate F and the FEAST team)**
	Session Chairs **Carmen Mena-Abela** - Scientific Officer, GEANT & eInfrastructures, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission **African Chair TBA**
	Sub-saharan Africa is now in a position to benefit from support to the development of research and education networking to foster cooperation between their user communities and to strengthen links with the global research and education sector. The objective of the AfricaConnect Feasibility Study (the FEAST project) is to examine the viability of working with African NRENs and other stakeholders to establish a sustainable and expandable regional research network infrastructure in Africa, starting among the currently most developed NRENs in Southern and Eastern Africa, and to provide recommendations to the EC on the deployment of such a regional network and its interconnection to GÉANT. The study will also look at NREN organisations and capacity to ensure that international bandwidth can be distributed to end users. The EC DG INFSO is procuring the feasibilty study from a partnership including KTH Sweden as the main contractor with DANTE and TERENA as subcontractors. **Konstantinos Glinos** - Head of Unit of GEANT & eInfrastructures, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission **Presentation Title TBA** **Bjorn Pehrson** - Professor, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology), Sweden **Presentation Title TBA** **Boubakar Barry** - Coordinator, Research and Education Networking Unit, Association of African Universities, Ghana **Presentation Title TBA** **John Dyer** - Business and Technology Strategist, Terena, The Netherlands **Presentation Title TBA** **Zimani D. Kadzamira** - Chairperson, Ubuntunet Alliance, Malawi **Presentation Title TBA** **Cathrin Stover** - International Relations Manager, Dante, United Kingdom **Presentation Title TBA**

12:15 - 01:30 pm	**Lunch**
01:30 - 03:00 pm	**Thematic Session #2 - Open Session related to technology roadblocks**
	Session Chairs (Consortium Members of the EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project) **Peter McGrath** - Acting Programme Officer, The academy of sciences for the developing world (TWAS), Italy **Santhi Kumaran** - Head, Dept. of Computer Engineering & IT, Kigali Institute of Science and Technoloy (KIST), Rwanda
	Call for Papers/Communications *This session offers a limited number of speaking slots for researchers and scientists excelling in their respective ICT activity field. A selection committee will evaluate the received proposals and invite the selected candidates to present their work at the event. Abstracts focusing on the ICT themes outlined in FP7 will be given priority.* *Submit your abstract by January 31, 2009 (www.euroafrica-ict.org).*
03:00 - 03:30 pm	**Coffee & tea break**
03:30 - 05:00 pm	**Thematic Session #3 - Open Session related to socio-economic goals and applications**
	Session Chairs (Consortium Members of the EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project) **Andy Cherry** - S&T Adviser, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) **Johan Eksteen** - Manager, Technology Research Programme, the Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa
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05:00 - 05:30 pm	**Closing Session & Concluding Addresses**
	Abdul-Hakim Elwaer Director, Department of Human Resources, S&T (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) **Antti Peltomäki** Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)
05:30 pm	**End of the 2009 Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research**

The '2008 Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research' is co-organised by the European Commission (EC - DG INFSO) and the African Union Commission (AUC) with the support of the EuroAfrica-ICT EU Initiative