IST-Africa 2013
Call for Papers

Nairobi, Kenya

29 - 31 May 2013

Thematic Priorities

- Cloud Computing – Applications and Case Studies
- Cyber Security
- Digital Libraries and Cultural Heritage
- eGovernment – Services to Citizens & Business
- eHealth, mHealth & Health Information Systems
- eInfrastructures and NRENs
- ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility
- ICT for Environmental Sustainability and eAgriculture
- ICT Regulatory Frameworks
- IPv6
- Living Labs (Adaptation for Developing Countries)
- Mobile Applications (including mServices, mEducation, Social Networking)
- Open Source Software - Applications
- RFID and Networked Enterprise
- Technology Enhanced Learning and ICT Skills
- Transformation of Research Results into Local Innovation

Deadlines

- Online Submission Deadline: **07 December 2012**
- Provisional Acceptance: **08 February 2013**
- Submission of Final Paper: **28 February 2013**
- Presenter Registration: **8 March 2013**

3rd Annual IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Working Group Meeting - 28 May 2013

Submission of Papers

- Paper Focus – Business or Government Case Studies, Technical, Visionary
- Papers must highlight Actual or Expected Impact, as well as Level of Innovation
- Papers must present either a Case Study, or Analysis of Initial or Final Research Results
- All Papers must be 4,000 - 5,000 words in length & use the **IST-Africa** Paper Template

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Founded and Coordinated by IIMC (Ireland) in 2002, **IST-Africa** has evolved into a Strategic Partnership with 18 African Countries Focused on

- Supporting Implementation of the 8th Africa – EU Strategic Partnership (Science, Information Society, Space) and Activities of the Joint Expert Group (JEG8), with a particular focus on the Information Society Track
- Supporting EU – Africa and Intra-African Research and Policy Collaboration
- Supporting Information Society and ICT Adoption and Capacity Building across Africa through Knowledge Sharing, Community Building and Skills Transfer

Conference Profile

IST-Africa 2013 is the eighth in an annual series of Ministerial Level Technology Research Conferences that bring together senior representatives from leading government, industry and research institutions around the world to share knowledge and experience related to Information Society and ICT Adoption, Policy and Research. Recent Conferences have brought together over 500 participants from 51 countries.

The **IST-Africa Conference Series** provides a platform to strengthen Information Society and ICT related policy dialogues within Africa and between Africa and Europe through Plenary Sessions, rich thematic knowledge exchange through the Scientific Programme and co-located multi-lateral (e.g. JEG8) and bi-lateral meetings.

Its reputation is based on high quality discussion, papers, presentations and interactive workshops showcasing innovative ICT and Information Society related research results and applications, whether funded privately, or at national or regional level. Social events are designed to support Community Building.

Each Conference puts a special emphasis on showcasing Information Society and Knowledge Economy, ICT Adoption, Innovation and Research Capacity in the Host Country (**IST-Africa 2006** - South Africa, **IST-Africa 2007** - Mozambique, **IST-Africa 2008** - Namibia, **IST-Africa 2009** - Uganda, **IST-Africa 2010** - South Africa, **IST-Africa 2011** - Botswana, **IST-Africa 2012** - Tanzania).

IST-Africa 2013 will showcase Information Society and ICT policy contributions, research and implementation project results from Africa and Europe (including FP7), and focus on Research Cooperation Opportunities for African organisations under FP7 and Horizon 2020.

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Publishing Schedule

- Draft Final Paper and Workshop Proposals submitted online by **07 December 2012**
- Provisional Acceptance of Draft Final Papers with IPC feedback provided on **08 February 2013**
- Final Papers to be submitted online by **28 February 2013** for editorial review & quality check
- Accepted Presenters must register and pay the Presenter Fee by **8 March 2013**
- The Conference Proceedings will be published on CD-Rom with an ISBN Number

International Programme Committee

A distinguished International Programme Committee (IPC) is being formed by Paul Cunningham, the **IST-Africa** Conference Chair. The **IST-Africa 2013** IPC will evaluate and provide actionable feedback to help authors improve their final draft papers, strengthen the impact of their final presentations, and chair sessions.

Conference Portal

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