

IST-Africa 2008

Call for Papers

Windhoek - Namibia

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Thematic Priorities

- eHealth – Health Information Systems
- Technology Enhanced Learning and ICT Skills
- Digital Libraries and Content
- Open Source Software - Applications
- ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility
- eInfrastructures
- ICT for Environmental Sustainability
- ICT for Networked Enterprise
- eGovernment – Services to Citizens & Business

Deadlines

- Online Submission Extended Deadline: **20 December 2007**
- Provisional Acceptance: **18 January 2008**
- Submission of Final Paper: **29 February 2008**
- Presenter Registration: **14 March 2008**

Submission of Papers

- Paper Focus – Technical, Visionary, Business or Government Case Studies
- Papers must highlight Level of Innovation, as well as Actual or Expected Impact
- 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, and use **IST-Africa** Paper Template

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Conference Focus

Part of the **IST-Africa Initiative**, which is supported by the European Commission under the Information Communications Technologies (ICT) Theme of Framework Programme 7 (FP7), **IST-Africa 2008** is the third in a series of annual technology research conferences focused on bringing together representatives from leading commercial, government and research organisations around the world to bridge the Digital Divide by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and good practice, and identify opportunities for international research collaboration between Europe and Africa under the ICT Research Theme of FP7.

The **IST-Africa Conference Series** provides a platform to strengthen Information Society policy dialogues between Africa and Europe through Plenary Presentations and private bi-lateral and multi-lateral meetings, which complement the rich thematic knowledge exchange facilitated by the Scientific Programme.

Event Profile

The **IST-Africa Conference Series** has a truly international perspective, attracting Ministerial participation and over 470 delegates from 51 countries (including 22 African and 25 European countries) to **IST-Africa 2007**.

Its reputation is based on high quality papers and discussion workshops that showcase innovative ICT research results and applications, whether funded privately, or at national, regional, international or European level. The participation of industry, government and research in the **IST-Africa Conference Community** ensures a stimulating and high quality networking environment, providing an opportunity to share knowledge and experience with potential research or exploitation partners. Each **IST-Africa Conference** places a special focus on Host Country activities, sectoral and national initiatives and regional success stories.

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Publishing Schedule

- Draft Final Paper and Workshop Proposals submitted online by **20 December 2007 (extended deadline)**
- Provisional Acceptance of Draft Final Papers with IPC feedback provided on **18 January 2008**
- Final Papers to be submitted online by **29 February 2008** for review & quality check
- Accepted Presenters must register and pay the Presenter Fee by **14 March 2008**
- The Conference Proceedings will be published on CD-Rom and (subject to Sponsorship) as a book

International Programme Committee

A distinguished International Programme Committee (IPC) has being formed by Paul Cunningham, the **IST-Africa** Conference Chair. The **IST-Africa 2008** IPC will evaluate and provide feedback on all final draft papers received, provide feedback on final presentations, and chair sessions.

Conference Portal

For the most up to date information, please visit www.IST-Africa.org/Conference2008