

IST-Africa 2016

Call for Papers

Durban, South Africa



11 - 13 May 2016

Thematic Priorities

- Content Technologies: Language, Learning, Digital Preservation
- Cyber Security, Privacy and Trust
- eHealth, mHealth & Health Information Systems
- eGovernment – Services to Citizens & Business
- eInfrastructures, NRENs and IPv6
- Future Internet, Connected Enterprise
- ICT for Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability
- ICT Entrepreneurship
- ICT4D and Humanitarian Technologies
- ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility
- ICT Regulatory Frameworks
- Living Labs, Collaborative Open Innovation
- Mobile Applications (including mServices, mEducation)
- Next Generation Computing: Big Data, Cloud Computing, Data Localisation, Internet of Things (IoT)
- Open Source Software - Applications
- Technology-enhanced Learning and eSkills
- Societal Implications of Technology

Deadlines

- Online Submission Extended Deadline: **18 January 2016**
- Provisional Acceptance: **12 February 2016**
- Submission of Final Paper: **07 March 2016**
- Presenter Registration: **11 March 2016**

IST-Africa Week 2016 will include the 6th Annual IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Working Group Meeting (10 May)

Submission of Papers & Workshop Proposals

- Papers and Workshops must highlight Actual or Expected Impact, as well as Level of Innovation
- Paper Focus – Technical, Case Studies or Visionary
- 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

Full Papers accepted for the Conference Proceedings and presented during the conference will be submitted for publication to IEEE Xplore

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IST-Africa Initiative

Hosted by **IST-Africa Partner Governments** since 2006, **IST-Africa Week** is the flagship event of the **IST-Africa Initiative**. Founded in 2002, **IST-Africa** is Supported by European Commission (EC) and African Union Commission (AUC), and co-funded under the European Framework Programme since 2005 – current Contract No. 611795.

Coordinated by IIMC (Ireland), **IST-Africa** is a Strategic Partnership with Ministries and National Councils responsible for Innovation, Science and Technology in 18 African Countries. **IST-Africa** facilitates and supports

- International Innovation, Research and Policy Cooperation
- Knowledge Sharing and Skills Transfer between IST-Africa Partners
- Collaborative Innovation, ICT Entrepreneurship, ICT4D and Adoption of Living Labs
- Africa - EU Strategic Partnership (Information Society, ICT, Innovation)

Conference Profile

IST-Africa 2016 is the eleventh annual Ministerial Level Technology Research Conference. It brings together senior representatives from leading public, private, education and research, societal and donor organisations around the world to share knowledge and experience of Information Society, ICT and Innovation related Adoption, Policy & Research in a development context. Recent Conferences have had over 500 participants from 51 countries.

The **IST-Africa Conference Series** provides a platform to strengthen Information Society, ICT, Innovation and Technology for Development related policy dialogues within Africa and between Africa, Europe and the rest of the world. This is achieved through strategic Plenary Sessions, rich thematic knowledge exchange through the Scientific Programme and co-located multi-lateral and bi-lateral meetings.

Its reputation is based on high quality discussion, papers, presentations and interactive workshops showcasing innovative ICT, Information Society and ICT4D related applications and research results.

Each Conference places a special emphasis on showcasing host country progress in achieving the Information Society and Knowledge Economy, as well as Entrepreneurship and ICT related Adoption, Innovation and Research Capacity (**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** - Kenya, **IST-Africa 2014** - Mauritius, **IST-Africa 2015** - Malawi).

IST-Africa 2016 will feature Information Society, ICT, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Technology for Development related policy contributions, research and implementation project results from Africa and Europe, and focus on Research and Innovation Collaboration Opportunities between Africa and Europe under Horizon 2020.

The **6th Annual IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Working Group Meeting** takes place the day before **IST-Africa 2016**.

Call for Support Organisations

The **IST-Africa Conference Series** is self-funding through public, private and donor sector support and registrations. As a **Supporting Organisation**, you facilitate additional delegate services as well as scholarships for deserving African participants. Register your interest by contacting the Conference Secretariat: Secretariat@IST-Africa.org

Publishing Schedule

- Draft Final Paper and Workshop Proposals submitted online by **18 January 2016**
- Provisional Acceptance of Draft Final Papers with IPC feedback provided on **12 February 2016**
- Final Papers to be submitted online by **07 March 2016** for editorial review & quality check
- Accepted Presenters must register and pay the Presenter Fee by **11 March 2016**
- The Conference Proceedings will be published on CD-Rom with an ISBN Number

There are **three** different presentation opportunities during IST-Africa 2016: i) Published paper focused on Research results with oral presentation; ii) Published case study with oral presentation; and iii) oral presentation of interim results either within workshop sessions or thematic parallel sessions.

International Programme Committee

A distinguished International Programme Committee (IPC) is being formed by Paul Cunningham, the **IST-Africa** Conference Chair. The **IST-Africa 2016** 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.

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