

IST-Africa Living Labs Thematic Working Group Meeting

08 May 2012

Kunduchi Beach Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Organised by IIMC Ireland (IST-Africa Coordinator) in cooperation with COSTECH (Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology) and TANZICT, as part of IST-Africa Initiative activities supported by the European Commission under FP7

Background to IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Working Group Meeting

Within the context of developing the socio-economic & research potential of the African ICT (Information Communication Technologies) & STI (Science, Technology and Innovation) landscape, the **8th Africa-EU Strategic Partnership** (Science, Information Society, Space) provides a political mandate based on mutually agreed priorities, for the European Commission (EC), African Union Commission (AUC), European Union (EU) and African Union (AU) Member States, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the Research Community, Private Sector, Civil Society and NGOs, Local Authorities, International Financing Institutions, International Donor Organisations & Foundations to collaborate in the areas of Science, Information Society and Space.

The **Second Action Plan** (2011 – 2013) of the 8th Africa-EU Strategic Partnership (Science, Information Society, Space) has identified a number of priority areas for public sector, private sector and research community collaboration between Africa and Europe to complement investments in ICT infrastructure deployment by exploiting synergies between the EU 2020 Digital Agenda and the African Union (AU) ICT development frameworks.

The goal is to support STI and ICT capacity-building initiatives for mass diffusion of ICTs and related services, as key enablers for poverty reduction, economic growth, social development and regional integration. One of the activities identified under the Information Society Priority is to support the establishment of sustainable Living Labs Networks across Africa as a tool to enhance ICT research cooperation, local innovation, entrepreneurship and wider socio-economic and community development.

IST-Africa undertook a comprehensive survey of existing and emerging Living Labs across Africa from May 2011 – January 2012, and in cooperation with LLiSA (Living Labs Network for Southern Africa) and other key stakeholders, identified priorities and recommendations for sustainable Living Labs and Living Labs Networks in Africa. An extensive public consultation was undertaken and the report findings were further validated at a series of interactive workshops in IST-Africa Partner Countries across East and Southern Africa.

This IST-Africa Living Labs Thematic Working Group Meeting follows on from the inaugural IST-Africa Living Labs Workshop organised by IIMC (IST-Africa Coordinator) on 10 May 2011 in Gaborone, Botswana, and the subsequent IST-Africa Living Labs Validation Workshops undertaken by IIMC with national stakeholders in East Africa - hosted by Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Burundi (26 - 27 September 2011); Tanzania National



Commission for Science and Technology (29 - 30 September 2011), Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (06 - 07 October 2011), Ministry of Science and Technology, Ethiopia (24 November 2011), and in Southern Africa - hosted by the National Commission for Science and Technology, Malawi (17 November 2011); Ministry of Communications and Transport, Zambia (22 November 2011); and Ministry of Information Communication Technology, Swaziland (29 November 2011).

The IST-Africa Living Labs Report “Supporting the Evolution of Sustainable Living Labs and Living Labs Networks in Africa¹” ISBN 978-1-905824-28-1 can be downloaded from <http://www.ist-africa.org/home/default.asp?page=reports>

Focus of IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Working Group Meeting

This IST-Africa Living Labs Thematic Working Group is focused on consolidating a network of experts and key stakeholders to support existing and emerging Living Labs across Africa through networking and sharing knowledge, experiences and expertise.

It provides an opportunity for all key stakeholders interested in learning more about the potential of Living Labs for socio-economic development to work together to co-create a framework for future emerging Living Labs and Networks in a developing country context.

Agenda – Tuesday 08 May 2012

08:30 – 09:00 Collect Name Badge (Pre-Registration Mandatory)

09.00 - 09.30: Opening Ceremony for JEG8 @ IST-Africa 2012

09.30 - 11.00: Session 1 (Report on JEG8 by African and European Co-Chairs, P8 Action Plan 2011-2013, AUC Report on EU-Africa Summit in Tripoli & subsequent events)

11:10 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK: Networking Opportunities

11.30 – 18.00: 2 Parallel Tracks (Information Society and Space)

- **IST-Africa Living Labs Thematic Working Group** (Key Information Society Priority of 2nd Action Plan, organised and supported by IST-Africa Initiative)
- **GMES & Africa** (Key Space Priority of 2nd Action Plan, organised and supported by BRAGMA)

¹ http://www.ist-africa.org/home/files/Supporting_the_Evolution_of_Sustainable_Living_Labs_and_Living_Labs_Networks_in_Africa.pdf



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11:30 - 11:45: Welcome

Dr Raphael Mmasi, COSTECH, Tanzania, Paul Cunningham, IIMC, Ireland (IST-Africa Coordinator). Klaus Pendl, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission

11:45 - 12:00: Warm-up Activity

12.00 - 12.45: Participatory Session 1: Stakeholder Roles in Living Labs

12.45 - 13.15: Sharing Outcomes from Session 1

13:15 – 14:00	LUNCH
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14.00 - 14.40: Participatory Session 2: Harvesting Different Perspectives and Emerging Issues on African Living Labs

14.40 - 15.10: Overview of Existing and Emerging Living Labs in Africa and Recommendations from Report on “Supporting the Evolution of Sustainable Living Labs and Living Labs Networks in Africa”

Paul Cunningham, IIMC, Ireland

15.10 - 16.10: Participatory Session 3: Open Space on Emerging Issues

16:10 – 16:30	Coffee & Tea Break
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16.30 - 17.00: Sharing of Outputs from Open Space Session

17.00 - 17.15: Lessons Learnt from European Living Labs

Prof Alvaro Oliveria, European Network of Living Labs

17.15 - 17.30: Lessons Learnt from African Living Labs

Prof Marlien Herselman, Living Labs of Southern Africa Network

17.30 - 18.00: Discussion and Wrap-Up

Moderated by Paul Cunningham

18:00	End of IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Group Meeting
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