

IST-Africa August 2008 Newsletter

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Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are keeping well. We would like to bring a number of important developments to your attention in this month's newsletter.

IST-Africa 2009 Conference - Call for Papers 09 November

Hosted by Government of Uganda through the Ministry of ICT, IST-Africa 2009 Conference & Exhibition will take place 06 - 08 May 2009 in Uganda.

Part of the IST-Africa Initiative, which is supported by the European Commission under the ICT Theme of Framework Programme 7 (FP7), IST-Africa 2009 is the fourth in an Annual Conference Series which brings together senior representatives from leading commercial, government & research organisations across Africa and from Europe, to bridge the Digital Divide by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and good practice and discussing policy related issues.

The Call for Papers can be downloaded from

http://www.ist-africa.eu/Conference2009/files/ISTAfrica2009_CallForPapers.pdf

Important Deadlines:

Online submission deadline for full paper or workshop proposal: **09 November 2008**

Acceptance decision: 26 January 2009

Final Paper Submission: 20 February 2009

The scientific programme for IST-Africa 2009 is based on an open Call for Papers and the conference language is English.

Interested presenters are encouraged to prepare an 8 page paper (4,000 - 5,000) words following the IST-Africa 2009 paper guidelines and paper template for submission online by 28 November. Please observe the Paper Guidelines available at www.ist-africa.eu/conference2009/default.asp?page=paperguidelines and use the Paper Template provided when preparing your paper.

All submissions will be double blind reviewed by the International Programme Committee and authors will receive feedback in late January. Accepted authors will then be invited to submit a final paper taking account of feedback provided for inclusion in the conference proceedings by end of February.

Core Thematic Priorities for IST-Africa 2009

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

More information is available at

www.ist-africa.eu/Conference2009/default.asp?page=priorities

IST-Africa 2008 Conference

Hosted by Government of Namibia through the Ministry of Education, IST-Africa 2008 Conference & Exhibition took place 07 - 09 May 2008 in Windhoek, Namibia. IST-Africa 2008 was very successful, attracting over 450 delegates from Europe and Africa. Plenary speakers included Ministers of Science and Technology from Namibia, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya, Director Generals from DG Information Society and Media and DG Research of the European Commission and DST South Africa and Directors from the African Union Commission, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and SADC Secretariat.

A high-level Round Table on the Implementation of the Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society and Space took place during the Opening Plenary session, which was highly successful.

The Conference Report, which provides an overview of the conference findings is available to download from

http://www.ist-africa.eu/Conference2008/files/ISTAfrica2008_ConferenceReport.pdf

IST-Africa 2008 Conference Proceedings

All papers published in the IST-Africa 2008 Conference Proceedings are now available in the IST-Africa Paper Repository -

<http://www.ist-africa.eu/home/default.asp?page=paper-repository>

All members of the IST-Africa portal can download papers of interest by using your existing log in details. You can retrieve your log in details at any stage via

<http://www.ist-africa.eu/home/default.asp?page=mail-password>

Please note that authors retain the copyright in their individual papers.

ACP-ICT Programme - Call for Proposals Deadline 16 September

The European Commission has published the ACP-Information and Communication Technologies [ACP-ICT] Programme under its 9th European Development Fund. The Contracting Authority is the ACP Secretariat. The deadline for submission of proposals is 16 September. More information is available at

www.ist-africa.eu/home/default.asp?page=acpictprog

Relevant Documents to download include:

ACP-ICT Programme – Guide for Grant Applicants –

http://www.ist-africa.eu/home/files/ACP-ICT3_guidelines.pdf

ACP-ICT3 Annexes (Zip file with all Annexes A - H)

http://www.ist-africa.eu/home/files/ACP-ICT3_annexes.zip

ACP-ICT Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.ist-africa.eu/home/files/ACP-ICT-FAQ.pdf>

Call for Chapters

Dr. Blessing M. Maumbe (Eastern Kentucky University, USA, and Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa) and Dr. Vesper T. Owei, (Cape Peninsula University of Technology, South Africa) have issued a Call for Chapters for a book entitled "E-Agriculture

and E-government for Global Policy Development: Implications and Future Directions". Please download the Call with contact details from

http://www.ist-africa.eu/home/files/eAgricGov_CallforChapters.pdf

Government policy makers, academics, researchers and other practitioners are invited to submit on or before August 30, 2008, a 2-3 page chapter proposal clearly explaining the objectives and methods of their proposed book chapter. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by September 15, 2008 about the status of their proposals and sent chapter guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by 30th November 2008. Each submitted chapter will be double-blind peer reviewed by at least 3 reviewers. This book is scheduled to be published by IGI Global (formerly Idea Group Inc.), publisher of the "Information Science Reference" (formerly Idea Group Reference) and "Medical Information Science Reference" imprints.

Upcoming Events

IST-Africa Workshop, eChallenges e-2008 Conference & Exhibition, 23 October 2008

www.eChallenges.org

IST-Africa is organising a half day workshop entitled "IST-Africa - Linking European & African Researchers" to raise awareness of African research capacity and encourage the participation of African research organisations in proposals submitted under the new ICT Workprogramme for 2009 - 2010 on Thursday 23 October, as part of the eChallenges e-2008 Conference

IST-Africa Initiative

IST-Africa (Regional Impact of Information Society Technologies in Africa) is a collaborative Initiative between IIMC (Ireland, Coordinator), Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology (Botswana), Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology (Lesotho), Commonwealth Network of Information Technology for Development (Malta), ICT Policy Implementation Technical Unit (Mozambique), Ministry of Education (Namibia), Wits Commercial Enterprise (Pty) Ltd (South Africa), COSTECH - Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology, and Uganda National Council for Science and Technology.

Over 2008 - 2009 with support from DG Information Society and Media under FP7, IST-Africa will focus on raising wider awareness of African research capacity, promote participation of African organizations in the ICT Theme of FP7 (FP7-ICT) and identify co-operation opportunities in fields of mutual interest. The goal is to increase visibility of mutual RTD potential and network relevant European and African stakeholders.

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