IST-Africa August 2009 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 – Open Calls for Proposals, IST-Africa 2010 Call for Papers, IST-Africa 2009 Conference Report and Proceedings, IST-Africa FP7 Training Workshops during Sept '09 and Upcoming Events during Sept and October.

Current Open Calls for Proposals

There are currently three Calls for Proposals open - FP7-ICT-Call 5, FP7-Infrastructures-2010-2 and FP7-AFRICA-2010. Click here to download an Overview of these Research Funding Opportunities during 2009 – 2010.

IST-Africa has prepared a Guide to FP7 to assist organisations looking at the Framework Programme 7 for the first time. This Guide provides an overview of FP7, how to go about identifying relevant research areas, open Action Lines, how to prepare a budget and Frequently Asked Questions. This is a living document, which is updated based on Open Calls.

ICT Work Programme, Call 5 – Opened 30 July, Closes 26 October '09

The Work Programme for ICT Research in Framework Programme 7 (FP7) for 2009 and 2010 was published on 19 November 2008 with an update in July 2009.

FP7-ICT-Call 5 opened on 30 July with a closing date of 26 October '09. For more information, please visit Framework Programme 7

To download the Call documentation, please go to
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=232

FP7-Infrastructures-2010-2 - Closes 24 November 2009

FP7-Infrastructures-2010-2 opened on 30 July with a closing date of 24 November 2009.

More information is available in the Research Infrastructures 2010 Work Programme

To download the Call documentation, please go to
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=263

DG Research – FP7-Africa-2010 Call – Opened 30 July, Closes 14 Jan '10

DG Research launched a new Call focused on two major areas: Water and Food Security and Better Health for Africa. It is focused on a holistic approach involving various scientific and technological research fields such as food, agriculture, health, land and water resources including their interaction with climate change and integrating broader socio-economic factors such as migration and resettlement, urbanisation, health care systems and programme interventions.

For more information, please visit FP7-Africa-2010
To download the Call documentation, please go to
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=268

An Open Day will be held in Brussels on 18 September. Click here to download the brochure for more information.

IST-Africa 2010 Conference – Call for Papers Deadline 06 November

Hosted by Government of South Africa through the Department of Science and Technology, IST-Africa 2010 Conference & Exhibition will take place in Durban, 19 – 21 May 2010

Part of the IST-Africa Initiative, which is supported by the European Commission under the ICT Theme of Framework Programme 7 (FP7), IST-Africa 2010 is the fifth 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.

IST-Africa 2010 is also Supported by the South Africa - Finland Knowledge Partnership on ICT project (SAFIPA) and Technically Co-Sponsored by the Computer Society of South Africa.

The Call for Papers can be downloaded from
http://www.ist-africa.org/Conference2010/files/ISTAfrica2010_CallForPapers.pdf

Important Deadlines:
Online submission deadline for full paper or workshop proposal: **06 November 2009**
Acceptance decision: 15 January 2010
Final Paper Submission: 19 February 2010

The scientific programme for IST-Africa 2010 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 2010 paper guidelines and paper template for submission online by 06 November. Please observe the Paper Guidelines available at
http://www.ist-africa.org/conference2010/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 mid January. Accepted authors will then be invited to submit a final paper taking account of feedback provided for inclusion in the conference proceedings by 19 February.

Core Thematic Priorities for IST-Africa 2010
- eHealth - Health Information Systems
- eInfrastructures
- Technology Enhanced Learning & ICT Skills
- Digital Libraries and Intelligent Content
- Living Labs
- Technology Transfer
- Open Source Software Applications
- ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility
- ICT for Environmental Sustainability
- RFID and Networked Enterprise
- eGovernment - Secure Services to Citizens & Business

More information is available at
http://www.ist-africa.org/Conference2010/default.asp?page=priorities

IST-Africa 2009 Conference

Hosted by the Government of the Republic of Uganda through the Ministry of ICT, Supported by the European Commission and Technical Co-Sponsored by IEEE, IST-Africa 2009 took place on the shores of Lake Victoria, Kampala, 06 - 08 May 2009.

IST-Africa 2009 was a great success, attracting significant Ministerial participation and over 460 delegates from 51 countries and four continents. Many of the European presentations in this year's conference programme were funded under FP6 and FP7.

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.org/Conference2009/files/ISTAfrica2009_Conferencereport.pdf

IST-Africa 2009 Conference Proceedings

All papers published in the IST-Africa 2009 Conference Proceedings are now available in the IST-Africa Paper Repository -
http://www.ist-africa.org/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.org/home/default.asp?page=mail-password

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IST-Africa FP7 Training Workshops – September 2009

IST-Africa is organising FP7 Training Workshops in Maseru, Lesotho on 21 September, in Gaborone, Botswana on 23 September, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 28 September and Maputo, Mozambique on 30 September. These workshops will focus on Calls for Proposals currently open: FP7-ICT-Call 5, FP7-Infrastructures-2010-2 and - FP7-AFRICA-2010.

IST-Africa FP7 Training Workshops are free of charge. All participants are responsible for any travel or subsistence costs associated with participation.

More information is available at http://www.ist-africa.org/home/default.asp?page=fp7ws
Registration is available at www.ist-africa.org/home/default.asp?page=registration-ws

Upcoming Events

South African-EU SME event, 09 September, Cape Town

In the context of the South African-EU Summit on 11 September, the Department of Science and Technology is organising a number of pre-Summit events. A workshop focused on "Enhancing SME participation in South Africa - European Union Science and Technology Partnerships" is being held in Table Bay hotel, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town on 09 September. Please visit http://www.esastap.co.za/esastap/events/events.php for more information.

FP7-Africa-2010 Open Day, 18 September, Brussels

DG Research are organising an Open Day to provide more information in relation to the FP7-Africa-2010 Call in Brussels on 18 September. Click here to download the brochure for more information.

Registration is available at
http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=AFRICAInfoday&lang=en

Digital World Forum Workshop, 30 September, Brussels

Digital World Forum Project is organising a final workshop to disseminate project results in Brussels on 30 September. For more information and registration, please visit
http://www.digitalworldforum.eu/events/68-dwf-final-closing-event-30-sept-2009?start=1

While participation at the workshop is free of charge, pre-registration is required. All participants are responsible for covering their own travel and subsistence costs.

EuroAfrica-ICT Concertation Meeting, 01 October, Brussels

The EuroAfrica-ICT project is organising a workshop in Radisson Hotel, Brussels on 01 October.
For more information, please visit http://euroafrica-ict.org/events/concertation_meetings.php

"IST-Africa - Linking European & African Researchers" Workshop, 21 October, Istanbul

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 upcoming Calls for FP7 on Thursday 21 October, as part of the eChallenges e-2009 Conference.
For more information, please visit
http://www.echallenges.org/e2009/default.asp?page=programme-new

IST-Africa Initiative

IST-Africa 2008 – 2009 (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.

With support from DG Information Society and Media under FP7, during 2008 – 2009 IST-Africa is focusing on raising wider awareness of African research capacity, promoting participation of African organizations in the ICT Theme of FP7 (FP7-ICT) and identifying 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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