IST-Africa July 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.

ACP-ICT Programme - Call for Proposals Deadline 16 September

The European Commission has published the ACP-Information and Communication Technologies [@CP-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

FP7 Financial Guidelines Training Workshop, 15 - 17 July

The Department of Science and Technology South Africa is organising a FP7 Financial Guidelines Training Workshop in association with ESASTAP and IST-Africa in Johannesburg on 15 – 17 July '08.

The workshop will take place in the Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre, 120 North Rand Road, Bartlett, Boksburg, Johannesburg. There are free shuttles from the airport hourly.

There are limited places for this training workshop and pre-registration is mandatory. All participants are responsible for their own participation costs, including any travel and accommodation required.

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

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. 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 was the third in an Annual Conference Series bringing together delegates from leading commercial, government & research organisations, to bridge the Digital Divide and identify mutual research opportunities between Europe and Africa by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt & good practice.

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.

IST-Africa 2008 Conference Proceedings

All papers published in the IST-Africa 2008 Conference Proceedings are now available in the IST-Africa Paper Repository -
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http://www.ist-africa.eu/home/default.asp?page=mail-password

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Upcoming Events

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

www.eChallenges.org
eChallenges e-2008 Conference & Exhibition
22 - 24 October 2008, Stockholm

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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