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Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are keeping well.

This newsletter is primarily focused on raising awareness of the Advance Programme for IST-Africa 2014, Recent Publications, opportunities under Horizon 2020 and Upcoming Events.

IST-Africa 2014 – Advance Programme / Early Bird Registration Deadline 31 March

Hosted by the Government of Mauritius through the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and the National Computer Board, and Supported by the European Commission (EC) and African Union Commission (AUC), IST-Africa 2014 (06 - 09 May) is the ninth in an annual series of Ministerial Level Technology Research Conferences. IST-Africa 2014 is technically co-sponsored by IEEE Mauritius Subsection and IEEE UK&RI Social Implications of Technology Chapter. Final papers accepted for inclusion in the Proceedings (following updates as a result of the blind peer review) will also be submitted to IEEE Xplore for publication.

The Advance Programme features an Opening and Closing Plenary Session and a Scientific Programme with 37 thematically focused sessions (including workshops on Horizon 2020, African Research Capacity and eInfrastructures) featuring over 150 presenters from public, private, education and research organisations in 37 countries (15 European, 20 African Member States, Japan, India and US).

The IST-Africa Living Labs Working Group meeting is on Tuesday 06 May.

Early Bird Registration is available up to 31 March.

IST-Africa Guide to ICT Initiatives and Research Capacity

Download the IST-Africa Guide to National ICT Initiatives and Research Capacity to learn more about current ICT Initiatives, Research capacity, FP7 participation and initial mapping of research priorities under Horizon 2020 in Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania and Uganda as at January 2014. ISBN No: 978-1-905824-41-0

IST-Africa Guide to Bilateral & Multilateral Cooperation Agreements Supporting ICT and Innovation Related Activities

Download the IST-Africa Guide to Bilateral & Multilateral Cooperation Agreements Supporting ICT / STI related Activities to learn more about bi-lateral and multi-lateral cooperation with Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania and Uganda as at January 2014. ISBN No: 978-1-905824-42-7

IST-Africa Project Repository

Visit the IST-Africa Project Repository to research projects and stakeholders involved in previous successful projects in your thematic area

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IST-Africa Organisational Repository

Visit the IST-Africa Organisational Repository to identify potential partners

Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 commenced in January 2014 as the new Framework Programme for research and innovation from 2014 – 2020. There are three main pillars – Excellence Science, Industrial Leadership, Societal Challenges.

ICT is a horizontal activity that is included across a number of Work Programmes within LEIT and within Societal Challenges. Download Guide to ICT-related Activities in Work Programmes

The IST-Africa portal has a specific Horizon 2020 section, which provides links to all the Work Programmes - Marie Curie, Infrastructures, Societal Challenges (Health, Food Security and Agriculture, Energy, Transport, Climate action and Environment, Inclusive and Reflective Societies; Secure Societies) and LEIT. Click here to download the individual work programmes.

Due to the high number of Work Programmes and the short timeframe for Calls in some thematic areas, IST-Africa has prepared a Guide to 2014 Calls for Proposals in Horizon 2020. This guide lists each thematic area, deadlines and links to the Participants portal for more detailed information. Please click here to download.

Calls under Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies (LEIT) close on 23 April 2014.

Please visit the Participants portal for the details of calls open in 2014 with specific Societal Challenges themes and the associated deadlines
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html

IST-Africa Horizon 2020 Workshops

IST-Africa organised a series of national Horizon 2020 Workshops in Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Tunisia, Angola, Egypt and four joint H2020 Workshops with CAAST-Net Plus in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Malawi since November 2013 to raise awareness of opportunities for research collaboration under Horizon 2020. Click here to learn more.

European partners looking to include African partners in Consortia for upcoming Calls are actively encouraged to contact the IST-Africa Secretariat for recommendations.

IST-Africa promoted inclusion of African participation in Horizon 2020 during the H2020 EuroMed Launch Event in Cairo on 09 February and the FinCEAL International Cooperation Workshop in Helsinki on 11 March 2014.

UbuntuNet-Connect 2014– Call for Papers Deadline 31 July

UbuntuNet-Connect 2014 will take place in Lusaka, Zambia from 11 – 12 November hosted by Zambia Research and Education Network (ZAMREN). UbuntuNet Alliance invited authors to submit 500 word abstracts by 31 July. Click here for more information.

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Upcoming Events

- 31 March – Brussels: Workshop on engaging SMEs in EU-Africa cooperation on STI (organised by UniPID, Finland)
- 1 April – Brussels: Closed session on "Innovation serving food & nutrition security and sustainable agriculture" at the EU-Africa Business Forum
- 2-3 April – Brussels: 4th Africa-EU Summit
- 6-9 May 2014 – Mauritius: IST-Africa 2014 Conference
- 11 – 12 November 2014 – Zambia, UbuntuNet-Connect 2014

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