

## IST-Africa November 2010 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 2011 Call for Papers Deadline of 30 November, Open Calls for Proposals & updated Guide to FP7, FP7 Training Workshops during November, EuroAfrica-ICT Forum in December and other Upcoming Events.

### ***IST-Africa 2011 – Call for Papers Deadline 30 November 2010***

Hosted by the Government of Botswana through the Department of Research, Science and Technology, Supported by the European Commission and African Union Commission and Technical Co-Sponsored by IEEE, [IST-Africa 2011](#) will take place in Gaborone, 04 – 06 May 2011.

The scientific programme for IST-Africa 2011 is based on an open [Call for Papers](#)

IST-Africa 2011 is focused on applied ICT and the core thematic areas include

- eHealth
- eInfrastructures
- Technology Enhanced Learning and ICT Skills,
- Digital Libraries and Intelligent Content,
- Open Source Software,
- ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility,
- ICT for Environmental Sustainability
- RFID and Networked Enterprise
- eGovernment & eDemocracy
- Networked Media
- Transformation of Research Results into Local Innovation
- Cloud Computing
- IPv6

Interested presenters are encouraged to prepare an 8 page paper (4,000 - 5,000) words following the [IST-Africa 2011 paper guidelines](#) and [paper template](#) for submission online by 30 November. For more information, click [here](#)

All submissions will be double blind reviewed by the International Programme Committee and authors will receive feedback in January. Accepted authors will then be invited to submit a final paper taking account of feedback provided for inclusion in the conference proceedings by 18 February.

### ***Current Open Calls for Proposals & updated Guide to FP7***

The [Work Programme for FP7-ICT](#) for 2011 - 2012 is published.

[ICT Call 7](#) opened on 28 September with a closing date of 18 January 2011.

There is an Information Day focused on ICT 2011.4.2 Language Technologies (Call 7) Information Day in Brussels on 17 November. More information is available at [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/language-technologies/upcoming\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/language-technologies/upcoming_en.html)

Calls currently [open](#) under the Capacities Programme include the FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2011-1 (Call 8), which closes on 25 November 2010 and FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2011-2 (Ninth Call) – closes 23 November 2010.

All open calls can be viewed at

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage>

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.

### ***IST-Africa FP7 Training Workshops during November***

The Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique is hosting the IST-Africa FP7 Training Workshop in Dakar during the week of 22 November focusing on FP7-ICT-Call 7 & Call 8.

Please contact [secretariat@IST-Africa.org](mailto:secretariat@IST-Africa.org) for more information

While all IST-Africa FP7 Training Workshops are free, it is necessary to pre-register and participants are responsible for any travel and subsistence costs incurred.

### ***Presentations from ICT 2010 Networking Session & Workshop at eChallenges e2010***

During September and October, IST-Africa has promoted African research capacity at [ICT 2010](#) in Brussels and [eChallenges e2010](#) in Warsaw.

During ICT 2010, the "Supporting Africa-EU Research Collaboration" demonstration stand in the International Village showcased the [IST-Africa](#) Initiative, [Africa4All](#) Parliamentary Initiative, [el-Africa](#) and [EuroAfrica-ICT](#). This resulted in an increased awareness of African Research potential as partners for future proposals submitted under FP7-ICT.

The Networking Session focused on "8th Africa-EU Strategic Partnership" on Wednesday 29 September '10 was very well attended. The Programme commenced with a panel discussion, followed by short presentations from IST-Africa Initiative, Africa4All Parliamentary Initiative, ESASTAP, el-Africa and EuroAfrica-ICT, NET4DC, SpaceBel, HP Catalyst Grant Initiative, TRINET2, EPIKH-4-Africa. These presentations can be downloaded from

<http://www.ist-africa.org/home/default.asp?page=relevents>

The IST-Africa Consortium presented research and ICT capacity from Burundi, Egypt, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda during the eChallenges e2010 Conference in Warsaw on 27 October. This was complimented by a dissemination stand in the Exhibition. These presentations can be downloaded from <http://www.ist-africa.org/home/default.asp?page=relevents>

### ***Repository of African ICT & STI Policies***

IST-Africa is compiling a repository of ICT and S&T Policies in Africa. Policy documents from Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Egypt, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda are published at

<http://www.ist-africa.org/home/default.asp?page=ictpolicies>

If you would like the policy documents for your country to be published in this repository, please contact [secretariat@IST-Africa.org](mailto:secretariat@IST-Africa.org)

### ***Africa4All Parliamentary Initiative - Pilots ongoing***

The [Africa4All](#) Parliamentary Initiative, co-funded by EuropeAid and ACP (under the ACP-ICT Call), is focused on deploying a customised Parliamentary Communication platform in the Parliaments of Lesotho, Namibia, Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya. Pilots have commenced in Lesotho, Namibia and Uganda whereby the Standing Committees of ICT are leveraging the platform to support their day-to-day work. More information is available at <http://www.africa4all.net/>

### ***3rd Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research & 2010 Euro-Africa e-Infrastructures Conference, 07 – 10 December, Helsinki***

The [EuroAfrica-ICT](#) and [el-Africa](#) projects are organising two events back to back in Helsinki during the week of 07 December. These events are focused on promoting ICT research cooperation and exploitation of e-Infrastructures developments in Africa.

Please visit <http://euroafrica-ict.org/> and <http://ei-africa.eu/> for more information.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **EuroAfrica-ICT FP7 Awareness Workshop, Mauritius, 03 – 04 November 2010**

Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie is organising a two day awareness workshop at the University of Mauritius on 03 – 04 November as part of EuroAfrica-ICT project activities.

#### **GMES-Africa & ICT 4 All Forum – Tunis+5, Hammamet, Tunisia, 08 – 12 November 2010**

Paul Cunningham is representing the IST-Africa Consortium at GMES-Africa on 08 – 09 November and in Panel II – Enhancing Youth ICT Skills for Better Employability at ICT4All Forum on 11 November 2010.

#### **CAAST-Net Workshops, Marseilles, France, 16 – 17 November 2010**

Miriam Cunningham is sharing the lessons learnt from organising FP7 Training Workshops in Africa as part of the IST-Africa Initiative over the past number of years as part of the [CAAST-Net](#) Workshops.

#### **UbuntuNet Connect 2010, Johannesburg, 18 – 19 November 2010**

The UbuntuNet Alliance organise an annual conference for African Research and Education Networks to come together and share results. UbuntuNet Connect 2010 is organised by TENET at Kopanong Resort and Conference Centre in Johannesburg, 18 – 19 November. The Programme can be viewed at [http://www.ubuntunet.net/uc2010\\_program](http://www.ubuntunet.net/uc2010_program)

#### **3rd Africa-EU Summit, Tripoli, 29 - 30 November 2010**

The 3rd Africa-EU Summit will take place in Tripoli, Libya on 29 - 30 November 2010. Among other topics the Heads of States and Government will review the 8th Partnership on Science, Information Society and Space and adopt the Action Plan for 2011 - 2013. More information is available at <http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/3rd-africa-eu-summit>

**IST-Africa Initiative**

IST-Africa 2010 - 2011 (Regional Impact of Information Society Technologies in Africa) is a collaborative Initiative between IIMC (Ireland, Coordinator), Department of Science and Technology (South Africa), Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology (Botswana), Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology (Lesotho), Ministry of Education (Namibia), ICT Policy Implementation Technical Unit (Mozambique), National Computer Board (Mauritius), COSTECH - Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology, Uganda National Council for Science and Technology, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (Kenya), Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique (Burundi), Ministry in President's Office in charge of Information and Communication Technology (Rwanda), Agence Nationale des Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication (Cameroon), Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique (Senegal) and Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (Egypt).

With support from DG Information Society and Media under FP7, during 2009 – 2011, IST-Africa is focused on strengthening the research dimension of Information Society policy dialogues between the European Commission and African countries and key regional organisations; the identification and analysis of African ICT policy and research priorities, including long term perspectives aligned with EU priorities and recommendations for future Africa – EU co-operation initiatives, including identification of matching counterpart funding and 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. The Annual IST-Africa Conference provides an opportunity to showcase relevant research capacity. IST-Africa 2011 (04 - 06 May) is hosted by the Government of Botswana in Gaborone.

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