

IST-Africa October 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 deadline 20 November, IST-Africa FP7 Training Workshops during October and November '09 in Rwanda, Burundi and Mauritius, Introduction to Africa4All Initiative co-funded under APC-ICT Call and New Phase in IST-Africa.

Current Open Calls for Proposals

There are currently two Calls for Proposals currently open - 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.

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

IST-Africa 2010 Conference – Call for Papers Deadline 20 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: **20 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 FP7 Training Workshops – October & November 2009

IST-Africa is organising FP7 Training Workshops in Bujumbura, hosted by Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Burundi on Friday 30 October, in Kigali, hosted by Ministry in President's Office in charge of Information and Communication Technology, Rwanda on Monday 02 November and in Mauritius, hosted by National Computer Board on Friday 06 November. These workshops will focus on Calls for Proposals currently open.

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

Africa4All – Connecting African Parliaments and Citizens through ICT Innovative Technology

The [Africa4All](#) Project has commenced activities with co-funding under the ACP-ICT Call. The Africa4all initiative will provide a specific ICT solution that will involve both Parliaments and the general public, aiming to create a new relationship between MPs and the citizens with the Parliaments of Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Tanzania and Uganda. Africa4All will leverage Gov2DemOSS, an open source platform that has been developed by Gov2U and customised in the [Demos@work](#) project.

The overall objective of the Africa4All project is to support the goals of the @CP-ICT Programme as they relate to helping ACP governments build sustainable capacity to adapt and implement international good practice in leveraging ICT in Parliaments of ACP States. The platform will be customised during the project in the context of the participating Parliaments.

The Consortium consists of [Gov2u](#) (Co-ordinator), a Greek NGO specialising in the development and promotion of open-source eParliament and related collaborative solutions, and the Parliaments of Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania, Uganda and Lesotho.

For more information, please visit www.africa4all-project.eu

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 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 2010 (19 - 21 May) is hosted by South Africa.

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