

## IST-Africa September 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 – New WP for 2011 – 2012, Open Calls for Proposals, FP7 Training Workshops during Sept, Stand and Networking Session at ICT, IST-Africa 2011 Call for Papers and Upcoming Events.

### ***New Work Programme 2011 - 2012***

The new [Work Programme for FP7-ICT](#) for 2011 - 2012 is published. ICT Call 7 will be published on 28 September with a closing date of 18 January 2011.

### ***Current Open Calls for Proposals***

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 FP7 Training Workshops in Namibia and Botswana, 15 & 21 September***

IST-Africa is organising FP7 Training Workshops in Namibia hosted by the Ministry of Education on 15 September '10 and in Botswana hosted by the Department of Research, Science and Technology on 21 September. These workshops will focus 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.

### ***ICT 2010 - Demonstration Stand & Networking Session (27 - 29 Sept)***

[ICT 2010](#) takes place in the Brussels Expo from 27 - 29 September 2010 as part of the EU Presidency in Belgium.

The [demonstration stand](#) focused on "**Supporting Africa-EU Research Collaboration**" in the International Village is showcasing the IST-Africa Initiative, Africa4All Parliamentary Initiative, el-Africa and EuroAfrica-ICT. Please visit this stand to learn more about identifying African and European partners for joint proposals.

The [Networking Session](#) focused on "**8th Africa-EU Strategic Partnership**" will take place in T009 at 09:00 - 10:30 on Wednesday 29 September '10. This Programme will commence with a panel discussion, followed by short presentations from IST-Africa Initiative, Africa4All Parliamentary Initiative, ESASTAP, el-Africa and EuroAfrica-ICT, discussion and ad-hoc presentations. This session is focused on research collaboration and how this could be enhanced. Please participate in this session to learn about current status and identify future opportunities.

**IST-Africa 2011 – Call for Papers Deadline 22 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 and
- Transformation of Research Results into Local Innovation

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 22 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.

**IST-Africa 2010 Conference Proceedings**

All papers published in the IST-Africa 2010 Conference Proceedings are now available in the IST-Africa Paper Repository -

<http://www.ist-africa.eu/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.eu/home/default.asp?page=mail-password>

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**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, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa 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 added to this repository, please contact [secretariat@IST-Africa.org](mailto:secretariat@IST-Africa.org)

## Upcoming Events

### **National Research Symposium, Namibia, 15 – 17 September 2010**

The Ministry of Education is hosting the National Research Symposium in Safari Hotel, Windhoek, 15 – 17 September. Within the overall programme there is an ICT Stream and IST-Africa is organising a half day FP7 Training Workshop to raise awareness of upcoming Calls during 2011 - 2012 under FP7-ICT on 15 September.

### ***JEG8 Meeting & Space for the African Citizen Conference, 15 – 17 September 2010***

As part to the Belgian Presidency, the Belgian Ministry for Science Policy (BELSPO) and the Belgian High Representation for Space Policy are organising two events focused on cooperation with Africa: JEG8 Meeting on 15 & 17 September (which is predominantly focused on GMES and Africa) and the Space for the African Citizen Conference on 16 September.

The Space for the African Citizen will take place on Rue Ravenstein, Brussels from 09:00 – 17:15 on 16 September. More information is available at [http://www.belspo.be/eu2010/SpAfrCi\\_en.stm](http://www.belspo.be/eu2010/SpAfrCi_en.stm)

### ***Investigating African e-Infrastructure Applications of the Future, Erina4Africa Workshop, 06 – 07 October, Malawi***

The [ERINA4Africa](http://www.ubuntunet.net/erina4africa) project is holding a workshop focused on e-Infrastructures and their applications. The workshop programme is available at <http://www.ubuntunet.net/erina4africa>

This event is open to thirty participants: please email [info@ubuntunet.net](mailto:info@ubuntunet.net) for more information. Please note that it is necessary to pre-register and participants are responsible for any travel and subsistence costs incurred.

### **IST-Africa Workshop, eChallenges e2010, Warsaw, 27 – 29 October 2010**

IST-Africa will present research and ICT capacity in 14 African countries during the [eChallenges e2010](http://www.echallenges.org/) Conference in Warsaw on 27 October. The IST-Africa partners will be available on the Exhibition stand to assist you in finding relevant partners for future Calls.

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

The [EuroAfrica-ICT](http://euroafrica-ict.org/) and [el-Africa](http://ei-africa.eu/) 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.

### ***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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