

# Africa-EU ICT Cooperation

Recent Developments : Oct 07/Jan 08

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## The EU-Africa Partnership on Infrastructures

- Officially launched 24-25 October (Addis Abbaba), support to AU/NEPAD i-STAP (Infrastructures Short Term Action Plan)
- 4 sectors : Energy, Water, Transport, ICT / trans-border networks
- 5,6 B€ earmarked from the 10th EDF
- Creation of a Trust Fund with the European Investment Bank ( initial 100 M€ in grants from EC and MSs +260 M€ in loans from EIB)
- Innovative governance : coordination between EU and AU, NEPAD, Regional Economic Communities, African Bank for Development, EIB (interface with Infrastructure Consortium for Africa)
- EASSY (East African Submarine cable) identified as flagship project;





## Connect Africa Summit : Kigali, 29-30 October 2007

- Jointly organised by ITU, World Bank, GAID and EC
- Public-private partnerships : link business with development opportunities
- Collective commitments of more than 55B\$ investments in the next 5 years (50 B€ from GSMA)
- WSIS connectivity targets brought forward 2012 instead of 2015



## EU-Africa Summit, Lisbon-8/9 December 07



### The EU-Africa Joint Strategy and Action Plan : changing relations

8 Partnerships to be implemented in **2008-2010**

- Peace and Security
- Democratic Governance and Human Rights
- Trade and Regional Integration
- Millennium Developments Goals
- Energy
- Climate Change
- Migration, Mobility and Employment
- **Science, Information Society and Space**

<http://ec.europa.eu/development/services/events/eu-africa-summit-2007>



## **The EU-Africa Partnership on Science, Information Society and Space**

- Science : support to the AMCOST Consolidated Plan of Action
- Information Society : support to ARAPKE (African Regional Action Plan for the Knowledge Economy)
- Space : specific projects based on space technologies to achieve regional and global development goals (environment, climate change, digital divide,...)

**Focus on regional integration !!**

## **Information Society Priority**

Complement investments on infrastructures through support to key capacity-building initiatives :

- regulation / e-policies / indicators - monitoring
- human resources (education, e-skills, professional training)
- development of local content and e-applications of high socio-economic impact (health, education, govt, trade)
- research and education networks / interconnection with GEANT

**Need for a dedicated fast-track, public-private implementation mechanism : EC/AUC Monitoring + EU-Africa ICT Business Forum ?**


## **Status ICT/ FP7**

- Launch of Call 1 projects, including :
  - 2 horizontal SSAs :IST-Africa; Euroafrica-ICT
  - 3 technology roadmaps : low-cost broadband access, low-cost laptops, mobile web technologies (DigitalWorld); open source software (FlossInclude); speech & language technologies (MEDAR)
- Evaluation/ Negotiation Call 2 : 2 projects retained (SICA : ICT for natural disasters prevention/monitoring)
- Call 3 promotion
- WP 2009-2010 preparation
- GEANT / UBUNTUNET interconnection

## **Ahead of us**

- Implementation of the Partnership on Science, IS and Space : meeting with AUC in the context of the AU Summit next week; ITU Africa 08 13-15 May, Cairo
- Finalisation of EDF 10 Programming (2008-2013)
- Finalisation of the ICT FP7 WP 2009-2010 :
  - SICAs ?
  - Promotion of African participation (awareness, networking, mapping activities)
  - Technology adaptation/localisation; take-up initiatives; local innovation

## IST AFRICA 2008, 7-9 May 2008 Windhoek



Conference & Exhibition

### IST-Africa 2008 Call for Papers Windhoek - Namibia

07 - 09 May 2008

**Keywords: Priorities**

- e-Health - Health Information Systems
- Technology Enabled Learning and ICT Skills
- Digital Content and Content
- Open Source Software - Applications
- ICT for Inclusion and Accessibility
- e-Infrastructure
- ICT for Environmental Sustainability
- ICT for Telehealth/Telemedicine
- e-Government - Services to Citizens & Business

**Submission of Papers**

- Paper Focus - Technical, Veterinary, Business or Government Case Studies
- Papers must highlight level of innovation, as well as Actual or Research Impact
- Papers must present either Case Study or Analysis of Initial or Final Research Results
- All papers must be 2000 - 3000 words in length, and use IST-Africa Paper Template

**Deadlines**

- Online Submission Enabled Deadline: 29 December 2007
- Provisional Acceptance: 08 January 2008
- Submission of Final Paper: 29 February 2008
- Presenter Registration: 14 March 2008

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