

IST-Africa Initiative

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Overview of IST-Africa Initiative

■ **IST-Africa is a Multi-Stakeholder Initiative focused on**

- Training to Reduce the Digital Divide
- Skills Transfer to Support Research Capacity Building & Awareness
- Community Building to Support ICT Policy Development & EU-African Research Cooperation

■ **Initial Phase 2005 – 2007 (FP6)**

- Focused on building Cooperation Links and Skills Transfer between Europe, South Africa, Mozambique, Tanzania
- 1,200 officials & researchers trained in Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa & Tanzania (focused on regional issues related to eGovernment, eHealth, Technology-Enhanced Learning)
- Supporting Project Generation for Call 1 and Call 2 of FP7
- IST-Africa Conference Series

Supporting EU-African Research Engagement in Africa and Dissemination of FP6/FP7 Results

- IST-Africa 2006 (3 - 5 May, Pretoria), Hosted by Department of Science and Technology
304 delegates from 38 countries (Incl. 21 European, 13 African)
2 Ministers of Science & Technology, 2 Director Generals
- IST-Africa 2007 (9 - 11 May, Maputo), Hosted by Ministry of Science and Technology
> 470 delegates from 51 countries (Incl. 25 European, 23 African)
Conference opened by Prime Minister of Mozambique
4 Ministers of Science & Technology
SADC Executive Secretary, 2 Director Generals

■ **New EU Funding Secured under Call 1 of FP7**

- Community Building to Support ICT Policy Development & EU-African Research Cooperation
- IST-Africa Partner Countries
 - Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda
 - Cooperation with government agencies responsible for S&T in Kenya, Mauritius, Democratic Republic of Congo & Zambia
- Supporting EU-African Research Collaboration with 20 Countries in Southern and East Africa

■ **Activities to date**

- IST-Africa FP7 Training Workshops in Partner Countries (Dec '07, July '08, March '09, May '09)
- IST-Africa Workshops organised at European Conferences (Oct '07, Oct '08, Oct'09)
- Helpdesk Support to 20 Countries in Southern Africa & East Africa
 - Supporting Awareness and project generation for FP7, ACP-ICT and ACP-S&T Calls
- Guide to ICT Research Capacity in Southern and East Africa
- IST-Africa 2008 (07 - 09 May, Windhoek), Hosted by Ministry of Education
 - > 480 delegates from 51 countries (Incl. 25 European, 23 African)
 - 5 Ministers of Science & Technology/ICT representing Namibia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda
 - Director Generals from DG Information Society and Media, DG Research, DST South Africa
 - Directors from the African Union Commission, UNECA and SADC Secretariat
 - High-Level Ministerial Roundtable on Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society and Space

- IIMC International Information Management Corporation Ltd (Ireland - Coordinator)
- Wits-Enterprise (South Africa)
- Ministry of Communications, Science & Technology (Botswana)
- ICT Policy Implementation Technical Unit (Mozambique)
- Ministry of Communications, Science & Technology (Lesotho)
- Ministry of Education, Division Research, Science & Technology (Namibia)
- Tanzania Commission for Science & Technology
- National Council for Science & Technology (Uganda)
- Commonwealth Network of Information Technology for Development (Malta)

Co-operating with

- Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (Kenya)
- Ministry of Information & Communications Technology (Uganda)

- **IST-Africa 2009, 06 - 08 May, Kampala - Hosted by Ministry of ICT, Uganda**
 - Focused on the Role of ICT for Africa's Development & specifically on Applied ICT research topics
 - Opening Plenary: Implementation of Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society & Space
 - Plenary Speakers confirmed to date
 - Hon. Awori Aggrey, Minister of Information and Communications Technology, Uganda
 - Mrs. Lenka Ptácková Melicharová, Deputy Minister of Interior (EU Affairs), Czech Republic (EU Presidency)
 - Hon. Dr. Sally Kosgey, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Kenya (AMCOST Chair)
 - Hon. Dr. Ir Saidi Kibeya, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Burundi
 - Ms. Vera Brenda Ngosi, Director, HRST, African Union Commission
 - Mr Antti Peltomäki, Deputy Director-General, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission, Belgium
 - Dr. Phil Mjwara, Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa
 - Ms. Aida Opoku-Mensah, Director, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia
 - Dr Ham-Mukasa Mulira, Senior Presidential Adviser on Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Uganda
 - Mr. Adem Sumertas, Managing Director, Ericsson Uganda
 - Dr. Philippe Mawoko, African Science, Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII) Initiative, NEPAD S&T
 - Mr. Stijn van der Krogt, Director Country Programmes, IICD, Netherlands
 - Mr Ilari Lindy, Advisor, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
 - Mr Thierry Devars, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission, Belgium
 - Scientific Programme based on Open Call for Papers
 - 38 parallel sessions featuring over 150 presenters from government, commercial and research organisations in 36 countries (20 European countries, 14 African countries)
 - European presentations sharing results of FP6 & FP7 Projects
 - Sponsors: Ericsson Uganda, UCC and SPIDER Programme

IST-Africa Initiative - Supporting EU-Africa Research Cooperation

■ Action Points

- Join the IST-Africa Community at www.IST-Africa.eu
- Register for IST-Africa 2009 Conference and Exhibition, 06 – 08 May, Kampala
www.IST-Africa.eu/Conference2009
- Prepare and Submit your organisational Research Profile
- Participate in IST-Africa Workshops in Europe and Africa
 - European Awareness Raising Workshop, October 2009
 - Africa FP7 Training Workshops
- Access to Paper Repository of Conference Proceedings from 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 to learn more about European and African research results and initiatives
- Prepare for cooperation with African Research Organisations under Call 5 & 6

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