

## EuroAfriCa-ICT Fact Sheet

Project acronym : EuroAfriCa-ICT  
 Project full name : Connecting the EU and sub-Saharan Africa for ICT partnerships  
 Project website : [www.EuroAfriCa-ICT.org](http://www.EuroAfriCa-ICT.org)  
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**The EuroAfriCa-ICT initiative aims at promoting and supporting the development of cooperation on ICT research between Europe and sub-Saharan Africa, and between Europe and the Caribbean.**

The project is funded by the European Commission's Directorate-Generale Information Society and Media (DG INFSO) through its seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) and builds on the significant achievements reached by the initial project: START (IST-6-45377-SSA : 2006-2008).

**Project activities** include:

- The organisation of two **cooperation forums on ICT research**: one in Europe (Brussels, Belgium - 2009) and one in Africa (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - 2010),
- The organisation of five FP7/ICT **awareness workshops** in sub-Saharan Africa and in the Caribbean (more precisely in Benin, Jamaica, Rwanda, South Africa and Uganda) - all supported by a wide promotion of opportunities offered by FP7 (on the ICT theme),
- The organisation of four **periodical concertation meetings** in Europe - all supported by the implementation of links with national, European and international programmes and initiatives (including European Technology Platforms and Joint Technology Initiatives),
- Support to the development of **partnerships and emerging cooperation projects** based - among other things - on the implementation and the development of a **EuroAfriCa-ICT database**,
- The development of a web-based **communication platform** devoted to EU-sub-Saharan Africa S&T cooperation on ICT, part of an extensive set of promotion and dissemination activities.

Coordinated by **Sigma Orionis** (France), a European organisation who had already coordinated the START project, the **EuroAfriCa-ICT partnership** includes:

- **Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)**  
Belgium
- **Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)**  
United Kingdom
- **Caribbean Academy of Sciences (CAS)**  
Jamaica
- **Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)**  
Rwanda
- **Makerere University**  
Uganda
- **Meraka Institute of CSIR**  
South Africa
- **Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA)**  
Senegal
- **TWAS, academy of sciences for the developing world**  
Italy



The EuroAfriCa-ICT project is formally supported by major European Technology Platforms, and by leading European and African companies, academia and research institutions already involved in EU-sub-Saharan Africa cooperation on ICT.