

The EuroAfriCa-ICT Project Support and Guidance

Enhancing and supporting strategic cooperation on ICT research
between sub-Saharan Africa (the Caribbean) and Europe



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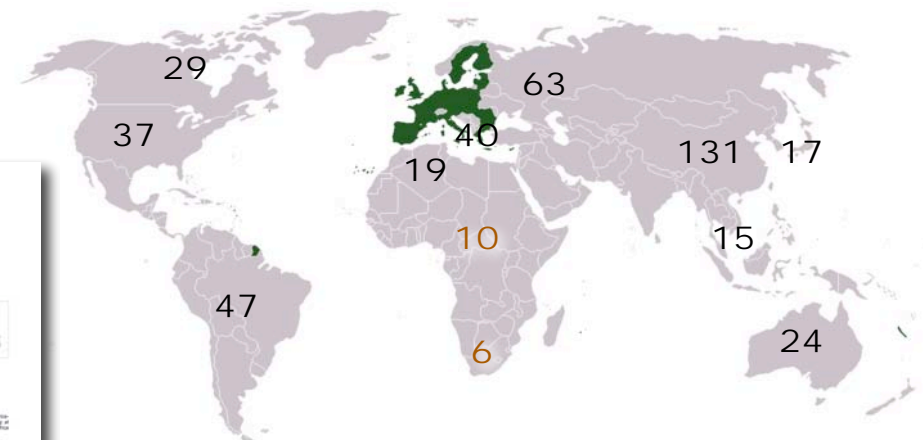
Sub-Saharan African participation in EU-funded projects addressing ICT research

- Sub-Saharan African participation in FP6 remained very limited...

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The EuroAfrica-ICT Mapping of key African R&D centres of excellence in ICT (endorsed by an expert panel)

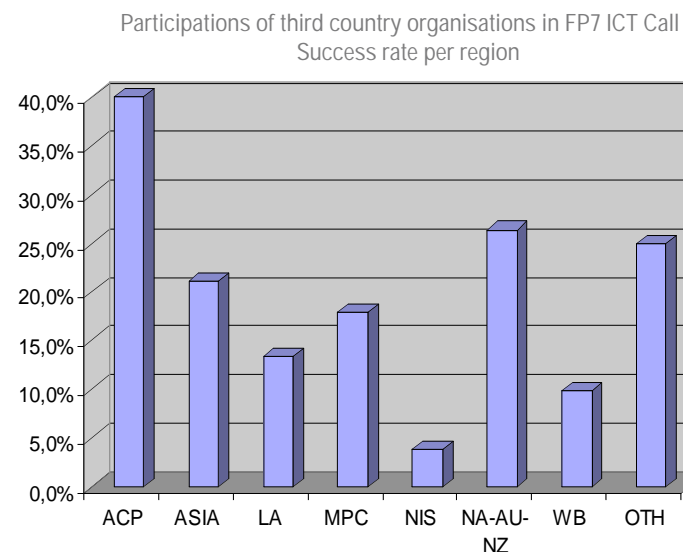
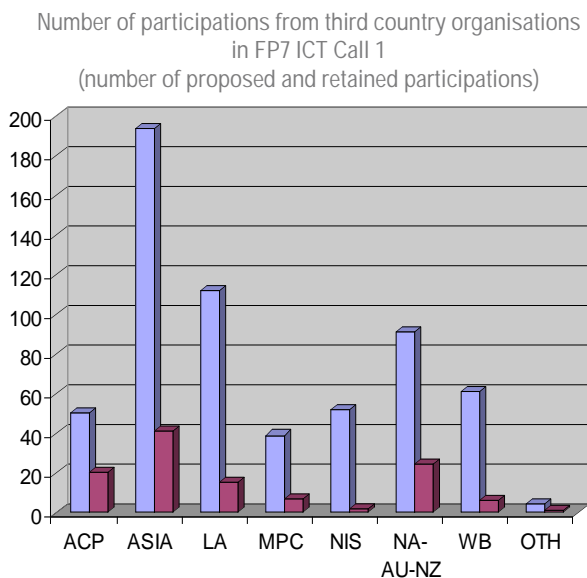
EuroAfrica-ICT Manifesto
For a strengthened EU-Africa strategic partnership on ICT under FP7



International cooperation in the FP6 IST programme
Number of organisations per country or region participating in IST projects
(source: DG Information Society and Media - 2007)

Sub-Saharan African participation in EU-funded projects addressing ICT research (ctd)

- However potential is high for FP7
 - 18 participations from sub-Saharan African organisations in FP7/ICT Call 1
 - 7 participations in FP7/ICT Call 2
 - 0 participation in FP7/ICT Call 3 (but FP7 ICT Call 3 was limited to a few research topics; none of them were of high interest to the EU-African ICT research community)



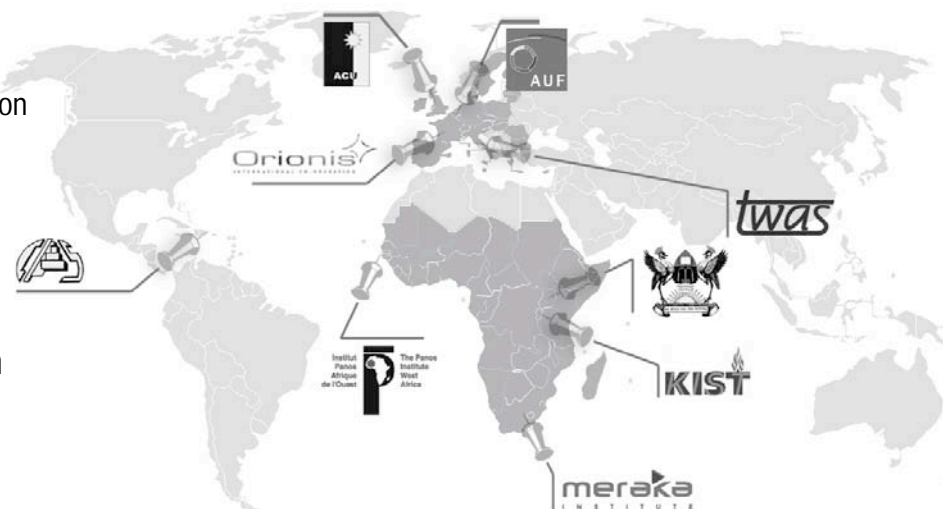
ACP: Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States / LA: Latin America / MPC: Mediterranean Partner Countries / NIS: Newly Independent States / NA: North America / AU: Australia / NZ: New Zealand / WB: Western Bank / OTH: others

The EuroAfriCa-ICT Support action - In a few words...

- A support action to FP7/ICT funded by the European Commission (selected at Call 1)
 - Directorate General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO)
 - International Relations Unit (A4)
- Aiming at promoting & supporting the development of strategic cooperation on ICT research between sub-Saharan Africa (the Caribbean) and Europe
- Developed in continuity with the START FP6/IST project
 - Building upon the successful achievements of the START support action
- Running since January 2008
 - For two years
- A partnership of 9 project partners in Europe, sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean



The EuroAfriCa-ICT Partnership



The EuroAfriCa-ICT Support Action Activities

- Support Euro-Africa Dialogues
- Implement links with other related programmes & initiatives (at the international, regional, national level)
- Support the emergence of partnerships & collaborative projects
- Raise awareness on FP7/ICT
- Disseminate project results

5 Awareness Workshops (Africa & the Caribbean)	2 Cooperation Forum (Europe and Africa 2009)	Online EuroAfriCa-ICT Community	Thematic Workshops & Technical Visits (Africa and the Caribbean)
4 Concertation Meetings (Europe)	Partnerships & Collaborative Projects	Links with other Programmes & Initiatives	EuroAfriCa-ICT Mapping Database

How can you benefit from the EuroAfriCa-ICT activities?

2 Cooperation
Forums (Europe
and Africa)
2009

- Be involved in the 2 Euro-Africa Cooperation Forums
 - | To support Euro-Africa policy dialogues & the implementation of the EU/AU Partnership on Science, ICT and space
 - | To support the emergence of cooperation research projects between the sub-Saharan African (Caribbean) and European ICT communities
 - | 1st Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum - Brussels, Belgium, 25 & 26 March 2009
 - | 2nd Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, late 2009



4 Concertation
Meetings
in Europe

- Be involved in our regular “concertation meetings” held in Brussels
 - | Information and exchange meetings
 - | Development of links with other related projects, initiatives, programmes addressing EU-Africa S&T cooperation on ICT
 - | Next meeting: April-May 2009



An online
EuroAfriCa-ICT
Community

- Join the EuroAfriCa-ICT Community
 - | Benefit from a targeted contact network
 - | Featuring more than 160 individual experts on ICT Research
 - | Register online!



How can you benefit from the EuroAfriCa-ICT activities (ctd)?

EuroAfriCa-ICT
Mapping Database

- Benefit from EuroAfriCa-ICT mapping exercise outputs
 - | Identification of potential partners
 - | A database featuring over 400 organisations, initiatives and projects involved in ICT research
 - | To support partnerships & collaborative projects on ICT research

Helpdesk
Services

- Benefit from free of charge support services for the development of your collaborative projects
 - | 6 regional helpdesks available in Africa (Eastern, Central, Western, Southern), the Caribbean and Europe

Search for
Partners

- Benefit from search for partners facilities
 - | Helping you to build your project consortia

Technical visits
& Thematic
workshops

- Participate in technical visits & thematic workshops
 - | Organised on the occasion of Cooperation Forums and Awareness Workshops



How can you benefit from the EuroAfriCa-ICT activities (ctd)?

5 Awareness Workshops (Africa & the Caribbean)

- Participate in EuroAfriCa-ICT FP7 Awareness Workshops
 - | Raising awareness on the potential of S&T cooperation on ICT research with Europe
 - | Raising awareness on FP7/ICT opportunities among sub-Saharan African (Caribbean) ICT communities
 - | Next meetings:
 - Kigali, Rwanda - 3 & 4 March '09
 - Kingston, Jamaica - 18 & 19 March 2009
 - Cotonou, Benin - 7 & 8 April '09



Information & Promotion

- Visit the EuroAfriCa-ICT webportal featuring:
 - | Online community
 - | Mapping of ICT research organisations
 - | Information on current, past and future events
 - | Information on related projects
 - | Background information on S&T Cooperation between sub-Saharan Africa and Europe



The EuroAfriCa-ICT Website

Thank you for your attention!

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