

Introduction to the EuroAfriCa-ICT Initiative

Supporting the development of strategic cooperation on ICT research
between sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Europe

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The EuroAfriCa-ICT Support Action

- **A project funded by the European Commission (FP7/ICT Call 1)**
 - DG Information Society & Media (DG INFSO)

- **Aiming at promoting & supporting the development of strategic cooperation on ICT research between sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Europe**
 - Only 16 sub-Saharan African participations in FP6/IST
 - (compared to 10 for Japan, 22 for Australia, 37 for USA, 99 for China, etc.)

- **Developed in continuity with the START FP6 project**
 - Building upon the successful achievements of the START project

- **Running since January 2008**
 - For two years



The EuroAfriCa-ICT Consortium members

Project Consortium Members (9)



- **Sigma Orionis (Coordinator)**
France
- **The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)**
United Kingdom (Europe)
- **The Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)**
Belgium (Europe)
- **The Caribbean Academy of Sciences (CAS)**
Jamaica (the Caribbean)
- **The Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)**
Rwanda (Central Africa)
- **The Makerere University**
Uganda (Eastern Africa)
- **The Meraka Institute of CSIR (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research)**
South Africa (Southern Africa)
- **Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA)**
Senegal (Western Africa)
- **The academy of sciences for the developing world (TWAS)**
Italy (Europe)



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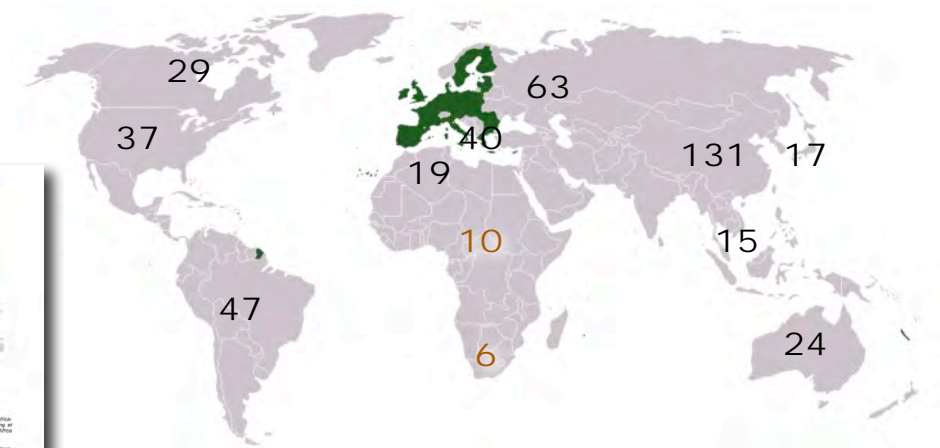
The EuroAfriCa-ICT Project Context

- S&T cooperation on ICT between Europe & Africa / the Caribbean is strategic and of mutual interest
- But sub-Saharan African and Caribbean participation on FP6 has very remained limited...

The EuroAfrica-ICT Reference Document (based on a large open consultation of the European & African ICT Communities)

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

The EuroAfrica-ICT Manifesto (signed by over 200 European & African organisations)



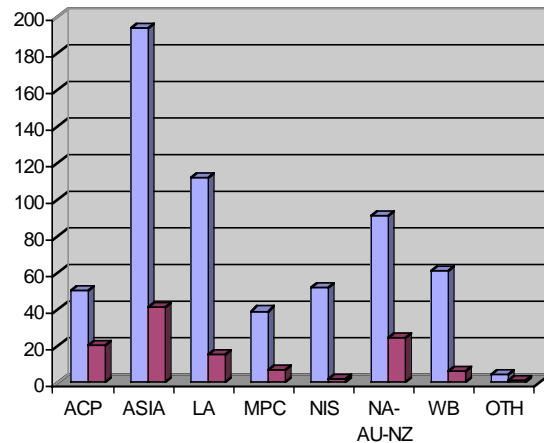
International cooperation in the FP6 IST programme
Number of organisations per country or region participating in IST projects (source: DG Information Society and Media - 2007)

The EuroAfriCa-ICT Project Context - Ctd

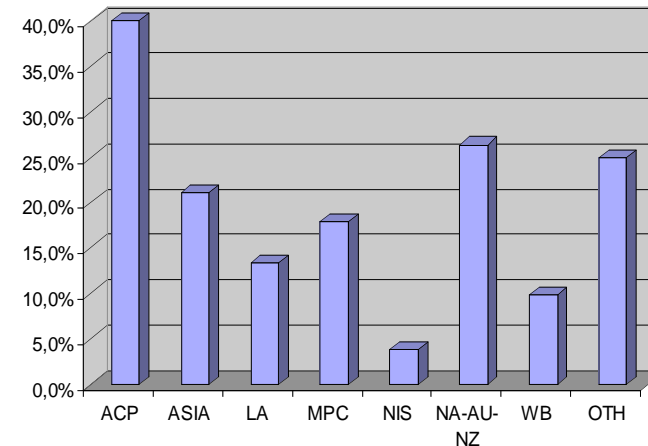
■ **However potential is high for FP7**

- 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)

Number of participations from third country organisations in FP7 ICT Call 1 (number of proposed and retained participations)



Participations of third country organisations in FP7 ICT Call 1 Success rate per region



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 Project Activities

- Support EuroAfriCa-ICT dialogues
- Implement links with other related programmes & initiatives
- Support strategic partnerships & potential collaborative projects
- Raise awareness on FP7/ICT
- Promote the project activities and spread the project results

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

Supporting EuroAfriCa-ICT Dialogues & ICT Cooperation

■ Objective

- Contribute to the development of dialogues and cooperation on ICT research between the sub-Saharan African, Caribbean and European communities

■ Calendar

- **1st EuroAfriCa-ICT Cooperation Summit**
Brussels, Belgium, early 2009
Exact venue & date TBA soon!
Register (a limited number of seats will be available) at: <http://euroafrica-ict.org/events/summit.php>
- **2nd EuroAfriCa-ICT Cooperation Summit**
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, late 2009
Exact venue & date TBA

Implementing Links with Other Programmes & Initiatives

Objective

- Develop links with other related projects, initiatives, programmes addressing EU-Africa S&T cooperation on ICT
- Strengthen concertation between key European stakeholders in the field

Calendar

- EuroAfrica-ICT Concertation Meetings**
(information & exchange meetings; all held in Belgium, Brussels)

26 June 2008

Next meeting: 10 December 2008 - Register asap!

April-May 2009

September-October 2009



Supporting the Emergence of Partnerships & Collaborative Projects

Objective

- Identify & promote S&T partnerships in ICT Research & potential cooperation projects between the sub-Saharan African, Caribbean & European ICT communities

Activities

- Implementation of a EuroAfriCa-ICT DB
- Availability of support services
- Identification of partners
- Organisation of technical visits & thematic workshops
- Implementation of a EuroAfriCa-ICT Community

Event calendar (thematic workshops & lab visits)

- 1st Summit: Brussels, Belgium (early 2009)
- 2nd Summit: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (late 2009)
- EuroAfriCa-ICT FP7 Awareness Workshops



The EuroAfriCa-ICT Community
160+ members



Creating Awareness on FP7/ICT

Objective

- Develop awareness activities in sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean on
 - The potential of S&T cooperation on ICT with Europe
 - The opportunities offered by FP7 to support joint cooperation projects



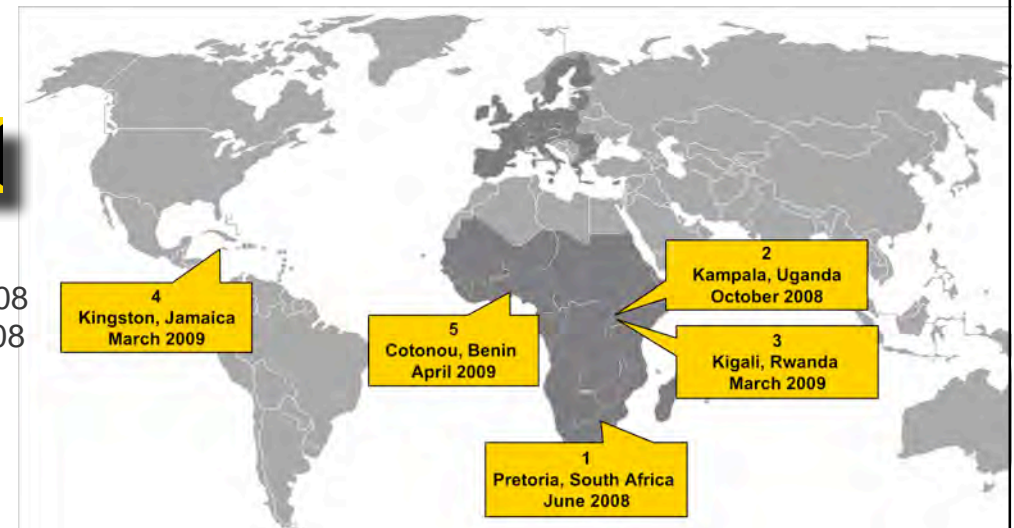
Activities

- Promotion of opportunities offered by FP7/ICT
- Organisation of 5 awareness workshops in sub-Saharan Africa and in the Caribbean

Calendar



- Pretoria, South Africa - 17 & 18 June 2008
- Kampala, Uganda - 20 & 21 October 2008
- Kingston, Jamaica - February 2009
- Kigali, Rwanda - 3 & 4 March 2009
- Cotonou, Benin - 7 & 8 April 2009



Promoting Project Activities & Spreading Project Results

Objective

- Efficiently support the activities developed by the EuroAfriCa-ICT initiative
- Ensure a wide dissemination of the project results
- Increase the project impact

Activities

- Development of the EuroAfriCa-ICT web portal
- Production of project documentation
- Promotion of project activities



The EuroAfriCa-ICT Website

The EuroAfriCa-ICT Brochure

Today's Workshop Objectives

A unique opportunity for the audience to:

- ➔ Learn about the European Commission's (EC) Research Funding Programme (FP7) in the ICT field.
- ➔ Get detailed information on the EuroAfriCa-ICT initiative and the opportunities it offers.
- ➔ Present your ideas of EU-Africa S&T cooperation projects in the ICT field.
- ➔ Introduce yourself (your organisation, your expertise, your experience) to fellow ICT stakeholders.
- ➔ Network with EC representatives, the EuroAfriCa-ICT team and the most advanced local and regional organisations active in the ICT field.
- ➔ Meet organisations already (or ready to be) involved in EU-Africa cooperation projects and understand from them how the cooperation framework could / should be improved to allow a quicker development of cooperation projects.

Thank you for your attention! Do you have any questions?



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