



### Event Agenda

(as of March 6, 2009)



For the first time in Europe, sub-Saharan African and European policy-makers are being brought together with ICT research organisations to address the development of research collaborative projects



### DAY 1 - Wednesday, March 25, 2009

07:30+ am	Registrations and welcome of participants
09:00 - 09:30 am	<p><b>Opening Session &amp; Welcome Addresses</b></p> <p><b>Master of Ceremony</b> <b>Karine Valin</b> - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis, France &amp; Coordinator, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project</p> <p><b>Viviane Reding</b> Commissioner, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p><b>Abdul-Hakim Elwaer</b> Director, Directorate of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p>
09:30 am - 10:45 am	<p><b>Keynotes - Roundtable Discussions: Africa-EU Cooperation on ICT: from Research to Deployment - Status &amp; Perspectives</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs</b> <b>Antti Peltomäki</b> - Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) <b>Abdul-Hakim Elwaer</b> - Director, Directorate of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rapporteur</b> <b>Peter McGrath</b>, Acting Programme Officer, the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS), Italy &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p><b>Stefano Manservigi</b> Director General, Directorate-General Development (DG DEV), European Commission (EC)</p> <p><b>David K. Kanamugire</b> Director General, Office of the President, Ministry of Science &amp; Technology, Republic of Rwanda</p> <p><b>Ham-Musaka Mulira</b> Senior Presidential Adviser on Information and Communications Technology, Uganda</p> <p><b>Lenka Ptáčková Melicharová (TBC)</b> Ministry of Interior, Deputy Minister for European Affairs, Czech Republic</p> <p><b>Sally Kosgey</b> Minister of Higher Education Science and Technology, Kenya</p> <p><b>Alexander Ntoko</b> Head, Corporate Strategy Division, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland</p> <p><b>Goundé Désiré Adadja</b> Minister of ICT, Benin</p> <p><b>Maurice Tchuente</b> Former S&amp;T Minister, Cameroon / Director of Research, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France / Professor, University of Yaounde, Cameroon</p> <p><b>Luis T. Magalhães</b> President of the Knowledge Society Agency (UMIC), Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal</p> <p><b>Phil Mjwara</b> Director-General, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa</p>
10:45 - 11:15 am	Coffee & tea break / Press Conference
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	<p><b>#1 - Roundtable Discussions: Implementation of the EU-AU Partnership on Science, ICT and Space (the 8th Partnership)</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs</b> <b>Roger Torrenti</b> - CEO, Sigma Orionis, France &amp; Adviser, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project, France <b>Gaston Zongo</b> - Senior ICT4D Adviser, Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA), Senegal</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rapporteur</b> <b>Judith Lenti-Sidibé</b>, Communication and ICT Project Manager, Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA), Senegal &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p><b>Abdul-Hakim Elwaer</b> Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p><b>Antti Peltomäki</b> Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p><b>Jean-François Girard</b> President, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France</p> <p><b>Daan du Toit</b> Senior Science and Technology Representative, South African Embassy, Belgium</p> <p><b>Ilari Lindy</b> Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland</p> <p><b>Aida Opoku-Mensah</b> Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia</p>
12:15 - 01:30 pm	Lunch
01:30 - 03:00 pm	<p><b>#2 - Introduction to EC (European Commission), AUC (African Union Commission) and ACP Programmes</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs</b> <b>Aida Opoku-Mensah</b> - Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia <b>Jean-François Soupizet</b> - Head of Unit A4, International Relations, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rapporteur</b> <b>Erol Kulahci</b> - European Affairs Manager, Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Belgium &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p><b>Harry de Backer</b> - Directorate-General for Development and Humanitarian Aid (DG DEV), European Commission Presentation title TBA</p> <p><b>Esam M. Abulkhirat</b> - Senior ICT Policy Officer, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) Implementation of the African Regional Action Plan on the Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE)</p> <p><b>Alessandro Damiani</b> - Head of Unit, International Dimension of the Framework Programme, Directorate-General for Research (DG RTD), European Commission Introduction to EU-Africa S&amp;T Cooperation under FP7</p> <p><b>Philippe Kuhutama Mawoko</b> - Coordinator, African Science, Technology &amp; Innovation Indicators (ASTII) Initiative, NEPAD Office of Science &amp; Technology, South Africa Introduction to the NEPAD S&amp;T Programmes</p> <p><b>John F. Kakule (TBC)</b> - Expert, Education, Science, Technology, Information Technology, Health and Employment, ACP Secretariat, Brussels Introduction to the @CP-ICT &amp; ACP-S&amp;T Capacity-building Programmes</p>

	<p><b>Moctar Yedali (TBC)</b> - Directorate for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (AUC) Implementation of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)</p> <p><b>Thierry Devars</b> - Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission Introduction to the FP7/ICT Work Programme</p> <p><i>Q&amp;A Session</i></p>
03:00 - 03:30 pm	Coffee & tea break
03:30 - 05:30 pm	<p><b>#3 - Roundtable Discussions: Public Private Partnerships (PPP) - Experiences and lessons learned</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs</b>  <b>Jean-François Soupizet</b> - Head of Unit A4, International Relations, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)  <b>Daan du Toit</b> - Senior Science and Technology Representative, South African Embassy, Belgium</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rapporteur</b>  <b>Ezra Mugisa</b> - Lecturer, University of the West Indies (UWI), Jamaica &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p><b>Muzi Dlamini</b> MTN Manager for ICT Public Sector, South Africa</p> <p><b>Christian Merz</b> Research Project Manager, SAP Research, Germany</p> <p><b>Aida Opoku-Mensah</b> Director, ICT and Science and Technology Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia</p> <p><b>Beza Belayneh</b> Executive Director, Bezaspeaks, Botswana</p> <p><b>Venansius Baryamureeba</b> Dean, Faculty of Computing and IT, Makerere University, Uganda</p> <p><b>Daniel Annerose</b> CEO, Manobi, Senegal</p> <p><b>Gabriel Solomon</b> Senior Vice President, GSM Association, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Fabien Petitcolas (TBC)</b> Head of Intellectual Capital Development, Microsoft Research, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Joachim Rix</b> Board Member, INI-GraphicsNet Foundation, Germany</p> <p><b>Valerie D'Costa</b> Programme Manager, InfoDev</p> <p><b>Jyrki Pulkkinen</b> CEO, Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative (GeSCI), Ireland</p> <p><b>Caroline Figuères</b> Managing Director, International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD), the Netherlands</p> <p><b>Serge Ferré</b> Vice-President, Nokia Europe, Brussels</p> <p><b>Gertjan van Stam</b> Executive Director, LinkNet, Zambia</p>
05:30+ pm	End of Day 1

## DAY 2 - Thursday, March 26, 2009

08:00+ am	Welcome of participants
09:00 - 10:15 am	<p><b>#4 - How to enhance African organisations participation in FP7/ICT?</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs</b>  <b>Harold Eiletson</b> - Member of the Advisory Board, eLearning Africa and Director, e3Communications, UK  <b>Idris A. Rai</b> - Associate Professor, Faculty of Computing and IT, Makerere University, Uganda &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rapporteur</b>  <b>Tshepang Mosiea</b> - Senior Project Manager, Meraka Institute, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Council (CSIR), South Africa &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p><b>Eric Badique</b> - Unit C2 - ICT Strategy, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission The ICT theme of the FP7 research funding programme: perspectives for 2009-2010 (25')</p> <p><b>Roger Torrenti</b> - CEO, Sigma Orionis, France &amp; Advisor, EuroAfrica-ICT FP7/ICT Project Introduction to the EuroAfrica-ICT Initiative (10')</p> <p><b>Paul Cunningham</b> - President &amp; CEO, International Information Management Corporation (IIMC), Ireland Introduction to IST-Africa (10')</p> <p><b>Crispus Kiamba</b> - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science &amp; Technology, Kenya &amp; CAAST-Net Project representative, Kenya Introduction to CAAST-NET (10')</p> <p><i>Q&amp;A Session (20')</i></p>
10:15 - 10:45 am	Coffee & tea break
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<p><b>Thematic Session #1 - Special emphasis on infrastructures, GEANT(2) &amp; the FEAST project</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs</b>  <b>Carmen Mena-Abela</b> - Scientific Officer, GEANT &amp; Infrastructures, Directorate-General Information Society &amp; Media (DG INFSO), European Commission  <b>Boubakar Barry</b> - Coordinator, Research and Education Networking Unit, Association of African Universities, Ghana</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rapporteur</b>  <b>Santhi Kumaran</b> - Senior Lecturer, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p><i>Sub-saharan Africa is now in a position to benefit from support to the development of research and education networking to foster cooperation between their user communities and to strengthen links with the global research and education sector. The objective of the AfricaConnect Feasibility Study (the FEAST project) is to examine the viability of working with African NREINs and other stakeholders to establish a sustainable and expandable regional research network infrastructure in Africa, starting among the currently most developed NREINs in Southern and Eastern Africa, and to provide recommendations to the EC on the deployment of such a regional network and its interconnection to GÉANT. The study will also look at NREN organisations and capacity to ensure that international bandwidth can be distributed to end users. The EC DG INFSO is procuring the feasibility study from a partnership including KTH Sweden as the main contractor with DANTE and TERENA as subcontractors.</i></p> <p><b>Konstantinos Glinos</b> - Head of Unit of GEANT &amp; Infrastructures, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission Presentation Title TBA</p> <p><b>Boubakar Barry</b> - Coordinator, Research and Education Networking Unit, Association of African Universities, Ghana Presentation Title TBA</p> <p><b>John Dyer</b> - Business and Technology Strategist, Terena, The Netherlands The case for NREINs</p> <p><b>Albert Nsengiyumva</b> - Deputy Chair, UbuntuNet Alliance, Rwanda Presentation Title TBA</p> <p><b>Gerti Foest</b> - Project Manager, DFN, Germany Applications in the context of African-European collaboration</p> <p><b>Florencio Utreras</b> - Executive Director, CLARA, Chile Presentation Title TBA</p> <p><b>Dai Davies</b> - General Manager, DANTE, United Kingdom Research and education networking in the global context</p>

12:15 - 01:30 pm	Lunch
01:30 - 03:00 pm	<p><b>Thematic Session #2 - Panel Session related to technology roadblocks</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs</b>  <b>Ileri Lindy</b> - Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland  <b>Johan Eksteen</b> - Manager, Technology Research Programme, the Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rapporteur</b>  <b>Andy Cherry</b> - S&amp;T Adviser, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p><b>DigitalWorld Initiative</b> (Bertrand Loisel, Research Manager, Orange Labs)  <b>Floss Include Project</b> (Karsten Gerloff, Researcher, United Nations University Merit)  <b>Nokia Europe</b> (Serge Ferré, Vice-President)  <b>Vodafone Group</b> (Nigel Jefferies, Head of Academic Relationships)  <b>LinkNet</b> (Gertjan van Stam, Executive Director)  <b>TNO - Information and Communication Technology</b> (Nicolas Chevrollier, Innovator)  <b>Portugal Telecom</b> (Paulo Nordeste, Innovation Advisor of PT Board) - TBC</p> <p><i>This panel session will be preceded by the following contributions selected through the Call for Papers (5' each)</i></p> <p><b>Fabricio Carvalho de Gouveia</b> - Fraunhofer FOKUS, Germany  <b>Ernest Ofori</b> - Head of Scientific and Technical Computing Kofi Annan ICT Centre, Ghana  <b>Marco Zennaro</b> - Researcher, ICTP, Italy  <b>Ezra Mugisa</b> - Lecturer, University of the West Indies, Jamaica  <b>Robert Klapisch</b> - President, Sharing the Knowledge Foundation, Switzerland  <b>Onwuka Elizabeth</b> - Coordinator, ICT, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Eng., Federal Univ. of Technology - Minna, Nigeria</p>
03:00 - 03:30 pm	Coffee & tea break
03:30 - 05:00 pm	<p><b>Thematic Session #3 - Panel Session related to socio-economic goals and applications</b></p> <p><b>Session Chairs</b>  <b>Santhi Kumaran</b> - Senior Lecturer, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda  <b>Caroline Figuères</b> - Managing Director, International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD), the Netherlands</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Rapporteur</b>  <b>Peter McGrath</b> - Acting Programme Officer, The academy of sciences for the developing world (TWAS), Italy &amp; EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p><b>Speaker</b> from the eLearning Africa Community TBA  <b>Manobi</b> (Daniel Annerose, CEO)  <b>GSM Association</b> (Gabriel Solomon, Senior Vice President) - TBC  <b>IICD - International Institute for Communication and Development</b> (Caroline Figuères, Managing Director) - TBC  <b>SAP Research</b> (Danie Kok, Director, Systems Applications Products) - TBC  <b>ESA - European Space Agency</b> (Giorgio Parentela, Telemedicine Task Force Manager)  <b>WHO - World Health Organization</b> (Getachew Sahlu, Programme Manager) - TBC  <b>VITO - Flemish Institute for Technological Research</b> (Sven Gillams, Researcher) - TBC</p> <p><i>This panel session will be preceded by the following contributions selected through the Call for Papers (5' each)</i></p> <p><b>Natalie Kimbugwe</b> - Coordinator, Kalangala Information Centre, Uganda  <b>Paolo Budinich</b> - FIT, Italy  <b>Evan Duggan</b> - Executive Director, Mona School of Business, Jamaica  <b>Adesina Iluyemi</b> - Researcher, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom  <b>Chris Morris</b> - ICT for Development Specialist, The Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa  <b>Francesco Sicurello</b> - President of @ITIM, Italian Association on Telemedicine and Medical, Italy</p>
05:00 - 05:30 pm	<p><b>Closing Session &amp; Concluding Addresses</b></p> <p><b>Abdul-Hakim Elwaer</b>  Director, Department of Human Resources, S&amp;T (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p><b>Antti Peltomäki</b>  Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)</p>
05:30 pm	End of the 1st Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research