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**7th
Concertation
Meeting**
**Oct. 1, 2009
Brussels, Belgium
Radisson Hotel**

WHAT? - The EuroAfriCa-ICT Project aims at enhancing S&T cooperation on ICT research between sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Europe.

HOW? - By ■ Supporting EuroAfriCa-ICT dialogues ■ Strengthening concertation between key stakeholders in the field ■ Supporting the development of emerging Euro-African cooperation projects on ICT research ■ Raising awareness on FP7 and ICT ■ Developing a web-based communication platform.

An increasing number of regional, national and international initiatives addressing Euro-Africa S&T cooperation in ICT have been developed. EuroAfriCa-ICT concertation meetings have therefore been launched in the framework of the START FP6 project and are still organised on a regular basis by the EuroAfrica-ICT project. These meetings are organised every 6 months in Brussels, Belgium

AGENDA

(as of August 21, 2009)

Radisson Blu Royal Hotel

Rue du Fossé-aux-loups, 47 - 1000 Brussels, Belgium

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**A workshop organised by the European Commission (DG INFSO)
with the support of the EuroAfriCa-ICT FP7 project**

MODERATORS FOR THE WHOLE DAY

Karine Valin - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis & Project Coordinator, EuroAfriCa-ICT

Roger Torrenti - CEO, Sigma Orionis & Project Advisor, EuroAfriCa-ICT

08:30 am **WELCOME OF PARTICIPANTS & REGISTRATIONS**

09:30 am **OPENING ADDRESS**

Jean-François Soupizet

Head of Unit A4, International Relations, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission

09:45 am **COOPERATION PERSPECTIVES ON ICT WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

- 09:45 am **Jean-François Soupizet**
Head of Unit A4, International Relations, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission
Recent developments and perspectives for EU-Africa cooperation on ICT & introduction to Call 5 (FP7-ICT-2009-5)

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- 10:00 am **José Antonio Valente**
 Head of Section, Unit C4, ACP Countries, EuropeAid Cooperation Office (AIDCO), European Commission
Introduction to AfricaConnect
- 10:15 am **Carmen Mena-Abella**
 Policy Officer, International Cooperation, Unit F3 'GEANT & e-Infrastructures' - Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission
Update on the FEAST feasibility study for interconnection of sub-Saharan Africa to GEANT & introduction to Call 7 (FP7-Infrastructures-2010-2)
- 10:30 am **Roland Zinzius**
 Deputy Head of Unit, 'Pan-African Issues' Sector - Directorate-General Development (DG DEV) and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States, European Commission
Implementation of the Africa-EU JSAP (Joint Strategy and Action Plan) - Recent developments and perspectives
- 10:45 am **Fadila Boughanemi**
 Policy Officer in charge of S&T Cooperation with ACP Countries, Unit DI (International Dimension of the FP) Directorate-General RESEARCH (DG RTD), European Commission
EU-Africa cooperation in the 7th Framework Programme - Status & Perspectives

Short Q&A Session

11:15 am **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

11:45 am **THE EUROAFRICA-ICT FP7 PROJECT - PROVIDING SUPPORT & GUIDANCE**

Karine Valin

Managing Director, Sigma Orionis
 & Coordinator, EuroAfrica-ICT EU/FP7 Project

12:00 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Tim Unwin (TBC)

UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, Director of the ICT4D Collective at Royal Holloway University of London, Chair of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, United Kingdom
Presentation title TBA

12:30 pm **BUFFET LUNCH & NETWORKING**

02:00 pm **INCLUDING SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA IN ETPs (EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS) SRA (STRATEGIC RESEARCH AGENDAS)**

- 02:00 pm **Pierre-Yves Danet**
 Board Member, the NEM (Networked & Electronic Media) ETP
- 02:15 pm **Véronique Pevtschin**
 Board Member, the NESSI (Networked European Software & Services Initiative) ETP
- 02:30 pm **Christine Leurquin**
 Vice-chairperson of the Steering Committee, the ISI (Integral Satcom Initiative) ETP
- 02:45 pm **Fiona Williams**
 Board Member, the eMobility (Mobile & Wireless Communications) ETP

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- 03:00 pm **Sebastian Lange (TBC)**
Board Member, the ePOSS (Smart Systems Integration) ETP

15' presentations including short Q&A sessions

03:15 pm **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

03:45 pm **SHARING EXPERIENCE...**

- 03:45 pm **Cleophas Dzinotyiweyi ***
Project Management Expert, CSIR/Meraka Institute
Digital World Forum - The use of low-cost technologies to bridge the digital divide
- 03:55 pm **Stephen Benians**
BELIEF II Project Coordinator
BELIEF II - Bringing Europe's eElectronic Infrastructures to Expanding Frontiers
- 04:05 pm **Nigel Jefferies**
Forum Chair - Vodafone Group
The Wireless World Research Forum - WWRF

Short Q&A session

04:30 pm **OPEN SESSION...**

Some attendees have express interest in sharing with all workshop attendees their "proposal ideas" and "search for partners". The floor will be given to those delegates (5' each).

05:00 pm **WORKSHOP CONCLUSIONS BY K. VALIN & R. TORRENTI**

05:10 pm **End of the 7th Concertation Meeting**

** You are cordially invited to attend the **Digital World Forum** Event to be held on Sept. 30 in Brussels (www.digitalworldforum.eu)*

The EuroAfriCa-ICT project partnership consists of 9 organisations from sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Europe ■ **Sigma Orionis** (France), Project Coordinator ■ The **Meraka Institute of the CSIR** (South Africa) ■ The **Panos Institute West Africa** (Senegal) ■ The **Academy of Sciences for the Developing World - TWAS** (Italy) ■ The **Association of Commonwealth Universities, Africa Unit** (UK) ■ **Makerere University** (Uganda) ■ The **Kigali Institute of Science and Technology** (Rwanda) ■ The **Caribbean Academy of Science** (Jamaica) ■ The **Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie** (Belgium)

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