

8th EuroAfrica-ICT Awareness Workshop
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The EuroAfrica-ICT Initiative

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The EuroAfrica-ICT initiative in a few words

- **“The EuroAfrica-ICT Initiative” is the other name of the START IST project**
 - START is a Specific Support Action funded by the European Commission
 - DG Information Society and Media
- **Main objective**
 - Promoting and supporting the involvement of sub-Sahara African organisations in FP7 proposals (ICT theme)
- **Project partners**
 - Orionis (France), Meraka (South Africa), PIWA (Senegal)
- **Period**
 - From 2006 to 2008 and beyond



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A timely initiative

- **The European Union and the African Union are entering a broader and deeper partnership**
 - S&T cooperation, in particular on ICT, can fully support this policy
- **The new EU research programme (FP7) has just been launched for the period 2007-2013**
 - A budget of 9 100 M€ devoted to ICT
 - International cooperation is a clear dimension of the programme
- **The African ICT research community has been quickly expanding**
 - Which makes EU-African S&T strategic partnerships on ICT possible today



A quick development of the African ICT research community
Source: EuroAfrica-ICT Manifest - 2007

EuroAfrica-ICT activities

Awareness Workshops (in Africa) & Information Days (in Europe)

To promote EU-Africa S&T cooperation on ICT, introduce FP7 opportunities, and interact with key organisations

A reference document based on a wide consultation of European & African ICT organisations

To assess the status and perspectives of EU-African S&T cooperation on ICT, derive analyses and recommendations, and convince key stakeholders

Meetings of the EuroAfrica-ICT Group

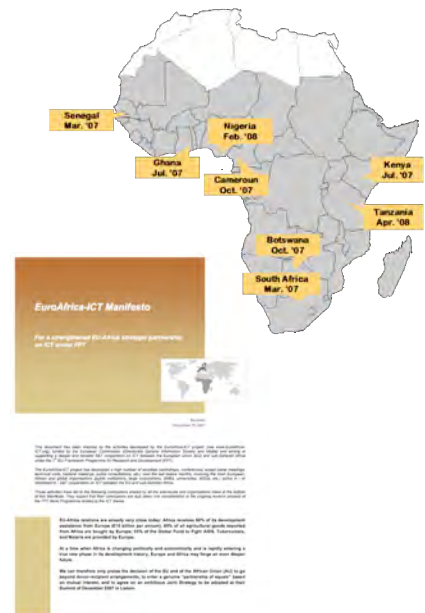
To allow exchange of information & synergies between organisations involved in programmes, projects, initiatives (funded or not by the EC) addressing EU-Africa cooperation on ICT

Helpdesk services

To provide European & African organisations developing (or interested in) S&T cooperation projects in ICT, in particular projects to be submitted to FP7 calls, with free of charge information and guidance

Achievements of the START project

- **8 awareness workshops organised in sub-Saharan Africa**
 - Senegal, South Africa, Ghana, Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya and (coming) Nigeria and Tanzania
- **4 concertation meetings organised in Brussels**
 - and a networking session at the ICT event of 2006
- **A reference document produced and disseminated**
 - Based on a large open consultation (over 200 inputs)
- **A manifesto produced and disseminated**
 - Endorsed by around 200 European and African organisations
- **Identification of research topics of mutual interest**
 - Over 50 proposed at the date when the Manifesto was released

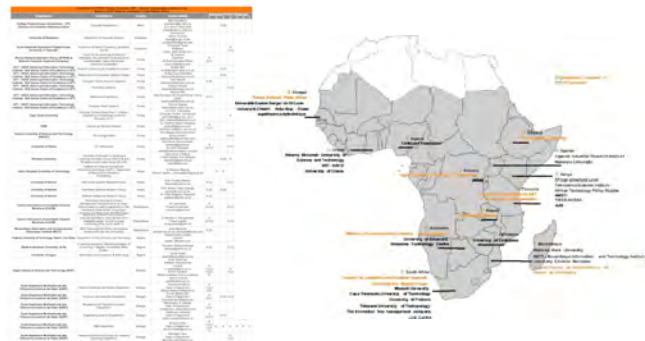


Achievements of the START project

- **Information and guidance brought to emerging projects**
 - Around 200 requests to the helpdesk
- **Development of the EuroAfrica-ICT.org web site**
 - 1000 to 2000 visitors per month
- **Mapping of African excellence centers on ICT research**
 - Thanks to the contribution of the EuroAfrica-ICT expert panel
- **A Wide promotion of EU-Africa cooperation in both regions**
 - Information days, TV reports, press releases, portal web sites, contribution to events, etc.
- **Support to South African leading projects**
 - Ongoing identification



Homepage of the EuroAfrica-ICT website



A quick development of the African ICT research community
Source: EuroAfrica-ICT Framework Document - 2007

The EuroAfriCa-ICT project

- The EuroAfriCa-ICT project will built upon the first successful achievements of the START project
- The project consortium has been enlarged and now gathers 9 project partners:
 - ACU (United Kingdom), AUF (Belgium), CAS (Jamaica), KIST (Rwanda), Makerere University (Uganda), Meraka (South Africa), Orionis (France), PIWA (Senegal), TWAS (Italy)
- Its main objective is to:
 - **promote and support the development of strategic cooperation on ICT research between Europe and sub-Saharan Africa**
- The project started in January 2008 for 24 months



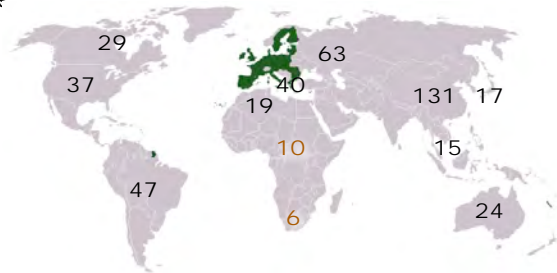
Planned activities of the EuroAfriCa-ICT FP7 support action

<p>Organisation of awareness workshops in Africa and in the Caribbean</p>	<p>Organisation of cooperation Summits in Europe (2008) and in Africa (2009)</p>	<p>Organisation of periodical concertation meetings in Europe</p>
<p>Implementation of links with other programmes</p>	<p>Detailed mapping of potentialities and constituencies in both regions</p>	<p>Support to the development of strategic partnerships</p>

To African organisations interested in the initiative....

- **Promote yourself! Make yourself more visible!**
 - We need to know your skills, your vision, your ideas
 - Fill in the online "search for partners" form
- **Contribute!**
 - Answer the online consultation process
 - Send us news for the www.EuroAfrica-ICT.org portal
 - Promote the EuroAfrica-ICT initiative in your contact network
- **Ask us to help you!**
 - Guidance through FP7
 - Contacts with European organisations

Let's work together
to improve the current situation!



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)

Thank you for your attention!

For any further information:

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