



**8th  
Concertation  
Meeting**

**June 23, 2010  
Brussels, Belgium  
Radisson Hotel**

**WHAT?** - The EuroAfrica-ICT EU-funded Project aims at enhancing S&T cooperation on ICT research between sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

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

**WHY?** - An increasing number of regional, national and international initiatives addressing Euro-Africa S&T cooperation in ICT have been developed in the last few years. EuroAfrica-ICT concertation meetings (aiming at facilitating closer interaction and the development of synergies between the EuroAfrica-ICT initiative and these other related initiatives) have therefore been launched in 2006 and are organised in Brussels on a regular basis by the EuroAfrica-ICT project.

**AGENDA**  
AS OF JUNE 21, 2010

**Radisson Blu Royal Hotel**

Rue du Fossé aux loups, 47 - 1000 Brussels, Belgium - Tel: +32 / 2 219 2828

**A workshop organised by the European Commission (DG INFSO, International Relations Unit)  
with the support of the EuroAfrica-ICT FP7 project**

**MODERATORS**

**Karine Valin** - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis & Project Coordinator, EuroAfrica-ICT  
**Thierry Devars** - Scientific Officer, International Relations Unit, DG INFSO, European Commission

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

**09:30 am WELCOME ADDRESS & INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**Karine Valin**

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

**09:50 am COOPERATION PERSPECTIVES ON ICT WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA**

09:50 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 Joint Strategy and Action Plan - Recent developments and perspectives*

10:00 am

**Fadila Boughanemi**

Policy Officer in charge of S&T Cooperation with ACP Countries, Unit D1 (International Dimension of the Framework Programme)  
Directorate-General RESEARCH (DG RTD), European Commission





**EU-Africa cooperation in the 7th Framework Programme - Status & Perspectives**

10:10 am

**Thierry Devars**

Scientific Officer, International Relations Unit (A4)  
Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission  
**Recent developments and perspectives for EU-Africa cooperation on ICT  
Introduction to the draft ICT Work Programme 2011-2012 & to Call 7 (FP7-ICT-2010-7)**

10:20 am

**Leonardo Flores**

Scientific Officer, International Cooperation, Unit F3 'GEANT & e-Infrastructures'  
Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission  
**Update on AfricaConnect and the FEAST feasibility study for interconnection of sub-Saharan Africa to GEANT & Introduction to Call 9 (FP7- Infrastructures-2011-2)**

Q&A Session

**11:00 am COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

**11:30 am THE 2010 EURO-AFRICA WEEK ON ICT RESEARCH & E-INFRASTRUCTURES (DEC. 6-10, HELSINKI)**

**Karine Valin**

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

**11:35 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Ilari Lindy**

Counsellor, Information Society for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Finnish Government  
European Vice-Chair ICT, JEG8 (Joint Expert Group, Partnership 8)  
**The EU-AU Partnership on Science, ICT and Space (Partnership 8) - Update on the ICT theme**

**12:15 pm BUFFET LUNCH & NETWORKING**

**01:30 pm SHARING VISIONS & EXPERIENCES**

01:30 pm

**Nicolas Chevrollier**

ICT4D Team Leader, TNO Information and Communication Technology (Netherlands)  
**Inclusive Innovation**

01:40 pm

**Christian Merz**

Senior Researcher, SAP Research (Germany)  
**Living Labs - Collaboration platforms for open innovation**

01:50 pm

**Mamohlong Tlhagale**

Strategic Partnerships, DST (South Africa)



South Africa's FP7 National Contact Point for FP7 Mobility Instruments

**Which contribution South Africa can make to EU international collaboration in ICT R&D?**

02:00 pm

**James Waterworth**

Director, EU Representative Office, Nokia (Belgium)

**InfoDev/WorldBank, Finland, Nokia partnership to support innovation on ICT**

02:10 pm

**Mohamadou Arabani Saibou**

Director, ESMT - Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications (Senegal)

**Cooperation with Europe - Sharing experience**

02:20 pm

**Bernard Yvetot**

Vice President Strategy International Business, France Telecom / Orange (France)

**France Telecom / Orange development strategy in Africa**

02:30 pm

**David Cromar**

Director, Solvebrand Ltd (UK)

**The African Incubator Network**

Q&A Session

**03:15 pm**

**COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

**03:45 pm**

**IDENTIFYING ICT POLICY AND RESEARCH PRIORITIES - SPECIFIC WORKSHOP**

**Daan du Toit**

Minister Counsellor (S&T): South African Mission to the EU

Senior S&T Representative to the EU: South African Department of S&T

On behalf of CSIR, EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner (in charge of identifying & analysing ICT policy & research priorities)

**Andrew J. Cherry**

The Africa Unit, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), United Kingdom

EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner (in charge of producing recommendations to the EC)

CAAST-Net Coordinator

**04:45 pm**

**WORKSHOP CONCLUSIONS**

**05:00 pm**

**End of the 8<sup>th</sup> Concertation Meeting**

### EuroAfrica-ICT Partnership

- ▶ ACU - The Association of Commonwealth Universities, UK
- ▶ AUF - The Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, Belgium
- ▶ CSIR - The Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa
- ▶ KIST - The Kigali Institute of Science and Technology, Rwanda
- ▶ MAKERERE - The Makerere University, Uganda
- ▶ SIGMA - Sigma Orionis, France (Project Coordinator)
- ▶ TWAS - The Academy of sciences for the developing world, Italy

