



# EuroAfrica-ICT - FACT SHEET

## Supporting Policy Dialogues & Strengthening Cooperation with sub-Saharan Africa

**E**uroAfrica-ICT (www.euroafrica-ict.org) is a EU/FP7 project spanning over 24 months (2010-2011) with the aim of supporting policy dialogues and strengthening cooperation on ICT research between Europe & sub-Saharan Africa. The EuroAfrica-ICT project is defined in full continuity with and builds upon the substantial results obtained and the significant momentum created by two previous initiatives: the FP6/IST START project (2006-2008) and the FP7/ICT EuroAfriCa-ICT project (2008-2009) - both coordinated by Sigma Orionis.

**T**he EuroAfrica-ICT initiative which has been developing since 2005 through these two projects and which is supported by a high number of key stakeholders in the field both in Europe and in Africa, has established close synergies with most national and international programmes and initiatives; has already started to identify policy and research priorities to support the development of policy dialogues and has provided the European and African research communities with continuous and reliable support and guidance.

**E**uroAfrica-ICT has the strategic objective to promote and enhance ICT research cooperation between the two continents thanks to - among other things - the organisation of the "Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research" - a 3rd conference filled with discussions and debates, networking opportunities and knowledge-sharing among key stakeholders in the field and policymakers coming from all over Europe and Africa. As an international project, EuroAfrica-ICT also seeks to raise awareness on FP7/ICT cooperation opportunities between the two continents.



1st Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research (March 2009 - Brussels, Belgium) & 2nd Forum (February 2010 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

## 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



## Main Project Activities & Expected Outputs

**I**dentification of Euro-African ICT **Research Priorities** (once identified and analysed in detail, these priorities will lead to recommendations which may be taken into consideration in facilitating the rapid emergence of Euro-African collaborative projects addressing identified ICT research areas).

**O**rganisation of **Cooperation Events** both in Europe and in Africa (concertation meetings targeting the development of synergies between national and international cooperation initiatives, awareness and thematic workshops mainly aiming at raising awareness on FP7/ICT and cooperation opportunities, and cooperation forums focusing particularly on ICT policy and research priorities).

**P**rovide **Support and Guidance** to European and African organisations in their efforts to connect and develop collaborative research projects in the ICT field (virtual community of researchers, database of African excellence research centres, proactive helpdesk services, etc).

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