



3rd Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research

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Agenda

(as of December 1, 2010)

DAY 1 - December 7, 2010	
07:00+ am	Registrations and welcome of participants
08:30 - 10:00 am	Opening Session & Welcome Addresses
	<p>Chair Karine Valin - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis & Coordinator, EuroAfrica-ICT Initiative, France</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rapporteur Peter Mc Grath - Programme officer at TWAS, Italy & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p>Paavo Väyrynen Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Finland</p> <p>Vera Brenda Ngosi Director, Department of Human Resources, Science & Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Antti Peltomäki Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p>Theresa Sirisio Iro Wani State Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Sudan & President, the Conference of African Union Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies (CITMC)</p> <p>Laurent Besançon ICT Sector Coordinator for the Africa region at the World Bank, World Bank, US</p>
10:00 - 10:30 am	Coffee & tea break offered by Google
10:30 - 10:45 am	Torbjörn Fredriksson - Chief, ICT Analysis Section: Science, Technology and ICT Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade Development (UNCTAD), Switzerland UNCTAD 2010 Information Economy Report: ICT, Enterprises & Poverty Alleviation
	Rapporteur Tatu Lyytinen - VTT Team & Researcher, Aalto University School of Economics, Finland
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	AU and EU Frameworks Priorities, Implementation Status, and Remaining Challenges
	<p>Session Chairs Ilari Lindy - Adviser, Information Society for Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland Mohamed Ben Amor - Director General, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT), Tunisia</p>
	Rapporteur Tatu Lyytinen - VTT Team & Researcher, Aalto University School of Economics, Finland
Diaby Moustapha Mamy - Senior Telecommunications Development Policy Officer, Department for Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission (AUC) <i>AU Reference Framework for ICT Policies Harmonisation & Implementation of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)</i>	

	<p>Esam M. Abulkhirat - Senior ICT Policy Officer, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) <i>Outcomes of the 3rd Africa-EU Summit (Tripoli, Libya - Nov. 29-30, 2010)</i></p> <p>Moses Bayingana - Expert ICT, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) <i>Implementation of ARAPKE</i></p> <p>Ahmed Hamdy - Head of the S&T/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) <i>Implementation of the AMCOST Consolidated Plan of Action (CPA)</i></p> <p>Antti Peltomäki - Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) <i>Europe 2020 Digital Agenda - A Strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth</i></p>
12:00 - 01:00 pm	Networking buffet lunch
01:00 - 03:00 pm	<p>Africa-EU Partnerships Strengthening Capacities</p> <p>Session Chairs Vera Brenda Ngosi - Director, Department of Human Resources, Science & Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) Antti Peltomäki - Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rapporteur Peter Mc Grath - Programme officer at TWAS, Italy & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p>Africa-EU Partnerships - Overview</p> <p>Ahmed Hamdy - Head of the S&T/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC) <i>Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society & Space (8th Partnership)</i></p> <p>Diaby Moustapha Mamy - Senior Telecommunications Development Policy Officer, Department for Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission (AUC) <i>Africa-EU Partnership on Infrastructures</i></p> <p>Africa-EU Partnerships - Perspectives (Roundtable Discussion)</p> <p>José Manuel de Moraes Briosa e Gala African Personal Representative and Special Advisor of President Barroso, European Commission</p> <p>Mohamed Ben Amor Director General, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT), Tunisia</p> <p>Raphael Koffi Principal Programme Officer, Head of Telecommunication Division, the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, Nigeria</p> <p>Hannes Toivanen Senior Research Scientist, VTT Organisations, Networks and Innovation Systems, Finland</p> <p>Takalani Nemaungani Director: Global Projects, Department of Science & Technology, South Africa</p> <p>Eric Mwangi Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MoHEST), Kenya</p> <p>Pedro Guedes Oliveira Member of the Board of Directors of FCCN (Foundation for National Scientific Computing), Member of the Steering Committee of the Fraunhofer-Portugal Program, and Professor at the University of Porto, Portugal</p> <p>Vincent Esse Ya Hippolite Conseiller Technique au Ministère des NTIC, Cote d'Ivoire</p> <p>Raphael Mmasi Director of Information and Documentation of the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), Tanzania</p> <p>Zaipuna O. Yonah Director of ICT, Ministry of Science Communications and Technology (MCST), Tanzania</p> <p>Funda Mpanza Science & Technology Coordinator, the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Botswana</p> <p>Gertrudes Adolfo Macueve Lecturer at Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (UEM), Mozambique</p>
03:00 - 03:30 pm	Coffee & tea break
03:30 - 04:30 pm	<p>ICT Key Mechanisms for Innovation - The Enabling Environment Tangible Case Studies & Flagship projects</p> <p>Session Chairs Hannes Toivanen - Senior Research Scientist, VTT Organisations, Networks and Innovation Systems, Finland Ahmed Hamdy - Head of the S&T/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rapporteur Laura De Nale - Project Assistant at Sigma Orionis, France & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p>Jussi Hinkkanen - Vice President, Government Relations and Business Environment, Nokia Middle East and Africa, South Africa <i>Nokia, Finnish Government & infoDev Partnership "Creating Sustainable Businesses in the Knowledge Economy"</i></p> <p>Danie Kok - Director, SAP Research CEC Pretoria, South Africa <i>Living Labs - Collaboration platforms for open innovation</i></p> <p>Martti Ranin - Senior Adviser Mobile Monday, Finland <i>The Mobile Monday Initiative</i></p> <p>Effat El-Shooky - Advisor to the Minister for International Cooperation, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Arab Republic of Egypt <i>Harnessing information, knowledge innovation and entrepreneurship for Africa youth development - The Living Labs Solution</i></p> <p>Valerie D'Costa - Program Manager, infoDev & Manager, World Bank, US <i>The Africa Incubator Network</i></p>
04:30 - 05:30 pm	<p>Roundtable Discussion Financing ICT Development & Innovation in Africa</p> <p>Session Chairs Thierry Devars - Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) Diaby Moustapha Mamy - Senior Telecommunications Development Policy Officer, Department for Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rapporteur Andrew Cherry - African Unit, Association of Commonwealth Universities, UK & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p>Noora Laitio Investment Officer, Nordic Countries, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), France</p> <p>Frank McCoster Managing Director, Global Strategic Accounts, Microsoft, Belgium</p> <p>Pierre Fabre Project Manager, Agence Française de Développement (the AFD Group), France</p> <p>Eduardo Sorribes Manzana Policy Adviser, Directorate-General Development (DG DEV), European Commission (EC)</p> <p>Euan Guttridge Technical Programme Manager, Google, Switzerland</p> <p>Phil Fong Regional Data and Information Coordinator, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Kenya</p>

05:30 - 06:30 pm	Roundtable Discussion Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) - The Private Sector's Viewpoint	 MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FINLAND
	Session Chairs Caroline Figueres - Managing Director, IICD, The Netherlands Harry De Backer - European Union Delegation to the African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	
	<p style="text-align: right;">Rapporteur</p> Andrew Cherry - African Unit, Association of Commonwealth Universities, UK & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner	
	Joaquim Croca Head of mHealth, Vodafone Global Enterprise, United Kingdom	
	Daniel Annerose CEO, Manobi, Senegal	
	Christine Leurquin VP Institutional Relations, SES, Belgium	
	Bernard Yvetot Vice President Strategy International Business, France Telecom / Orange, France	
06:30 pm	End of Day 1	
07:00 - 10:00 pm	Networking buffet dinner offered by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Scandic Marina Congress Center)	



DAY 2 - December 8, 2010

08:00+ am	Registrations and welcome of participants			
09:00 - 10:00 am	Cooperation under EU Research Programmes			
	Session Chairs & Rapporteurs Harry De Backer - European Union Delegation to the African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Edmund Katiti - Policy & Regulatory Advisor, NEPAD e-Africa Commission, South Africa Fadila Boughanemi - Senior Policy Officer in charge of S&T Cooperation with ACP Countries, Unit D1 (International Dimension of the FP) Directorate-General Research (DG RTD), European Commission (EC) <i>EU-Africa cooperation in the 7th Framework Programme - Status & Perspectives</i> Thierry Devars - Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC) <i>Recent developments and perspectives for EU-Africa cooperation on ICT</i>			
10:00 - 10:30 am	Coffee & tea break			
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Thematic Sessions - Part I			
	Session 1a - e-Learning & e-Skills (technology enhanced learning)	Session 1b - e-Infrastructures & GÉANT (from research networking to global virtual research collaboration - infrastructures & access)	Session 1c - e-Health (advanced technology to improve health)	Session 1d - e-Libraries (services & digital content infrastructures)
	<i>e-Learning comprises all forms of electronically supported learning & teaching systems. ICTs serve as specific media to implement the learning process through the computer and network-enabled transfer of skills and knowledge. Applications & processes include Web-based learning, computer-based learning, virtual classrooms, digital collaboration, etc. It can be self-paced or instructor-led and includes media in the form of text, image, animation, streaming video and audio. ICT for Development, Education and Training is a major cooperation field between Africa and Europe. In education, the effective use of ICT offers new ways in which the quality, effectiveness and flexibility of higher education can be improved. ICT when integrated into education have the capacities to improve the delivery of education and to open the way to universal digital access.</i>	<i>e-infrastructures - consisting of a combination of ICT-based resources, such as computers, networks, and scientific data repositories facilitating global resource sharing and collaborative research - are key enablers for virtual global research communities and drivers of socio-economic development. To be able to fulfil their missions, African research and higher education institutions need access to the global research and education network infrastructure. Unlike their peers on other continents, most African institutions do currently not have such an access. Within the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership (namely P8), the AUC and the EC have given highest priority to the AfricaConnect initiative as an early deliverable with the objective to support the African research and higher education institutions in their effort to get access to this resource, which is a requirement for the development of knowledge societies (© FEAST).</i>	<i>The health sector is relying increasingly on advanced ICT to make healthcare more effective and more efficient. Examples: alerting and management support systems will use innovative data analysis and integration techniques such as data/semantic mining, information integration, decision support, and RFID-based intelligent medication delivery. Applied to medical databases, such techniques will permit health professionals to predict, detect, and monitor health problems. All relevant stakeholders will also be involved in investigating how ICT can help predict/assess risk, and manage large-scale health crises. e-Health is definitely a major ICT research priority of common interest and benefit for the two continents.</i>	<i>In today's society, individuals and organisations are, on one hand, confronted with an ever growing load of information and, on the other, with increasing demands for knowledge and skills. To cope with this, we need to link content, knowledge and learning, making content and knowledge more accessible, interactive and usable over time by humans and machines alike. Europe and Africa, with their unique cultural heritage and creative potential, are well placed to exploit this paradigm shift, becoming key players in the knowledge economy</i>
	Session Chairs Dhesigen Naidoo (Director of Research & innovation, University of Pretoria, SA) & Jyrki Pulkkinen (CEO, Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative, Ireland)	Session Chairs Björn Pehrson (Research Leader, School of ICT, KTH, Sweden) & Boubakar Barry (Coordinator, Research & Education Networking Unit, AAU, Ghana)	Session Chair Caroline Figueres (Managing Director, IICD, The Netherlands) & Edmund Katiti (Policy & Regulatory Advisor, NEPAD e-Africa Commission, South Africa)	Session Chairs Mbangwana Moses Atezah (Research Program Manager, Panafican Research Agenda, ROCARE / ERNWACA, Mali) & Desirée van Welsum (Head of ICT Research, RAND Europe, Belgium)
	Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene Jyrki Pulkkinen CEO, Global E-Schools and Communities Initiative (GeSCI) Ireland	Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene Boubakar Barry Coordinator, Research & Education Networking Unit, AAU Ghana	Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene Laurent Braak Executive Director, MEDES-IMPS (Institut de Médecine et de Physiologie Spatiales), France	Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene Ronald Munatsi Principal Librarian, Library of Parliament, Zimbabwe

	<p>Albert Claude Benhamou Interministerial Delegate in the Digital Education in Africa (DIENA), French Government, France</p> <p>Colence Takaingnhamo Chisita Head of Faculty, Harare Polytechnic Library and Information Science Facult Zimbabwe</p> <p>Venansius Baryamureeba Vice-chancellor, Makerere University Uganda</p> <p>Oumarou Sie Laboratoire de Traitement de l'Information et Communication (LTIC), University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p><i>Rapporteur - Tshepang Mosiea, Project Manager, the Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i></p>	<p>Burak Simsek Senior Researcher, Fraunhofer FOKUS Germany</p> <p>Frederick F. Tusubira CEO of UbuntuNet Uganda</p> <p>Bjorn Pehrson Research Leader, School of ICT, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology) Sweden</p> <p>Wim Van Petegem K.U.Leuven Belgium</p> <p>Omo Oaiya WACREN Ghana</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p><i>Rapporteur - Idris Rai, Deputy Dean (Academics), Faculty of Computing & IT, Makerere University, Uganda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i></p>	<p>Richard Gakuba National e-Health Coordinator, Ministry of Health Rwanda</p> <p>Agostino Faravelli Member of the Patologi Oltre Frontiera NGO Italy</p> <p>Fernando Jorge Monteiro Director's Board Member & VP of the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto, Portugal</p> <p>Ousmane Ly CEO, Agence Nationale de Télé Santé et d'Informatique Médicale (ANTIM) Mali</p> <p>Chrissie Kaponda Associate Professor, Kamuzu College of Nursing, Malawi</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p><i>Rapporteur - Santhi Kumaran, Deputy Director, e-health Center of Excellence, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i></p>	<p>Gift A. Kadzamia Head of Documentation & Information Services, National Commission for Science & Tehnology, Malawi</p> <p>Iman Abuel Maaly Abdelrahman Assistant Professor, Dept of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, University of Khartoum, Sudan</p> <p>Pascal Hoba Head of the Communication & Services Department, Coordinator of DATAD, AAU Ghana</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p><i>Rapporteur - Sarah Hinz, Project Assistant, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), UK & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i></p>
12:00 - 01:30 pm	Networking buffet lunch			
01:30 - 03:00 pm	Thematic Sessions - Part II			
	<p>Session 2a - e-Agriculture, e-Food, ICT for Environmental Sustainability & Energy Efficiency (enabling environment, climate change effects, disaster management, etc)</p> <p><i>Global patterns of resources use are damaging the earth's regenerative capacity & reducing the benefits that nature provides. We rely heavily on flows of natural resources & face increasing waste produced by a rapidly-growing global population. Buildings, critical infrastructure, industrial plants, transport & communication networks are not sufficiently energy-efficient. Advances in ICT can help combat environmental degradation & ensure sustainable use of natural resources, while improving efficiency in energy production & use, and modernising energy networks.</i></p> <p>Session Chairs John Vassallo (Vice-President, EU Affairs, Microsoft Corp.) & Hannes Toivanen (Senior Research Scientist, VTT)</p> <p>Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene</p> <p>Emmanuel Tonye Director, Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnique, University of Yaoundé, Cameroon</p> <p>Laurens Cloete Acting Executive Director of the CSIR Meraka Institute South Africa</p> <p>Olaf S. Bänki Assistant Coordinator of LifeWatch, IBED University of Amsterdam The Netherlands</p> <p>Simon M. Karume, ICT Director at The Masinde Muliro University of S&T (MMUST) & Peter Kuria Githinji, Diaspora Networking e-Waste for Brain Gain Project, Finland</p> <p>Caroline Figueres Managing Director, IICD The Netherlands</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p><i>Rapporteur - Tshepang Mosiea, Project Manager, the Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i></p>	<p>Session 2b - Evolution and convergence of networks, infrastructures, equipment and services towards Future Network solutions</p> <p><i>Over the next 15 years, advanced network and service infrastructures will open the door to a variety of new networked applications, costing less to build and run. To reap full benefit from these opportunities current Internet, mobile, fixed and broadcasting networks must progress, together with the related software and service infrastructures.</i></p> <p>Session Chairs Leif Laaksonen (Collaboration Director, CSC, the Finnish IT Center for Science, Finland) & Saibou Mohamadou Arabani (General Manager, ESMT, Senegal)</p> <p>Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene</p> <p>Karel Mathee Research Group Leader: Trusted Network Infrastructures & Platforms, Meraka Institute, CSIR, South Africa</p> <p>Edward Mutafungwa Aalto University, Department of communications and networking Finland</p> <p>Modou Sall Sonatel Senegal</p> <p>Pierre-Yves Danet R&D Lab Deputy, France Telecom France</p> <p>Adiel Akplogan CEO, AfriNIC Mauritius</p> <p>Juha Zidbeck Research Scientist, VTT Finland</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p><i>Rapporteur - Idris Rai, Deputy Dean (Academics), Faculty of Computing & IT, Makerere University, Uganda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i></p>	<p>Session 2c - WORKSHOP Building and Strengthening Capacities in ICT Research in Africa (training programmes, ongoing initiatives, etc.)</p> <p><i>This session will attempt to describe the teaching and research capacity for ICTs in Africa, identify what is being done well, where the gaps are, highlight some activities aimed at filling these gaps and - above all - develop recommendations for additional programmes to build and strengthen ICT research capacity in Africa.</i></p> <p>Session Chairs Peter Mc Grath (Programme officer at TWAS, Italy) & Venansius Baryamureeba (Vice-chancellor, Makerere University, Uganda)</p> <p>Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene</p> <p>Ernest Ofori Scientific and Technical Computing, Ghana's Advanced Information Technology Institute (AITI-KACE), Ghana</p> <p>Marco Zennaro ICTP Aeronomy and Radiopropagation Group, ICT4D, Trieste Italy</p> <p>Antoine Bigomkero Bagula Department of Computer Science, University of Cape Town South Africa</p> <p>Fabrizio Gagliardi External Research Director, EMEA, Microsoft Switzerland</p> <p>Junaid Zaidi Rector, The CIIT Institute Pakistan</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p><i>Rapporteur - Santhi Kumaran, Deputy Director, e-health Center of Excellence, Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Rwanda & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i></p>	<p>Session 2d - e-Governance (secure services to citizens & business)</p> <p><i>e-Government (electronic government / e-Gov / digital government / online government / connected government) is creating a comfortable, transparent, and cheap interaction between government and citizens (G2C - government to citizens), government and business enterprises (G2B - government to business enterprises) and relationship between governments (G2G - inter-agency relationship). There are 4 mains domains of e government namely: governance, information and communication technology, business process re-engineering and e-citizen.</i></p> <p>Session Chairs Vasilis Koulolias (Executive Director, Gov2U, Greece) & Dr Pascal Hoba (Head of the Communication & Services Department, Coordinator of DATAD, AAU, Ghana)</p> <p>Session Chairs (5') Setting the Scene</p> <p>Vasilis Koulolias Executive Director, Gov2U, Greece Coordinator, Africa4All EU-funded Project Greece</p> <p>Adolfo Villafiorita Senior Researcher, FBK Center for Information Technology Italy</p> <p>Ivar Tallo Member of the Management Board, e-Governance Academy Foundation Estonia</p> <p>Lala Andriamampianina President of NIC-MG (Network Information Center - Madagascar) Madagascar</p> <p>Warren Hero Head of E-government at Gauteng Shared Services Centre South Africa</p> <p>Molefe Phirinyane Research Fellow, Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis, Botswana</p> <p>Q&A Session</p> <p><i>Rapporteur - Sarah Hinz, Project Assistant, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), UK & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</i></p>
03:00 - 03:30 pm	Coffee & tea break			
03:30 - 05:00 pm	Thematic Sessions - Part III			
	<p>Session 3a - Local Innovation & technology transfer</p>	<p>Session 3b - m-Banking</p>	<p>Session 3c - e-Inclusion & e-Accessibility (ICT for independent living, social inclusion, youth/women and the Information Society, etc.)</p>	<p>Session 3d - WORKSHOP Identifying Joint ICT Research Priorities</p>

	<p>Despite the indisputable role of innovation in productivity growth, access to new technologies by developing countries and least developed countries remains one of the most contested areas of international economic regulation. The persistent and deepening "innovation divide" between industrialised nations, where most research and development investment occurs, and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries who rely primarily on imports of technology to enhance domestic supplies of technical knowledge, suggests that existing global policies directed at promoting technology diffusion and increasing access to technical knowledge have been wholly inadequate (© Ruth L. Okediji). This session will strive to further discuss the role of local innovation and technology transfer.</p>	<p>Mobile banking (m-Banking / SMS Banking) is a term used for performing balance checks, account transactions, payments, credit applications etc. via a mobile device such as a mobile phone or a personal digital assistant (PDA). The earliest mobile banking services was offered via SMS. With the introduction of the first primitive smart phones with WAP support enabling the use of the mobile web in 1999, the first European banks started to offer mobile banking on this platform to their customers. Africa probably boast the most advanced, oldest and most successful examples of mobile banking solutions on the planet today. It is not difficult to understand why, as this is also one of the fastest growing markets for mobile telephony in the world.</p>	<p>Technological change drives deep transformation in the way we live and participate in society. New requirements are emerging for social inclusion, access to public services and lifelong participation. ICT can go a long way towards addressing the challenges of independent living and inclusion by, for example, extending the time during which elderly people can live independently in their preferred environment or providing a basis for a new generation of inclusive products and services that will help integrate people who are at risk of exclusion.</p>	<p>One of the main objectives of the EuroAfrica-ICT project is to identify ICT research priorities addressing cooperation between Europe and Africa. 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. To identify these ICT research priorities, the EuroAfrica-ICT Partnership is taking a wide range of sources into consideration, among them an extensive consultation of participants in the EuroAfrica-ICT cooperation forums...</p>
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<p>05:00 - 05:30 pm</p>	<p>Closing Session & Concluding Addresses</p> <p>Chair Peter Mc Grath - Programme officer at TWAS, Italy & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rapporteur Tshepang Mosiea - Project Manager, the Meraka Institute of CSIR, South Africa & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner</p> <p>Ahmed Hamdy Head of the S&T/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>Thierry Devars Policy Officer, International Relations Unit, Directorate-General Information Society and Media (DG INFSO), European Commission (EC)</p> <p>Pertti Ikonen Coordinator on Aid-for-Trade, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland</p>			
<p>05:30 pm</p>	<p>End of the 3rd Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research</p>			
<p>07:00 - 10:00 pm</p>	<p>Social Event - Networking buffet dinner offered by the European and the African Union Commissions through the EuroAfrica-ICT/el-Africa EU-funded projects and VTT (Wanha Satama Ravintolat: Pikku Satamakatu 5, Ballroom A, Helsinki - 100m only from the conference venue) By invitation only (150 seats available)</p>			

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