

## **Africa-EU Cooperation Newsletter February 2013**

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Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are keeping well. We would like to bring a number of recent and upcoming developments to your attention in this Spring edition of the newsletter: Open Calls, Recent News, Upcoming Events and Reports. If you have news or events that you would like to disseminate, please forward to us.

### **Open Calls under FP7**

All [open calls](#) can be accessed via the Participants Portal.

### **Cooperation ICT Theme**

[FP7-ICT-2013-Call 11](#) was published on 18 September with a deadline of 16 April 2013. Click [here](#) to download a summary of challenges and objectives open under Call 11.

### **Other Themes**

[FP7-ENV-2013-WATER-INNO-DEMO](#) - Closes 04 April 2013

### **Other Calls for Proposals**

[Namibia - South Africa Joint Science and Technology Call](#) - Deadline 28 February 2013

[ERA Joint Call](#) - Deadline 15 April 2013

[Anzisha Prize for Young African Entrepreneurs](#) – Deadline 01 April 2013

### **Horizon 2020**

[Horizon 2020](#) will commence in January 2014 as the new Framework Programme for research and innovation from 2014 – 2020.

A [Call for Experts](#) for Horizon 2020 Advisory Groups was launched in January with a deadline of 17:00 CET on 06 March 2013.

### **Recent News**

#### **[IST-Africa 2013 Advance Programme](#)**

Hosted by the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Higher Education Science and Technology, Supported by the European Commission and African Union Commission, IST-Africa 2013 will take place in Nairobi from 29 - 31 May 2013. The 3rd Annual IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Working Group Meeting will take place on 28 May 2013 as a pre-conference event.

The [Advance Programme](#) incorporates 2 plenary sessions and 44 parallel sessions in the Scientific Programme with 167 presenters from 42 countries - 19 European countries; 22 African countries and the US. Click [here](#) to download the Advance Programme brochure.

#### **[Kenya Launches ICT Master Plan \(2013 – 2017\)](#)**

As part of the implementation of Vision 2030, the ICT MasterPlan provides a five year plan focused on social and economic pillars in five key areas.

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### [African Participation in FP7](#)

Great progress has been made in relation to participation in FP7 from IST-Africa partner countries over the past number of years: Botswana (8 projects), Burundi (2 projects), Cameroon (22 projects), Egypt (81 projects), Ethiopia (19 projects), Ghana (42 projects), Kenya (58 projects), Lesotho (3 projects), Malawi (18 projects), Mauritius (5 projects), Mozambique (19 projects), Namibia (8 projects), Senegal (36 projects), South Africa (161 projects), Swaziland (2 projects), Tanzania (35 projects), Tunisia (67 projects) and Uganda (39 projects). To learn more, please visit [IST-Africa partner country profiles](#) and click on country of interest.

### [UbuntuNet Alliance – New Chair from 15 April](#)

Prof Stanislaus Lwakabamba will commence activities as chair of UbuntuAlliance from 15 April, following on from Prof Kadzamira who has served as chair for the past six years.

### [Mauritius subsidises basic Internet access](#)

As part of activities funded under the Universal Service Fund, the Government of Mauritius is subsidising the cost of a Broadband connect of 256Kbps for home use from January 2013.

### [Ground breaking at Konza Technology Park, Nairobi](#)

As part of the Vision 2030 Flagship Programmes, a ground breaking ceremony was held by H.E. Kibaki on 23 January for Konza Technology Park.

### [InfoDev launch two year East Africa Virtual Incubation Pilot](#)

InfoDev launched a pilot on 25 January 2013 to provide virtual incubation services to rural communities in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

### [Pilot Incubation Programme Launched in Kenya](#)

On 24 January 2013, the Kenya ICT Board on behalf of the Ministry of Information and Communications launched a three year ICT Business Incubator Pilot to host at least 30 start ups and provide virtual support for a further 100 start ups across the country. It will be implemented by Nailab, a Business Incubator based in Nairobi.

### [Proceedings of 2012 Cooperation Forum on ICT available online](#)

The “2012 Africa-EU Cooperation Forum on ICT” was held on November 28-29, 2012, at the Centro Cultural de Belém (CCB) in Lisbon, Portugal. The event has been organised by the EuroAfrica-ICT/P8 EU/FP7 funded project in the framework of the EuroAfrica-ICT Initiative and with the support of the National Science Foundation (FCT) of Portugal.

### [Report from P8/ICT multi-stakeholder Implementation Group](#), 30 November

The P8/ICT multi-stakeholder Implementation Group (IG8/ICT) of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership on Science, Information Society and Space co-chaired by the AUC and the EC was formed to provide key stakeholders active in Information Society areas with the opportunity to meet, network, exchange views, develop collaborative work, agree on common action plans, launch consultations, etc. The first meeting took place during IST-Africa 2012 in Botswana. The most recent IG8/ICT meeting took place in Lisbon on 30 November 2012 around the 2012 Africa-EU Cooperation Forum organised by the EuroAfrica-ICT/P8 Partnership.

### **New infrastructure projects focused on cooperation with Africa**

A number of new infrastructure projects have recently commenced including [iMentors](#), [el4Africa](#) and CHAIN-RED. Please visit the links provided to learn more.

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**Upcoming Events**

[Promoting Africa-EU Research Infrastructure Partnerships Conference](#), Brussels, Belgium, 07 – 08 March 2013

[Commonwealth Cybersecurity Forum](#), 22 - 26 April 2013 Yaoundé, Cameroon

[IST-Africa 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Living Labs Thematic Working Group Meeting](#), Nairobi, 28 May 2013

[IST-Africa 2013](#), Nairobi, Kenya, 29 – 31 May 2013

[Euro-African FP7/ICT awareness/training workshops](#)  
- Dakar, Senegal - June 25-26, 2013; Nairobi, Kenya - September 24-26, 2013

[eChallenges e2013](#), Dublin, Ireland, 09 – 11 October 2013 – **Call for Papers closes 08 March**

ICT 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania, 06 – 08 November 2013

**Reports**

[eTransform Africa](#) – The Transformational Use of ICT in Africa  
Published by World Bank and African Development Bank, May 2012

[Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation in East Africa Community](#)  
Published by ACODE, December 2012, ISGn 9789970070 145

[Directory of ICT Companies in Mauritius 2012](#)

The National Computer Board published the 3rd Edition of Directory of ICT Companies in Mauritius on 27 November 2012. Please download this comprehensive directory on the Mauritian ICT industry and its operators from the [NCB](#) website

[EuroAfrica-ICT/P8 3rd case study](#)

The 3rd EuroAfrica-ICT Case study focused on 'The case of Education and ICT in Uganda' was released in December 2012 and is available online.

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