



THE EUROAFRICA-ICT INITIATIVE

Supporting Policy Dialogues & Strengthening Cooperation
between Europe & Africa
on ICT Research

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Overview



EuroAfrica-ICT - FACT SHEET

SUPPORTING POLICY DIALOGUES & STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH AFRICA

EuroAfrica-ICT is a EURAF project spanning over 24 months (2010-2011) with the aim of supporting policy dialogues and strengthening cooperation on ICT research between Europe & 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 FIFEST SMART project (2006-2008) and the FP6/ICT EuroAfrica-ICT project (2003-2006) - both coordinated by Sigma Orionis.

The EuroAfrica-ICT initiative which has been developing since 2006 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 identified joint 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.

EuroAfrica-ICT has the strategic objective to promote and enhance ICT research cooperation between the two continents through: among other things - the organisation of the "EuroAfrica Cooperation Forum and ICT Research" conferences (led 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 boost awareness on FP7/ICT cooperation opportunities between the two continents.



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 Kwame Ninsin 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

Identify 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 those specific ICT research areas).

Provide Support and Guidance to European and African organisations in their efforts to connect and develop collaborative research projects in the ICT field (portal community of researchers, database of African research institutes, practice helpdesk services, etc).

Organise Cooperation Events both in Europe and in Africa (conferences, meetings, forging the development of synergies between national and international cooperation initiatives, awareness and thematic workshops mainly aimed at raising awareness on FP7/ICT and cooperation opportunities, and cooperation forums focusing particularly on ICT policy and research priorities).

- Project acronym: EuroAfrica-ICT.org
- Project timeline: Supporting Policy Dialogues and Strengthening Cooperation with sub-Saharan Africa 2009-2011
- Project Number: Coordination & Support Action / CSA-SA
- Funding Scheme: FP7
- Programme: Cooperation
- Specific Programme: FP7-ICT-2009-4
- Call Identifier: FP7-ICT-2009-4

- Thematic Area: International Cooperation
- Duration: 24 months (2010-2011)
- FP7 Project Officer: Thierry Devars, International Relations Unit, DG INFSO-EC
- Project Coordinator: Karine Valin, Sigma Orionis (www.sigma-orionis.com)
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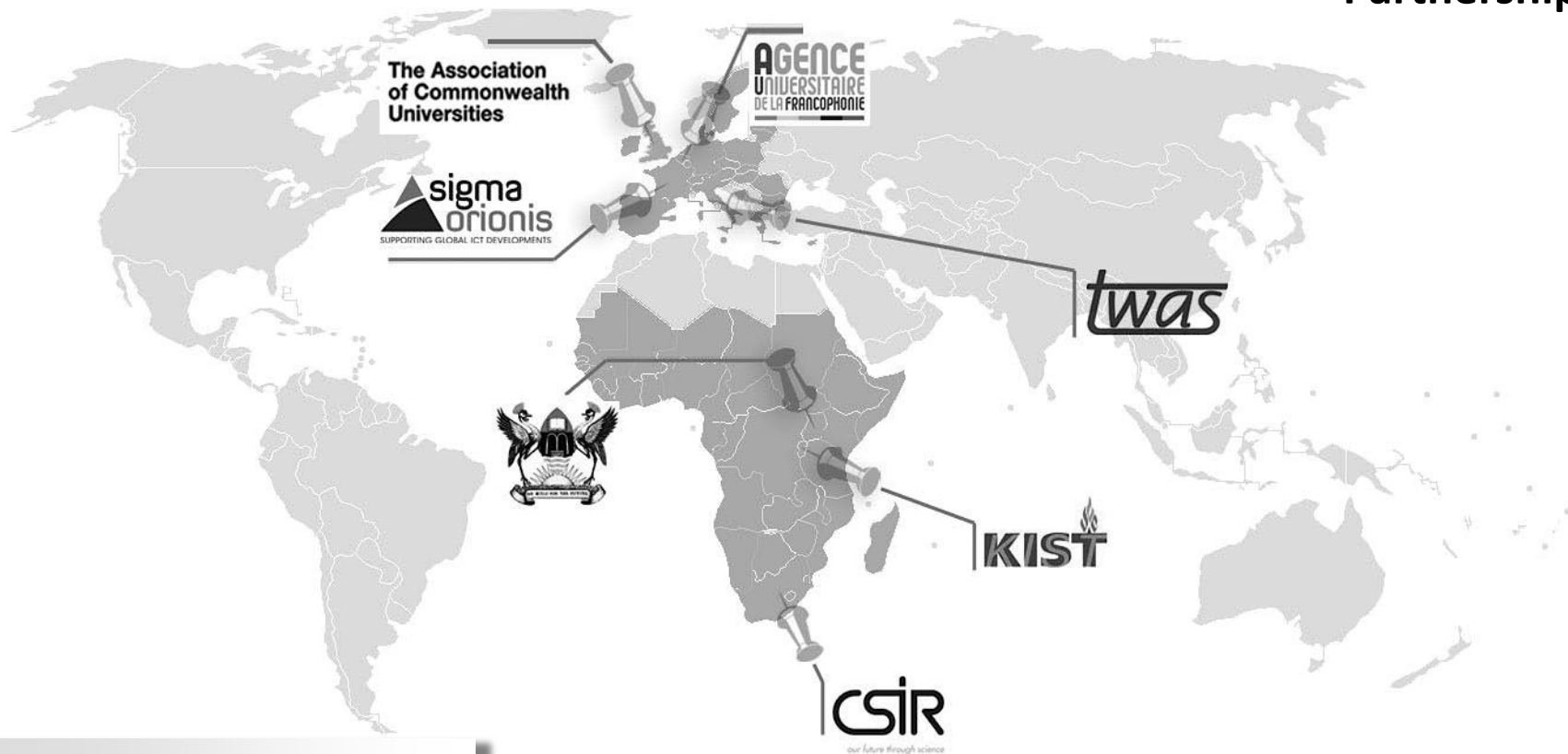
- + **Project acronym** : EuroAfrica-ICT.org
- + **Project baseline** : Policy dialogues & strengthened cooperation with Africa
- + **Project number** : 248376
- + **Funding scheme** : Coordination & support action (CSA-SA)
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- + **Call identifier** : FP7-ICT-2009-4
- + **Duration** : 24 months (2010 - 2011)
- + **Project url** : www.euroafrica-ict.org
- + **EC Officers** : Thierry Devars & Alvis Ancans, European Commission
- + **Coordinator** : Karine Valin, Sigma Orionis
- + **Partnership (7)** : ACU, AUF, CSIR, KIST, Makerere, Sigma Orionis, TWAS



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Main objectives





What has been done so far...

- **Cooperation forums, awareness & thematic workshops, working group meetings, etc.**
 - FP7/ICT Awareness & Thematic Workshops
 - Concertation Meetings
 - Cooperation Forums on ICT Research
 - Technical & Lab Visits
- **Guidance & support to emerging projects**
 - Database of African ICT Research Institutes
 - Virtual Community of researchers / LinkedIn
 - Helpdesks
- **Mapping of ICT cooperation Research Priorities**
 - Identification
 - Analysis
 - Recommendations
- **Website / Twitter**
- **Background documents**





How to benefit from the EuroAfrica-ICT platform?

INFLUENCE THE IDENTIFICATION OF JOINT ICT RESEARCH COOPERATION PRIORITIES
ACCESS THE LATEST RELEASES OF OUR ANALYSIS OF ICT RESEARCH PRIORITIES!

PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY EVENTS WE ARE ORGANISING IN EUROPE & IN AFRICA (GET CONNECTED! LEARN! EXPLORE! UNDERSTAND! DISCUSS! PROMOTE! FIND SYNERGIES!)



JOIN THE VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OF RESEARCHERS!
REFERENCE YOUR ICT RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN OUR DB!
ACCESS OUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION!
BENEFIT FROM OUR HELPDESK SERVICES & GUIDANCE!
AND **MANY MORE BENEFITS!**

MAXIMISE YOUR VISIBILITY USING EUROAFRICA-ICT TO
HIGHLIGHT YOUR ACTIVITIES (EVENTS, WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER, ETC.)





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