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**7th
Concertation
Meeting**
**Oct. 1, 2009
Brussels, Belgium
Radisson Hotel**

WHAT? - The EuroAfriCa-ICT Project aims at enhancing S&T cooperation on ICT research between sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Europe.

HOW? - By Supporting EuroAfriCa-ICT dialogues Strengthening concertation between key stakeholders in the field Supporting the development of emerging Euro-African cooperation projects on ICT research Raising awareness on FP7 and ICT Developing a web-based communication platform.

An increasing number of regional, national and international initiatives addressing Euro-Africa S&T cooperation in ICT have been developed. EuroAfriCa-ICT concertation meetings have therefore been launched in the framework of the START FP6 project and are still organised on a regular basis by the EuroAfrica-ICT project. These meetings are organised every 6 months in Brussels

AGENDA**Radisson Blu Royal Hotel**

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**A workshop organised by the European Commission (DG INFSO)
with the support of the EuroAfriCa-ICT FP7 project**

MODERATORS FOR THE WHOLE DAY

Karine Valin - Managing Director, Sigma Orionis & Project Coordinator, EuroAfriCa-ICT
Roger Torrenti - CEO, Sigma Orionis & Project Advisor, EuroAfriCa-ICT

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

09:30 am **WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE ORGANISERS & INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS**

Karine Valin

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

10:00 am **COOPERATION PERSPECTIVES ON ICT WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - PART I**

▪ 10:00 am

Richard Delmas

Principal Administrator, International Relations
On behalf of **Jean-François Soupizet**
Head of Unit A4, International Relations
Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO)
European Commission

Opening Address - Recent developments and perspectives for EU-Africa cooperation on ICT & introduction to Call 5 (FP7-ICT-2009-5)

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- 10:15 am **Jérôme Lebouc**
 Programme Manager, ACP Connect Programme, Unit C4, ACP Countries,
 EuropeAid Cooperation Office (AIDCO)
 European Commission
Introduction to AfricaConnect
- 10:30 am **Carmen Mena-Abella**
 Policy Officer, International Cooperation, Unit F3 'GEANT & e-Infrastructures' -
 Directorate-General Information Society & Media (DG INFSO)
 European Commission
*Update on the FEAST feasibility study for interconnection of sub-Saharan
 Africa to GEANT & introduction to Call 7 (FP7-Infrastructures-2010-2)*

Q&A Session

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

11:30 am **COOPERATION PERSPECTIVES ON ICT WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - PART II**

- 11:30 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 JSAP (Joint Strategy and Action Plan) -
 Recent developments and perspectives*
- 11:45 am **Fadila Boughanemi**
 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
*EU-Africa cooperation in the 7th Framework Programme - Status &
 Perspectives*

Q&A Session

12:00 pm **THE EUROAFRICA-ICT FP7 PROJECT - PROVIDING SUPPORT & GUIDANCE**

Karine Valin
 Managing Director, Sigma Orionis
 & Coordinator, EuroAfriCa-ICT EU/FP7 Project

12:15 pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Tim Unwin
 UNESCO Chair in ICT4D
 Director of the ICT4D Collective at Royal Holloway University of London
 Chair of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission
 United Kingdom
ICTs, Citizens and the State - Moral philosophy and development practices in an African context

12:45 pm **BUFFET LUNCH & NETWORKING**

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02:00 pm **INCLUDING SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA IN ETPs (EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS) SRA (STRATEGIC RESEARCH AGENDAS)**

- 02:00 pm **Pierre-Yves Danet**
Board Member, the NEM (Networked & Electronic Media) ETP
- 02:15 pm **Véronique Pevtschin**
Communication Director, the NESSI (Networked European Software & Services Initiative) ETP
- 02:30 pm **Christine Leurquin**
Vice-chairperson of the Steering Committee, the ISI (Integral Satcom Initiative) ETP
- 02:45 pm **Fiona Williams**
Board Member, the eMobility (Mobile & Wireless Communications) ETP

Q&A Session

03:15 pm **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

03:45 pm **SHARING EXPERIENCE...**

- 03:45 pm **Cleophas Dzinotyiweyi**
Project Management Expert, CSIR/Meraka Institute
Digital World Forum - The use of low-cost technologies to bridge the digital divide
- 03:55 pm **Stephen Benians**
BELIEF II Project Coordinator
BELIEF II - Bringing Europe's eElectronic Infrastructures to Expanding Frontiers
- 04:05 pm **Nigel Jefferies**
Forum Chair - Vodafone Group
The Wireless World Research Forum - WWRF

Q&A session

04:30 pm **OPEN SESSION...**

Some attendees have expressed an interest in sharing with all conference attendees their "proposal ideas" or "search for partners". The floor will be given to those delegates (5' each).

05:00 pm **WORKSHOP CONCLUSIONS BY K. VALIN & R. TORRENTI**

05:10 pm **End of the 7th Concertation Meeting**

The EuroAfriCa-ICT project partnership consists of 9 organisations from sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Europe □ **Sigma Orionis** (France), Project Coordinator □ **The Meraka Institute of the CSIR** (South Africa) □ **The Panos Institute West Africa** (Senegal) □ **The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World - TWAS** (Italy) □ **The Association of Commonwealth Universities, Africa Unit** (UK) □ **Makerere University** (Uganda) □ **The Kigali Institute of Science and Technology** (Rwanda) □ **The Caribbean Academy of Science** (Jamaica) □ **The Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie** (Belgium)