Final agenda

DAY 1 - December 9, 2010
Setting the Scene...

07:30+ am Registrations and welcome of participants

09:00 - 10:00 am Opening Session & Welcome Addresses
Session Chair
Karine Valin - Managing Director of Sigma Orionis & Coordinator of the el-Africa EU-funded Project, France

Setting the Scene... Part I
Research Infrastructures & e-Infrastructures for Science

Session Chair
Colin J Wright - Acting Manager: Cyberinfrastructure, Meraka Institute, CSIR & Head: Research, Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC), South Africa

Rapporteur
Peter Mc Grath - Programme officer at TWAS, Italy

Ikonen Eeva - Senior Science Advisor, International Relations Unit, Academy of Finland, Finland
Research Infrastructures - Tools for the Construction of an Innovative Europe

Leif Laaksonen - Chair, e-Infrastructure Reflection Group (e-IRG), Finland
An open e-Infrastructure enabling flexible cooperation and optimal use of all electronically available resources

Q&A Session

10:45 - 11:15 am Coffee & tea break offered by Google

11:15 am - 12:00 pm Setting the Scene... Part II
From Research Networking to Global Virtual Research Collaboration...

Session Chairs
Kostas Gilinos - Head of Unit, GEANT and e-Infrastructures, DG INFSO (Information Society & Media), European Commission (EC)
Ahmed Hamdy - Head of the SAT/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)

Rapporteur
Peter Mc Grath - Programme officer at TWAS, Italy

Ognjen Prnjat - Regional and European Grid Management, Greek Research and Technology Network, Greece
Sustainable Regional Development for e-Infrastructures: a Case Study

Colin J Wright - Acting Manager: Cyberinfrastructure, Meraka Institute, CSIR & Head: Research, Center for High Performance Computing (CHPC), South Africa
Sharing the best computational resources - a South African perspective
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| 12:00 - 12:30 pm | **Interconnecting Africa**  
Creating and sustaining regional infrastructure networks and services in Africa |
|              | **Session Chairs**                                        |
|              | Bjorn Pehrson - Research Leader, School of Information and Communication Technology, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology), Sweden |
|              | Boubakar Barry - Coordinator, Research & Education Networking Unit; Association of African Universities (AAU), Ghana |
|              | **Rapporteur**                                            |
|              | Tatu Lyytinen - VTT Team & Researcher, Aalto University School of Economics, Finland |
| 12:30 - 01:30 pm | **Networking buffet lunch** |
| 01:30 - 02:30 pm | **Interconnecting the African NRENs to each other & to global research and education resources via GEANT** |
|              | **Session Chairs**                                        |
|              | Frederic F. Tusetubira - CEO of UbuntuNet, Board Member of TENET, Member of the Advisory Panel to the Research and Education Networking Unit of the AAU, Ghana  
Shaping the NRENs landscape in Africa - The UbuntuNet Alliance |
|              | Mumuni Dakubu - Director of the University ICT Centre & Dean of the Faculty of Science, University of Ghana, Ghana  
Shaping the NRENs landscape in Africa - The West and Central African Research Education Network (WACREN) |
|              | Dai Davies - General Manager, Dante (GEANT), UK  
GEANT - Bringing cultures together across continents through global research and education cooperation |
|              | Florencio Utreras - Executive Director, CLARA, Chile  
Harnessing on ALICE2: Latin America focuses on consolidation of RedCLARA |
|              | **Rapporteur**                                            |
|              | Margaret Ngwira - Board Member, the UbuntuNet Alliance, Malawi |
| 02:30 - 04:00 pm | **Roundtable Discussion**  
International Cooperation - Donor Partners |
|              | **Session Chairs**                                        |
|              | Kwofie Ofori-Antwi - Head of Unit, GÉANT and e-Infrastructures, DG INFSO (Information Society & Media), European Commission (EC)  
Harnessing on ALICE2: Latin America focuses on consolidation of RedCLARA |
|              | Ahamed Hamdy - Head of the SAT/ICT Division, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), African Union Commission (AUC)  
Strategic alignment of the GÉANT and REDCLARA programmes |
|              | Eduardo Sorribes Manzanana - Policy Advisor, Directorate-General Development (DG DEV), European Commission (EC)  
Américo Muchanga - Regulator, Instituto Nacional das Comunicações de Mocambique (INCM), Mozambique |
|              | Jane Butler - President, the NetworkTheWorld.org Foundation, US  
Euan Guttridge - Technical Programme Manager, Google, Switzerland |
|              | Marc Bellen - Project Manager, UNESCO-HP Brain Gain Initiative, France  
Dai Davies - General Manager, Dante, UK  
Laurent Besançon - ICT Sector Coordinator for the Africa region at the World Bank, World Bank, US  
Map of missing infrastructures |
|              | **Rapporteur**                                            |
|              | Banda Tiwonge Msulira - Project Officer, the UbuntuNet Alliance, Malawi |
| 04:00 - 04:30 pm | **Coffee & tea break** |
| 04:30 - 05:15 pm | **Cables - Status & Perspectives** |
|              | **Session Chair**                                         |
|              | Anders Comstedt - Senior Advisor and Researcher, School of ICT, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology), Sweden |
|              | **Rapporteur**                                            |
|              | Andy Cherry - African Unit, Association of Commonwealth Universities, UK & EuroAfrica-ICT Project Partner |
| 05:15 - 06:15 pm | **Shaping the NRENs landscape in Africa**  
Harnessing on European National Research & Education Networks (NRENs) Best Practices |
|              | **Session Chairs & Rapporteurs**                          |
|              | Karel Vietsch - Secretary General, Terena, The Netherlands  
Banda Tiwonge Msulira - Project Officer, UbuntuNet Alliance, Malawi |
|              | Geri Foest - Project Manager, DFN, Germany  
The German NREN - DFN  
Joao Nuno Ferreira - Director, FCCN, Portugal  
The Portuguese NREN - FCCN |
### DAY 2 - December 10, 2010
### Linking Policies to Applications

#### 08:00+ am
Welcome of participants

#### 08:30 - 08:45 am
**Networking cocktail sponsored by the ERINA4Africa EU-funded project & end of Day 1**
(Scandic Marina Congress Center)

#### 08:45 - 10:45 am
**Exploiting e-Infrastructures Potential for Boosting Research and Innovation in Africa and for Fostering Euro-Africa Cooperation**
**Investigating Best Practices for e-Infrastructure Application Development - Part I**
(Organised by the ERINA4Africa EU-funded Project)

### Specific Focus on e-Governement, e-Security, e-Learning and e-Health

#### Session Chairs
Simon J.E. Taylor - Coordinator of the ERINA4Africa EU-funded Project, Brunel University, United Kingdom
Boubakar Barry - Coordinator, Research & Education Networking Unit, Association of African Universities (AAU), Ghana

**Rapporteur**
Margaret Ngwira - Board Member, the UbuntuNet Alliance, Malawi

Simon J.E. Taylor - Coordinator of the ERINA4Africa EU-funded Project, Brunel University, United Kingdom
Investigating African e-Infrastructure Applications of the Future: Results of the ERINA4Africa Workshops 2010

Americo Muchanga - Regulator, Instituto Nacional das Comunicações de Moçambique (INCM), Mozambique
Local and Global - the role of the Regulator in facilitating Research and Education Networking

Vasili Koulolias - Executive Director of Gov2U and Coordinator of the Africa4ALL EU-funded Project, Greece
Africa4ALL - The Parliamentary Initiative

Dibungi T. Kalenda - Coordinator Edbtle and Professor, Centre d’Eluets des Substances Naturelles d’Origine Végétale (CESNOV), Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
In Silico search for PhytoMedicines

Louise Karamage - Rwanda Education Commons, Rwanda
Digital Education Revolution in Rwanda: the Case of Rwanda Education Common

Cheikh Tidiane Touré - Head of the Surgery Department of the Faculty of Medicine, Odonto-Stomatology at the Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal
Telemedicine in Africa - Status & Perspectives

Q&A Session

#### 10:45 - 11:15 am
**Coffee & tea break**

#### 11:15 am - 12:15 pm
**Exploiting e-Infrastructures Potential for Boosting Research and Innovation in Africa and for Fostering Euro-Africa Cooperation**
**Investigating Best Practices for e-Infrastructure Application Development - Part II**

### Specific Focus on Earth Observations & e-Agriculture

#### Session Chairs
Bjorn Pehrson - Research Leader, School of ICT, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology), Sweden
Margaret Ngwira - Board Member, the UbuntuNet Alliance, Malawi

**Rapporteur**
Tiziana Lombardo - CEO, Zephyr srl, Italy

Robert Klapisch - President, Sharing Knowledge Foundation, Switzerland
Pioneering the Future Internet through addressing geographic issues

Nodumo Dhlamini - Program Manager (ICT), Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), Uganda
RUFORUM - The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture

Antonio Parodi - Project Leader of CIMA Research Foundation, Italy
ICT-based hydrometeorology science and natural disasters prediction and mitigation in Africa

Hannu Saarenmaa - Finnish Museum of Natural History & Francis Oguya - National Museums of Kenya
North-South data sharing using the e-infrastructure of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)

Q&A Session

#### 12:15 - 01:15 pm
**Roundtable Discussion**
**Linking Policies to Applications - Recommendations & Action Plan**

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Q&A Session
### Closing Session & Concluding Addresses

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Hannes Toivanen
Senior Research Scientist, VTT Organisations, Networks and Innovation Systems, Finland (host country)

**01:45 - 02:30 pm**
Networking buffet lunch

**02:30 pm**
End of the 2010 Euro-Africa e-Infrastructures Conference

**02:00 - 04:30 pm**
Lab Visits to the Otaniemi Research Campus (organised by VTT)

ICT laboratories of the Aalto University Telecommunications

ICT laboratories of the Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT)

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