

Project acronym	EuroAfriCa-ICT
Project full name	Connecting the EU and sub-Saharan Africa for ICT partnerships
Project web site	www.EuroAfriCa-ICT.org
Project period	January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009
Project cost	984 891 €
EC funding	798 961 €



The EuroAfriCa-ICT project aims at **promoting and supporting the development of strategic cooperation on ICT research between Europe and sub-Saharan Africa, and with the Caribbean as well.**

The main project objective is to facilitate and promote a strengthened EU-Africa dialogue in the ICT field. Specific objectives include the identification and development of strategic cooperation projects of common interest and the increase of the concertation between existing initiatives, programmes and projects addressing S&T cooperation on ICT between Africa and Europe. The project also aims at developing awareness in Africa and at ensuring a wider promotion of S&T cooperation opportunities on ICT in Europe. The specific cooperation with South Africa already developed by the EU will be further developed while a specific action towards the Caribbean will also be initiated.

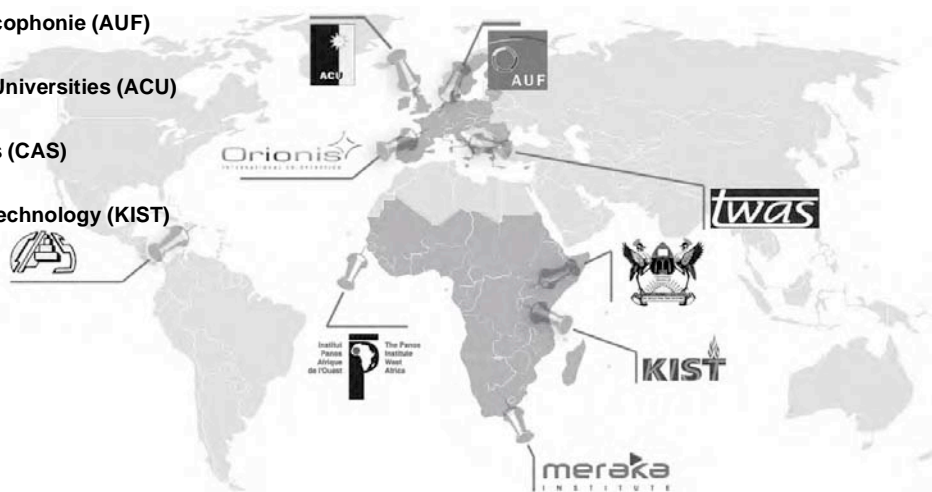
The project is supported by the European Commission's DG Information Society and Media through its seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) and builds upon the achievements reached by the START project (IST-6-45377-SSA).

**Project outputs** include:

- The organisation of two **cooperation summits**: one in Europe (Lyon, France, November 2008) and one in Africa (2009);
- The organisation of **awareness workshops** in Africa and in the Caribbean (more precisely in Benin, Jamaica, Rwanda, South Africa and Uganda) supported by a wide promotion of opportunities offered by FP7 (ICT theme);
- The organisation of **periodical concertation meetings** in Europe (4 over the project lifetime) supported by the implementation of links with national, European and international programmes and initiatives (including European Technology Platforms and Joint Technology Initiatives);
- The support to the development of **strategic partnerships and flagship cooperation projects** based in particular on the implementation and development of a **EuroAfriCa-ICT database**;
- The development of a web-based **communication platform** devoted to EU-sub-Saharan Africa S&T cooperation on ICT, part of an extensive set of promotion and dissemination activities.

Coordinated by **Orionis** (France), a European organisation who had already coordinated the START project, the **EuroAfriCa-ICT partnership** includes :

- **The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS)**  
*Italy*
- **The Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)**  
*Belgium*
- **The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)**  
*United Kingdom*
- **The Caribbean Academy of Sciences (CAS)**  
*Jamaica*
- **The Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)**  
*Rwanda*
- **The Makerere University**  
*Uganda*
- **The Meraka Institute of CSIR**  
*South Africa*
- **Panos Institute West Africa (PIWA)**  
*Senegal*



The EuroAfriCa-ICT project is formally supported, on the European side, by major European Technology Platforms, and by leading companies, academia and research organisations already involved in EU-sub-Saharan Africa cooperation on ICT.