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First EuroAfriCa-ICT Summit

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Hilton Hotel - Lyon, France

Being held in conjunction with the European Union's "ICT Event", 25-27 November

For the first time, African and European scientists and policy-makers in the field of Information and Communication Technologies are being brought together in Europe.

Funded under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), the First ICT Summit between Europe, Africa and the Caribbean aims to expand the dialogue between the European, African and Caribbean ICT research communities and the authorities of the regions.

To achieve these aims, the two-day Summit will include:

- high-level presentations from relevant European and African political authorities;
- research and development awareness-raising sessions;
- round-table discussions; and
- opportunities for networking and identifying new partners.

In particular, opportunities for collaborative research in ICT under Call 4 within FP7, which will be announced in November 2008, will be highlighted.

Some 200 delegates are expected to attend, including ICT experts from Europe, sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean, policy- and decision-makers, heads of stakeholder institutions and international organizations, and high-level representatives from the DG InfSo and other European Commission Directorates General. A Second EU-AfriCa ICT Summit will take place in sub-Saharan Africa in November 2009.

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