

# el-Africa ■ FACT SHEET

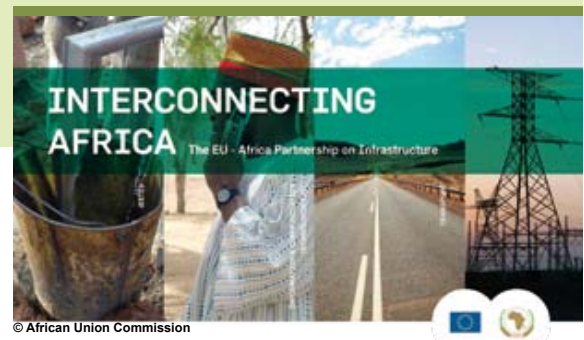
## Strengthening Cooperation on e-Infrastructures between Europe & Africa

el-Africa (www.ei-africa.eu) is an EU/FP7 project spanning over 18 months (Oct. 2009 - March 2011) with the aim of strengthening cooperation on e-Infrastructures between Europe & Africa.

**E**l-Africa (e-Infrastructures Africa) has the strategic objective to promote European e-Infrastructures developments and exploitation in Africa and to develop stronger cooperation links between Europe and Africa thanks to - among other things - the organisation of the "2010 Euro-Africa e-Infrastructures Conference". As an International e-Infrastructures project, ei-Africa also seeks to reinforce the relevance of Europe's e-Infrastructures in Africa, to raise awareness on e-Infrastructures in Africa, and to ensure that e-Infrastructures project activities can get the highest visibility on the African continent.

**Event addressed topics:** from research networking to global virtual research collaboration...

- ▶ Innovating the scientific process (global virtual research communities)
- ▶ Accessing knowledge (scientific data)
- ▶ Experimenting in silico (simulation and visualisation)
- ▶ Sharing the best computational resources (e-Science grid, supercomputing)
- ▶ Linking at the speed of the light (GÉANT)



**T**he European Union and the African Union have agreed, end of 2007 during their Summit in Lisbon, on an ambitious "Joint Africa-EU partnership" paving the way for a partnership of equals based on mutual interest, fully taking into account the increased economic and social development of the African continent and its move towards an integrated area of peace and prosperity. S&T cooperation on ICT can fully contribute strengthening the relations between the two continents, which has been acknowledged by the implementation of the so-called 8th Partnership: "EU-AU Partnership for Science, Information Society, and Space".

**E**-Infrastructures are logically playing a key role in the development of this cooperation, benefiting from the "EU-Africa Partnership on Infrastructures" signed in Oct. 2007, the quick development of African NRENs and their interconnection, the launch of the FEAST feasibility study, the AfricaConnect flagship project supporting the development of NRENs in sub-Saharan Africa and their interconnection to the European's GÉANT network, the AXIS flagship project, etc.

**M**eeting the networking needs of the e-Infrastructures domain, the "2010 Euro-Africa e-Infrastructures Conference" aims at becoming a key place for main stakeholders in the field coming from all over Africa and Europe. The conference organising team is gearing up for a very first exciting event filled with discussions and debates, networking opportunities, and knowledge-sharing among all key stakeholders in the field and policymakers. This event - the first of its kind in the field - aims at standing out as the premier gathering place for all experts and stakeholders engaged (or interested) in the e-Infrastructures domain.



1st Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research (March 2009 - Brussels, Belgium) & 2nd Forum (February 2010 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

**T**he "2010 Euro-Africa e-Infrastructures Conference" is an event designed to anyone with an interest in e-Infrastructures. This Conference represents a unique opportunity for all parties involved in e-Infrastructures (from strategy to management), to increase the visibility and the impact of their activities, to network, and expand their knowledge:

- ▶ Find out how to increase the visibility and impact of your projects/programmes!
- ▶ Meet with your worldwide peers and debate/discuss best practices!
- ▶ Understand what is important when implementing NRENs or RRENs!
- ▶ Hear about success stories and case studies presenting innovative approaches and strategies!
- ▶ Benefit from valuable opinions and long experience of acknowledged experts in the field!
- ▶ Stay up to date with latest developments and trends in the e-Infrastructures field!
- ▶ Examine key components of effective e-Infrastructures developments and applications!
- ▶ Discuss with high-level policymakers!
- ▶ And many more benefits!

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