

IST-Africa 2015 Call for Papers

Lilongwe, Malawi

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Thematic Priorities

- Content Technologies: Language, Learning, Digital Preservation
- eHealth, mHealth & Health Information Systems
- eGovernment – Services to Citizens & Business
- eInfrastructures, NRENs and IPv6
- Future Internet: Cyber Security, Privacy and Trust, Connected Enterprise
- ICT for Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability
- ICT4D (including Humanitarian Technologies)
- ICT Skills and ICT for eInclusion and eAccessibility
- ICT Regulatory Frameworks
- Living Labs, Collaborative Open Innovation
- Mobile Applications (including mServices, mEducation)
- Next Generation Computing: Big Data, Cloud Computing, Data Localisation, Internet of Things (IoT)
- Open Source Software - Applications
- Technology-enhanced Learning
- Transformation of Research Results into Local Innovation
- Societal Implications of Technology

Deadlines

- Online Submission Deadline: **19 December 2014**
- Provisional Acceptance: **09 February 2015**
- Submission of Final Paper: **28 February 2015**
- Presenter Registration: **10 March 2015**

IST-Africa Week 2015 will include the 5th Annual IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Working Group Meeting

Submission of Papers & Workshop Proposals

- Papers and Workshops must highlight Actual or Expected Impact, as well as Level of Innovation
- Paper Focus – Public or Private Sector Case Studies, Technical or Visionary
- Papers must present either a Case Study, or Analysis of Initial or Final Research Results
- All Papers must be 4,000 - 5,000 words in length & use the **IST-Africa** Paper Template

Full Papers accepted for the Conference Proceedings and presented during the conference will be submitted to IEEE Xplore

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Founded in 2002 and Coordinated by IIMC (Ireland), **IST-Africa** has evolved into a Strategic Partnership with 18 African Countries. **IST-Africa** facilitates and supports

- International Innovation, Research and Policy Cooperation
- Knowledge Sharing and Skills Transfer between IST-Africa Partners
- Collaborative Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Adoption of Living Labs
- Africa - EU Strategic Partnership (Information Society, ICT, Innovation)

Conference Profile

IST-Africa 2015 is the tenth in an annual series of Ministerial Level Technology Research Conferences that bring together senior representatives from leading public, private, education and research institutions around the world to share knowledge and experience related to Information Society, ICT and Innovation related Adoption, Policy and Research. Recent Conferences have brought together over 500 participants from 51 countries.

The **IST-Africa Conference Series** provides a platform to strengthen Information Society, ICT and Innovation related policy dialogues within Africa and between Africa and Europe through Plenary Sessions, rich thematic knowledge exchange through the Scientific Programme and co-located multi-lateral and bi-lateral meetings.

Its reputation is based on high quality discussion, papers, presentations and interactive workshops showcasing innovative ICT and Information Society related applications and research results.

Each Conference places a special emphasis on showcasing host country progress in achieving the Information Society and Knowledge Economy, as well as Entrepreneurship and ICT related Adoption, Innovation and Research Capacity (**IST-Africa 2006** - South Africa, **IST-Africa 2007** - Mozambique, **IST-Africa 2008** - Namibia, **IST-Africa 2009** - Uganda, **IST-Africa 2010** - South Africa, **IST-Africa 2011** - Botswana, **IST-Africa 2012** - Tanzania, **IST-Africa 2013** - Kenya, **IST-Africa 2014** - Mauritius).

IST-Africa 2015 will feature Information Society, ICT, Innovation and Entrepreneurship related policy contributions, research and implementation project results from Africa and Europe (including FP7 and Horizon 2020), and focus on Research and Innovation Collaboration Opportunities between Africa and Europe under Horizon 2020.

The **5th Annual IST-Africa Living Lab Thematic Working Group Meeting** takes place the day before **IST-Africa 2015**.

Call for Support Organisations

IST-Africa 2015 is Hosted by the Government of Malawi through the National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST) and Supported by the European Commission and African Union Commission.

The **IST-Africa Conference Series** is self-funding through public and private sector support and registrations. As a **Supporting Organisation**, you facilitate additional delegate services as well as scholarships for deserving African participants. Register your interest by contacting the Conference Secretariat: Secretariat@IST-Africa.org

Publishing Schedule

- Draft Final Paper and Workshop Proposals submitted online by **19 December 2014**
- Provisional Acceptance of Draft Final Papers with IPC feedback provided on **09 February 2015**
- Final Papers to be submitted online by **28 February 2015** for editorial review & quality check
- Accepted Presenters must register and pay the Presenter Fee by **10 March 2015**
- The Conference Proceedings will be published on CD-Rom with an ISBN Number

There are **three** different presentation opportunities during IST-Africa 2015: i) Published paper focused on Research results with oral presentation; ii) Published case study with oral presentation; and iii) oral presentation of interim results either within workshop session or thematic parallel session.

International Programme Committee

A distinguished International Programme Committee (IPC) is being formed by Paul Cunningham, the **IST-Africa** Conference Chair. The **IST-Africa 2015** IPC will evaluate and provide actionable feedback to help authors improve their final draft papers, strengthen the impact of their final presentations, and chair sessions.

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