



Fondation "Partager le Savoir"  
Sharing Knowledge Foundation



## Internet and Grids in Africa

"An asset for African scientists for the benefit of African society"

10-12 December 2007 - Agropolis, Montpellier, France

### Scientific Program

**Monday December 10, 2007**

**09:00-09:10 - Welcome and Presentation of the Sharing Knowledge Foundation**

Robert KLAPISCH, *President "Sharing Knowledge Foundation"*

**09:10-10:40 - Overview of Participants**

**10:40-11:10 - Coffee Break -**

**11:10-11:55 – Measured African Internet Performance and its relation to the Rest of the World**

Les COTTRELL, *Assistant Director, SLAC, Stanford University*

**11:55-12:10 – The Africans and Internet**

Didier R. KASOLE, *Technical Director-Supranet Solutions*

**12:10 -12:40 - The EGEE Project**

Guy WORMSER, *Director, CNRS- Institut des Grilles*

**12:40-14:00 - Lunch Break -**

**14:00-14:45 - Education and Research Network in Africa**

**Today's situation, stakes and challenges**

Boubakar BARRY, *President-Association of African Universities*

**14:45-17:15 - Scientific Opportunities in Africa**

14:45-15:05 – The international Electronic Year – Promoting cyber infrastructure for (geo)sciences in Africa

Monique PETITDIDIER, *EGEE Coordinator, CNRS-Earth Science*

15:05-15:25 – The International Heliophysical Year

Arsène KOBÉA, *Prof. University of Cocody*

15:25-15:45 – The Congo River dredging

Bienvénu DINGA, *Prof. University Marien Nguabi*

**15:45-16:15 - Coffee Break -**



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- 16:15-16:35 – Public Health and Emerging diseases coming from animals  
Lionel GBAGUIDI, *Director, AGRIVET Partners*
- 16:35-16:55 – EGEE and Africa  
Antal BULANZA, *Engineer BEgrid/Researcher ULB,*
- 16:55-17:15 - Earth Sciences in the context of AMMA  
Etienne HOUNGNINO, *Prof. Abomey Calavi University*

**17:15-18:00 - Overview of Strategies and scientific motivations**

**18:00 - Visit and Diner at the IBM Research Center**

**Tuesday December 11, 2007**

**09:00-10:20 - Industrial Contributions**

- 09:00-09:20 - IBM Policy in regards to grids  
Michel TEYSSÉDRE, *Vice-President STG - IBM*
- 09:20-09:40 - Network Developments at Orascom  
Karim BESHARA, *CEO Link-Dot-Net/ORASCOM group*
- 09:40-10:00 - Wimax: a technology to lead emerging countries to the net economy  
Annamaria RAVIOLA, *Senior V-P Marketing-SELEX Comms*

**10:00-12:20 - International Cooperation**

- 10:00-10:20 - The FARM Foundation  
Eric PASQUATI, *Research Fellow-FARM*
- 10:20-10:40 - Access to Scientific and Technical Information  
Thierry HELMER, *Project Leader CIRAD*

**10:40-11:00 - Coffee Break -**

- 11:00 -11:20 – The Organisation Internationale pour le Developpement Integral NGO  
Henri Joel TOALI, *President-OIDI*
- 11:20 -11:40 - ICTP efforts to support science in developing countries via Information and Communication Technologies  
Dr. Enrique CANESSA, *Researcher at ICTP Trieste*
- 11:40-12:00 – The National Research and Education Network (NREN) in Sub-Sahara Africa  
Dibungi T. KALENDA, *Prof. Univ. of Kinshasa/Eb@le Coordinator*
- 12:00 -12:20 – The "African Initiative" Program  
Dominique KOUNKOU, *Sociologist and Jurist*

**12:20-14:00 - Lunch Break -**



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### 14:00-16:00 - Political Context

- 14:00-14:30 - Maurice TCHUENTE, Prof. Univ of Yaounde/Pres. of the Board of- Agence Nationale TIC - Cameroon
- 14:20-14:40 - Ibrahima NIANG, Dir Computing Center Univ Cheikh Anta Diop Dakar – Senegal
- 14:40-15:00 - Virima. MUDOGO, Vice-President of Univ. Kinshasa - DR Congo
- 15:00-15:30 - Towards an EU-Africa project  
Panagiotis LOURIDAS, EGEE NA5 Coordinator-GRNET-

### 16:00-16:30- Coffee Break -

### 16:30-17:30 - Overview of first Recommendations

## Wednesday, December 12, 2007

### 09:00-11:00 - Video Conference with African Ministers, Presentation of Recommendations, Discussion

### 11:00-11:30 - Coffee Break -

### 11:30-12:30 - Final Recommendation and Plans for future actions

- End of Meeting -

