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## **Internet and Grids in Africa**

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

10-12 December 2007, Montpellier, France

Research and Innovation are the core of economic development and harmonious wealth production. This is true for industrialised countries where mainly innovative technologies sustain research activities. Competitive computing infrastructures have facilitated the sharing of tremendous amount of data and the creation of grids which assemble and distribute computing resources thus allowing an easy and true transparency.

This workshop will provide a platform to discuss how African scientists could benefit from these new technologies at an affordable cost and what consequences in general these technologies could have on African society and more particularly when it comes to agriculture, climate and fighting tropical diseases. The workshop will first focus on how to supply African universities with high speed Internet, then on how to create an inter African network and how to finally introduce African scientists to global scientific collaborations.

African scientists from six sub-Saharan countries, international Internet and Grid technology specialists, industrialists with a sharp knowledge of African business and African and European political representatives will be coming together to discuss these topics from 10 to 12 December, in Montpellier under the aegis of the Sharing Knowledge Foundation.

The workshop aims to lead to a series of recommendations that will be forwarded to governments and interested organizations so as to promote a new scientific dynamic, for the benefit of African society at large.