

eSkills Summit 2010 Announcement & Call for Papers

Cape Town, South Africa

26 - 28 July 2010

Thematic Priorities

- eSkills for Employment Readiness & Sustainable Livelihoods
- eSkills for Capacity Building & Human Resource Development
- eSkills for Business Development
- eSkills for Improving Public Services & Strengthening Democratic Institutions
- eSkills & Education Delivery
- Researching & Evaluating eSkills
- eSkills for Participation in Local Decision Making
- eSkills for African Advancement & Enhancing International Cooperation

Deadlines

- Online Submission Deadline: **26 February 2010**
- Provisional Acceptance: **31 March 2010**
- Submission of Final Paper: **30 April 2010**
- Presenter Registration: **30 April 2010**

Submission of Papers

- Paper Focus – Business, Government or Civil Society Case Studies, Technical, Visionary
- Papers must highlight Level of Innovation and Applicability & Actual or Expected Impact
- Papers must present either a Case Study, Policy Development or Analysis of Research Results
- All Papers must be 4,000 - 5,000 words in length & use the **eSkills Summit** Paper Template

Aligned Activities during eSkills Week

- Research Colloquium - 26 July 2010
- Site Visits Showcasing Local eSkills Innovation

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eSkills Summit South Africa 2010 Focus

The South African Government has recognised that eSkills are fundamental to addressing societal challenges and better positioning itself within the Information Society. The South African Government through the Department of Communications (DoC) has established the Meraka e-Skills Institute as part of a four pronged approach to harnessing ICT to address the major socio-economic challenges that South Africa faces. The e-Skills Institute was established following the recommendation of the Presidential International Advisory Council for the Information Society and Development in August 2007. Its objectives are aligned with the Information Society and Development (ISAD) Plan of the South African Government as developed by the Presidential National Commission on ISAD and aligns with the South African Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF).

Within this context the e-Skills Institute, operating under the mandate of the South African DoC has engaged The Information Society Institute (TISI), in cooperation with IIMC International Information Management Corporation Ltd to organise the inaugural **e-Skills Summit South Africa** in 2010.

The **e-Skills Summit** provides a platform to engage government, business and civil society to:

- Raise awareness of current practices and development of e-Skills in South Africa
- Identify gaps in the institutional and programmatic structure concerning e-Skills development in South Africa and provide means for all stakeholders across African to benefit from this process
- Develop a Platform for an initial Plan of Action for e-Skills enhancement in South Africa

The **e-Skills Summit** will combine Visionary and Strategic Plenary Presentations focused on South African Policy for Skills Development and Sharing International Best Practices, Thematic Workshops, an eSkills Expo to demonstrate eSkills initiatives and High Level Networking Opportunities. The **e-Skills Summit 2010** will act as a focal point to establish and deliver contributions providing South Africa with the necessary skills to become a leading member of the Information Society and to contribute to meeting the aims of the South African Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF), the Millennium Development Goals and the World Summit on the Information Society Plan of Action.

Call for Participation

e-Skills Summit 2010 Key Stakeholders at a National, Regional and International level include: Government Organisations involved in eSkills Development; e-Skills Policy Makers; Corporations committed to e-Skills Development; Higher Education Institutions, Open & Distance Learning Institutions, Technical and Traditional Educational Providers; Researchers, Civil Society and NGOs focused on leveraging and evaluating eSkills.

All stakeholders are invited to submit papers for inclusion in the Summit Proceedings and as contributions for discussion points in the break out sessions in the Programme.

Publishing Schedule

- Draft Final Paper and Workshop Proposals submitted online by **26 February 2010**
- Provisional Acceptance of Draft Final Papers with IPC feedback provided on **31 March 2010**
- Final Papers to be submitted online by **30 April 2010** for editorial review & quality check
- Accepted Presenters must register and pay the Presenter Fee by **30 April 2010**
- The Summit Proceedings will be published on CD-Rom with ISBN Number

International Programme Committee

A distinguished International Programme Committee (IPC) is being formed by the **eSkills Summit** Organising Committee. The **eSkills Summit 2010** IPC will evaluate and provide feedback on all final draft papers received, provide feedback on final presentations, and chair sessions.

Conference Portal

For the most up to date information, please visit www.eSkills-Summit.org/2010