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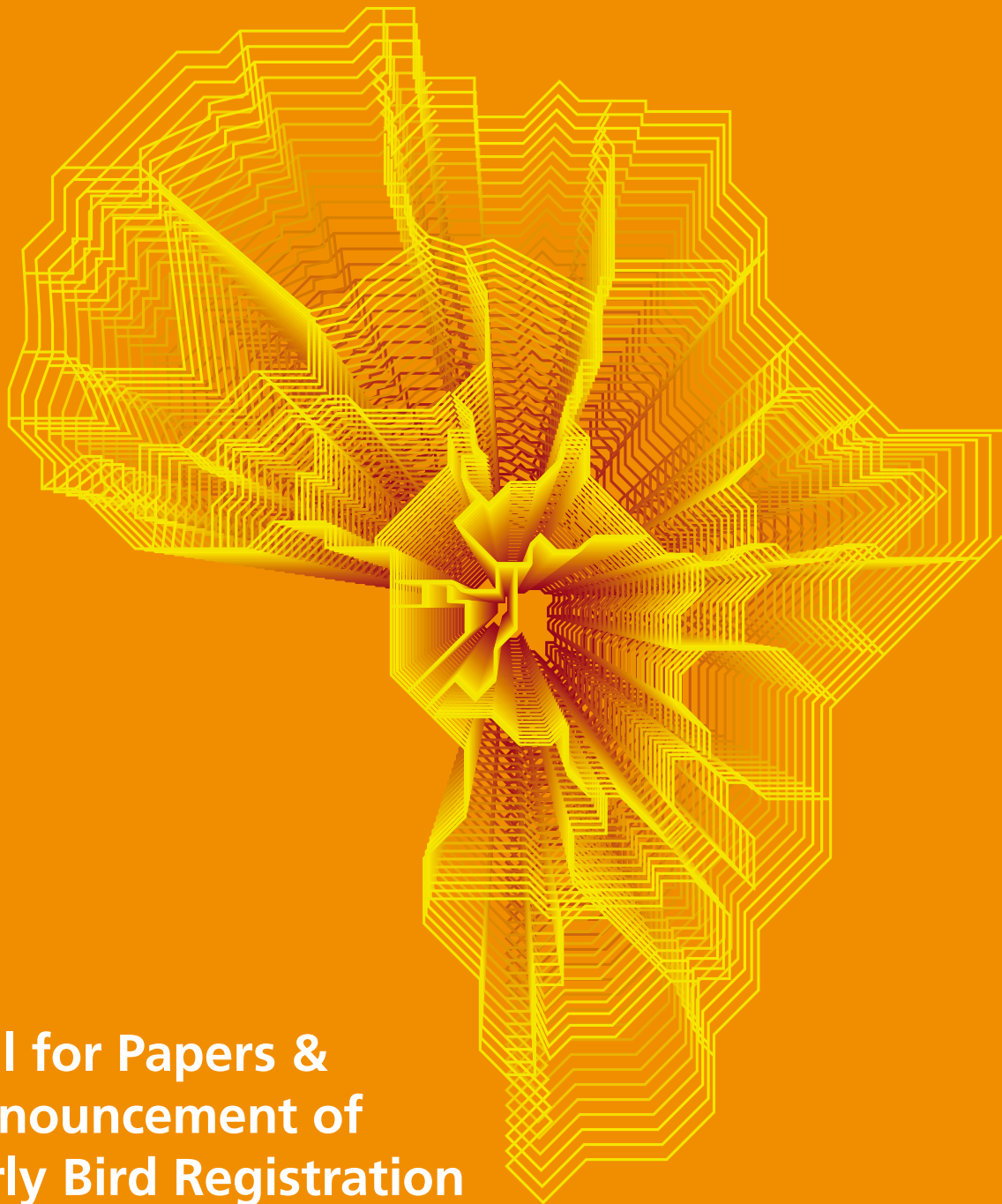


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**3rd International Conference on
ICT for Development, Education and Training**
An Annual Event for Developing eLearning Capacities in Africa



**Call for Papers &
Announcement of
Early Bird Registration**

Accra International Conference Centre
Accra, Ghana, May 28 – 30, 2008

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eLearning Africa 2008



The 3rd International Conference on ICT for Development, Education and Training will take place from **May 28 to 30, 2008** in **Accra, Ghana** under the Patronage of the Ghanaian Minister for Education, Science and Sports, the **Hon. Prof. Dominic K. Fobih**.

eLearning Africa has established itself as the largest and most comprehensive capacity development event for

technology-enhanced education and training on the Continent. Initiated in May 2006 in Addis Ababa under the Patronage of the Ethiopian Minister for Capacity Building, H.E. Ato Tefera Waluwa, the pioneer event attracted more than 830 participants and 250 expert speakers.

The 2nd **eLearning Africa** was hosted by the Kenyan Ministry of Education in Nairobi in May 2007. It attracted 1406 participants, with nearly 80% coming from Africa. The conference programme featured the input of 308 speakers and chairpersons from 55 countries and offered 69 presentation sessions and 17 pre-conference events. Major international and African corporations, as well as development agencies and foundations supported the conference.

eLearning Africa addresses the whole of Africa. A rotating event hosted by a different African government every year, it supports and reinforces the growing pan-African eLearning community. Through its Open Call for Papers, resulting in the engagement of a widely distributed international community of experts, industry partnerships, governments, initiatives on the ground and the development partner community, a solid capacity development framework has been established.

The sheer magnitude of the event and its innovative conference features provide an unprecedented opportunity for African professionals and stakeholders to benchmark, learn, share and network, thus strengthening the Continent's many and varied educational technology initiatives and projects.

This year's patron, the **Hon. Prof. Dominic K. Fobih**, and all members of the conference committees welcome you to join us in Accra in May 2008.

Ghana se'w Akwaaba!

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Pre-conference workshops, seminars and meetings of major agencies, associations and initiatives
- Exhibition and demonstration areas for eLearning manufacturers, suppliers and service providers
- Networking sessions
- Up-country workshops before and/or after the main conference
- Public lectures at universities in Accra
- A series of lectures to be held up-country at Ghanaian tertiary institutions for awareness and capacity development on eLearning services prior to the conference
- The second African "Technical and Vocational Education and Training" Summit, organised by UNESCO-UNEVOC and the German Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training
- The second High-Level Policy Maker and Industry Leader Round Table and Retreat entitled "Accelerating the Building of ICT Infrastructures and Capacities for African Educational Systems"

CALL FOR PAPERS

eLearning Africa is the premier gathering place for all experts and stakeholders engaged or interested in ICT-based education, training and development on the African continent. Everyone concerned with eLearning in Africa is welcome to share and learn. In 2007, **eLearning Africa** attracted over **1400 attendees** and more than **300 speakers and chairpersons** from Africa and beyond.

We encourage submissions from practitioners and academics engaged in an African context. Please note that those making a successful application for inclusion on the conference agenda will be offered a significantly reduced conference registration fee.

The **eLearning Africa 2008** themes are listed below and are described in more detail on www.elearning-africa.com:

- **Unleashing the Capabilities of Universities Through Information and Communication Technologies**
- **Corporate eLearning in Africa and Beyond**
- **Introducing eLearning into the School System**
- **Designing and Delivering eLearning**
- **Building the Infrastructure for Education in the 21st Century**
- **Open Source and Open Content**
- **eLearning in Medical Education and the Fight Against HIV and AIDS**
- **Advanced Technology Developments**
- **eLearning Supported by Development Partners**
- **Empowering Women Through ICT and eLearning**
- **Improving the Quality and Outreach of Technical and Vocational Education**
- **Libraries as Access Providers to Resources and Expertise**
- **Quality Development and Quality Assurance**
- **Achieving Inclusivity Through eLearning**
- **eLearning for the Public Sector**
- **Policy Issues and Large-Scale Take-Up of eLearning**

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

eLearning Africa features various types of sessions in order to create the most comprehensive and cohesive agenda possible. The conference agenda is divided into:

• Pre-Conference Workshops, Seminars and Meetings

These are optional events taking place on the first day that offer participants the opportunity to gain practical knowledge and insight from leading experts in a variety of specialised fields.

• Plenary Sessions

Held during the conference, the plenary sessions feature internationally acknowledged eLearning experts.

• Presentation Sessions

These sessions, organised around the main conference themes, offer leading practitioners the chance to present their experience and findings, with some featuring case studies from diverse organisations and enterprises. There is also a series of thought-provoking **Debates and Discussions**, **Special Focus Sessions** on various key issues, **Practical Demonstrations** to compare innovative services and products and **Best Practice Showcases** to highlight examples of excellent learning courseware.

• Nnoboa Sessions

In order to facilitate additional networking opportunities at eLearning Africa this year, we are making space available during the conference for participants to set up Networking Sessions of their own on a specific topic. We are calling these sessions "Nnoboa Sessions". **Nnoboa** is a



word in the Ghanaian Twi language which means "working together for the common good" and is a good term for what will be highly interactive, informal and informative sessions addressing some of the key interests and issues of concern to eLearning Africa 2008 participants.

• Up-Country Workshops

The up-country workshops offer awareness and capacity development for regional educational communities shortly before or after the main conference, maximising the impact the Accra gathering has on the country. Accepted presenters can participate in and contribute to these events.

• Public Lectures at Universities

The public lectures at universities extend the opportunities engendered by the conference to university staff and students in the Accra region. Accepted presenters can participate in and contribute to these events.

Additional networking sessions are being organised to help participants who would like to meet people interested in similar issues and topics. These take place during the extensive conference social agenda.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Deadline for receipt of all proposals is Friday, December 7, 2007. We will contact you by Monday, February 18, 2008 to let you know if your proposal has been accepted.

Templates for proposals are provided at www.elearning-africa.com. Only electronic submissions in either MS Word or any compatible open source format will be accepted.

NETWORKING, SPECIAL & SOCIAL EVENTS

A variety of networking, special and social events will take place alongside the conference. More information will be published on the eLA website in due course.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

eLearning Africa will be of professional interest to:

- Deans, directors and researchers from universities and the higher education sector
- Corporate training and development executives
- Human Resources executives
- School principals and administrators, teachers and trainers
- Senior staff from government departments and international development cooperation agencies
- Programme managers and education administrators
- IT managers
- Leaders of professional associations, expertise centres, trade unions, chambers of commerce, local and regional authorities, NGOs and continuing education centres
- Technology and service providers
- Publishers, instructional designers and content providers
- eLearning specialists, multimedia and software designers, system integration specialists and end-user support managers
- Training consultants and company representatives
- Performance and competence management specialists

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

The eLearning Africa Book of Abstracts, which includes abstracts of the presentations, can be ordered prior to the conference or purchased on site. The abstracts of the presentations and the presentation slides will be published in electronic format on the Conference CD and will be available to all participants upon registration.

The conference languages are English and French.

BURSARIES

A number of bursaries for African nationals residing in African countries will be available. An application form will be provided upon request. For further information, please contact us at info@elearning-africa.com

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND



For anyone holding a substantial interest in eLearning, this conference is of the highest significance. If you are in charge of, or involved in, eLearning strategy, implementation, or management, eLearning Africa is a unique opportunity to expand your knowledge.

- **Keep up with** all the major issues, latest developments and trends in eLearning
- **Encounter and benefit from** the opinions and experience of acknowledged industry and education leaders as well as high level policy makers
- **Hear from** the experts how to build an effective eLearning organisation
- **Find out** how to choose and use various technologies, products and services
- **Discuss** critical success factors and innovative practises with your peers
- **Understand** what is important when producing eLearning materials and resources

EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS



The conference is accompanied by an exhibition and demonstration area for eLearning manufacturers, suppliers and service providers. The exhibition will serve as a central meeting point for the participants within

the conference and offer an excellent opportunity to meet with, and compare the offerings of, the exhibiting companies and institutions.

WEBSITE – All the Latest Information

Interested in finding out more? Visit the eLA website www.elearning-africa.com, which will provide you with all the latest information on the conference and accompanying events, including the programme, fees, newsletters, as well as the necessary forms, making it easy for you to register online. Constantly updated, the website allows you to follow developments as **eLearning Africa 2008** takes shape!



REGISTRATION FEES

	Prior to Dec. 14, 2007	From Dec. 15, 2007
African Nationals & Nationals from Developing Countries	€ 200	€ 250
Other Participants	€ 490	€ 590
African Students*	€ 80	€ 100
Non-African Students*	€ 120	€ 170

*Copy of Student ID required

The fees include VAT, conference materials, a conference CD, coffee breaks and luncheons on May 29 and 30, 2008. Group rates are available upon request. The above-mentioned fees do not include Pre-Conference Workshops, accommodation, travel costs or the Book of Abstracts.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

We have negotiated preferential rates for conference participants at conveniently located hotels. Detailed information on hotel accommodation will be sent to you upon receipt of your completed application form.

After you receive the hotel booking form, please make the reservation as soon as possible, as rooms at reduced rates are limited and go on a first-come, first-served basis.

ORGANISERS

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ICWE GmbH is an international conference organiser with a focus on education and training. The company's flagship event "Online Educa Berlin" is the world's largest annual international eLearning conference and has been convening since 1995: www.online-educa.com

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