Programme of the African Information Ethics Conference
The Joy of Sharing Knowledge
African Information Ethics Conference:
Ethical Challenges in the Information Age

Pretoria, 5-7 February 2007

The first Pan-African Conference on Information Ethics is organized by

- the University of Pretoria,
- the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA, and
- the International Center for Information Ethics.

The Conference is sponsored by the South African Government and under the patronage of UNESCO.

Venue: Kievits Kroon Country Estate & Spa - Kievits Kroon website or description on SA Venues website.

- Programme

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Welcome address:

Prof. Robin Crewe (Vice - Principal, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

Discussion of the Objectives and Agenda:

Ms. Lyndall Shope-Mafole (Director General, Dept. of Communications, South Africa)

Keynote address:

Dr. Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri (Minister of Communications, South Africa)

Opening addresses:

- Dr. Henry Chasia (NEPAD e-Africa Commission)
- Dr. Boyan Radoykov (UNESCO, Information Society Division)

Theme keynote speakers:

- Prof. Rafael Capurro (International Center for Information Ethics, Germany): Information Ethics for and from Africa
- Prof. Andrew Kaniki (NRF, South Africa): The foundations of Africa Information Ethics - from an African perspective
- Prof. Itumeleng Mosala (Director-General Dept of Arts and Culture, South Africa): Ethics and Information Exchange between diverse cultures
- Prof. Johannes Britz (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA; University of Pretoria, South Africa): The challenges of African Information Ethics

Panel discussion:
Panel members:
- Henry Chasia
- Boyan Radoykov
- Rafael Capurro
- Andrew Kaniki
- Itumeleng Mosala
- Johannes Britz

Discussion, Questions and Remarks from the floor.

- Evening -

Gala dinner
Guest speaker: Minister Dr Pallo Jordan, Minister of Arts and Culture

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- Morning Session -

Theme Group Discussions:
- Discussion of 12 principal themes in smaller groups each facilitated by an appointed theme facilitator.
- Brief introduction of UNESCO's proposal for a code of ethics (B. Radoykov, Information Society Division, UNESCO)

All groups will focus their discussion on the following issues:
- UNESCO's proposal for a Code of Ethics - an African perspective

- Possible implications for minority groups, different age groups (for example, youth), gender, and socio-cultural and economic implications

TOPIC 1: Foundations of African Information Ethics

Topic facilitator: D. Ocholla (South Africa)

- Theme 1: Respect for human dignity - information based rights
- Theme 2: Freedom of expression, Freedom of access to information
- Theme 3: Freedom of access to information (IP legislation, open-access movement, TRIPS)
- Theme 4: Information wrongdoings, information corruption, information injustice

TOPIC 2: Cultural diversity and globalization

Topic facilitator: P. Kanyandago (Uganda)

- Theme 5: Protection and promotion of indigenous knowledge
- Theme 6: Global security, human security, privacy, transparency
- Theme 7: E-Government and related topics
- Theme 8: Cultural diversity and development

TOPIC 3: Development, poverty and ICT

Topic facilitator: K. Mchombu (Namibia)

- Theme 9: Using ICT for a better life in Africa: case studies
- Theme 10: Internet and exclusion (socio-political and economic exclusion)
- Theme 11: North-South flow of information and information imperialism
- Theme 12: Brain draining in Africa

- Afternoon session -

Topic Group Meetings:

- Separate meetings of the three topic groups.
- Theme synthesisers will report their group's summary to their topic facilitator.

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Report back to conference participants by three topic facilitators:

- Dennis Ocholla, Topic 1 Facilitator
- Peter Kanyandago, Topice 2 Facilitator

- Kingo Mchombu, Topic 3 Facilitator

General discussion

Discussion on the declaration

Outcomes and plan of action

Vote of thanks

- Participants
  - Ismail Abdullahi (USA)
  - John Agada (USA/Nigeria)
  - Kendra Albright (UK)
  - Reza Asghari (Germany)
  - Jameleddine Ben Abdeljelil (Austria)
  - Azelarabe Lahkim Bennani (Morocco)
  - Coetzee Bester (South Africa)
  - Jean-Godefroy Bidima(USA/France/Cameroon)
  - Albert Boekhorst (Netherlands)
  - Theo Bothma (South Africa)
  - York Bradshaw (USA)
  - Sandra Braman (USA)
  - Johannes Britz (USA)
  - Netiva Caftori (USA)
  - Rafael Capurro (Germany)
  - Toni Carbo (USA)
  - Retha Claasen (South Africa)
  - Christopher Coenen (Germany)
  - Fanie de Beer (South Africa)
  - Jacques du Plessis (USA)
  - Charles Ess (USA)
  - Peter Fleissner (Austria)
  - Thomas Froehlich (USA)
  - Bernd Frohmann (Canada)
  - John Gathegi (USA/Kenya)
  - T. V. Gopal (India)
  - Ken Himma(USA)
  - Soraj Hongladarom (Tailand)
  - Sarah Kaddu (Uganda)

- Andrew Kaniki (South Africa)
- Peter Kanyandago (Uganda)
- Dick Kawooya (Uganda/USA)
- Isaac Kigongo-Bukenya (Uganda)
- Wallace Koehler (USA)
- Alice Kwake (Africa)
- Anthony Löwstedt (Austria)
- Peter Lor (Netherlands/South Africa)
- Hennie Lotter (South Africa)
- Jacob Mabe (Africa/Germany)
- Kgosi Maepa (South Africa)
- James Matovu (Uganda)
- Kingo Mchombu (Namibia)
- Mohamed Mesbahi (Morocco)
- Kgomostso Moahi (Botswana)
- Jangawe Msuya (Tanzania)
- Michael Nagenborg (Germany)
- Vikas Nath (USA)
- Patrick Ngulube (South Africa)
- Ebenezer Njoh-Mouelle (South Africa)
- Dennis Ocholla (South Africa)
- Hanno Olinger (South Africa)
- Martin Olivier(South Africa)
- Omwoyo Onyancha (Kenya)
- Tassilo Pellegrini (Austria)
- Daniel Pimienta (Dominican Republic)
- Shana Ponelis (South Africa)
- Yonah Seleti (South Africa)
- Paul Sturges (UK)
- Wolfgang Sützl (Austria)
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- Felix Weil (Germany)
- Franz Wimmer (Austria)
- Marsha Woodbury (USA)