ALICT Workshop Programme

Introduction:

The ALICT course is conceptualized and designed to build capacity of future leaders in the area of building knowledge societies in Africa. To deliver this objective, the ALICT course was designed and launched in January 2012 with foundation and core modules covering general themes on the Knowledge Society, Leadership, Futures Thinking, and specific themes on the pillars of the Knowledge Society related to Science, Technology & Innovation, Information & Communication Technology and Education. As part of the course participants have produced assignments and reports on the status and futures perspectives of development towards knowledge societies in national and regional contexts.

> **Policy Coherence**
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> Policy Coherence is defined by the OECD as the systematic promotion of mutually reinforcing policy actions across government departments and agencies creating synergies towards achieving the agreed objectives
> (OECD, Policy Coherence for Development: Lessons Learned, 2008

During the final workshop, participants will use the country reports as a basis for development of policy coherence roadmaps towards knowledge societies for their countries and for the Africa region. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the use of Leadership, Knowledge Society and Futures Thinking toolkits and frameworks introduced through-out the coursework. They will use these tools to bring together the policy coherence roadmaps for implementing their report policy recommendations.

> **Knowledge Society**
> Knowledge societies are based on the understanding that knowledge forms a major component of any human development endeavour. A Knowledge society creates, shares and uses knowledge for the prosperity and well-being of its people.
> (UNESCO, Towards Knowledge Societies, 2005)

Strategic objective of the final workshop: Enable participants to produce comprehensive policy coherence roadmaps towards knowledge society development in their respective countries and the region.

Specific Objectives:

- Provide opportunities for participant sharing of country report KS status and policy recommendations.

- Engage participants with leadership, knowledge society and futures thinking tools for building policy coherence roadmaps & action plans.

- Verify the leadership development model in ICT and the Knowledge Society that has been defined through the ALICT course.

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Day 1: 27th August 2012

Time	Activity	Description	Facilitators/ Presenter
08:30 – 09:00 Hrs	Arrival and Registration	Arrival and Registration	All participants
09:00 – 10:30 Hrs	Welcome	Welcoming speeches from African Union, GESCI, MFA (Finland) and DCU (Ireland)	Protocol
10:30 – 11:00 Hrs	**Coffee/tea break**		
11:00 – 11:45 Hrs	ALICT - Leadership Development in ICT and the Knowledge Society, and Building Policy Coherence Towards a Knowledge Society	Concept of the ALICT leadership model and policy coherence towards knowledge society development **Interactive presentation & discussion**	Patti Swarts (GESCI) Presenter
11:45 -13:00 Hrs	Crossroads of *futures thinking* and policy coherence	Futures thinking for policy making: drawing on examples from East and Southern Africa, and reviewing the steps we have taken within the ALICT course to reach the crossroads. **Interactive presentation & discussion**	Tessa Finlev (IFTF) Presenter
13:00 - 14:00 Hrs	**Lunch**		
14:00-14:15 Hrs	Country Report Knowledge Exchange Activity Process Orientation	Orientation on country report presentations and scenario and policy recommendation harvesting **Workshop templates & open space methodologies**	Tessa Finlev (IFTF) & Mary Hooker (GESCI)
14:15-15:00 Hrs	Country Report Knowledge Exchange Level 1 - Interactive Activity and Networking – <u>Intra-country level</u> STI, ICT & Education groups. **Country individual pillar report presentation & poster stands.**	Country teams gather insights and stories from other teams in their country on their pillar future scenarios, signals and policy recommendations. Equipped with personal note- taking templates and game-like instructions, we'll move about the room and build a 360° view of national knowledge society current and future contexts.	GESCI & IFTF team Participants
15:00 – 15:15 Hrs	**Coffee/tea break**		
15:15-16:00 Hrs	Country Report Knowledge Exchange Level 2 - Interactive Activity and Networking – <u>Inter-Country level</u> STI, ICT &Education groups. **Country summary report presentations & posters stands.**	Once teams have a complete view of their own national scenarios and knowledge society futures, country teams conduct a tour of stands of other countries. The focus will be on listening to other countries as they share their national scenarios and policy recommendations. **10 minutes each country**	GESCI & IFTF team Participants

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16:00 - 16:45 Hrs	Plenary	**Open Discussion** - insights and highlights from intra- and inter-country knowledge exchange activities	GESCI - Helena Tapper Panel Country Reps
16:45 – 17:00 Hrs	Eyes & Ears Evaluation feedback	Participants volunteer to provide feedback of Day 1 on Day 2 Participants to fill in online feedback of Day 1	GESCI

Day 1 – Evening Session (Attendance Optional)

Time	Activity	Description	Facilitators
17:30 – 18:30 Hrs	Action Research – *Living Theory*	Using action research as part of applied learning	Dr. Jack Whitehead, Professor – Liverpool Hope University

Day 2: 28th August 2012

Time	Activity	Description	Facilitators
09:00–09:15 Hrs	Recap	Eyes and Ears	Participants and GESCI
09:15–09:45 Hrs	Evaluation workshop/ course	Feedback reflections – Day 1 ALICT Learning Journey	GESCI
09:45 – 10:00 Hrs	Future Vision Process	What is *Future Vision*? Presentation on *future visioning* processes and the *importance of a name*	IFTF team
10:00 – 11:00 Hrs	Creating a future 2032 vision Interactivity group activities	Break-out group activities Brainstorming and creating a future vision for national knowledge societies in 2032	IFTF and GESCI team
11:00 – 11:15 Hrs	**Coffee/tea break**		
11:15 – 12:15	Creating a future 2032 vision Interactivity group activities	Brainstorming continued Group consensus on naming the future vision and its parameters	IFTF and GESCI team
12:15 - 13:00 Hrs	Plenary	Country group presentations of future vision parameters	Country group feedback sharing
13:00– 14:00 Hrs	**Lunch**		
14:00-14:20 Hrs	Building National Policy Coherence Roadmaps	Presentation - Walk through of activities for building national policy coherence roadmaps	IFTF team
14: 20 -15:00 Hrs	Building National Policy Coherence Roadmaps Interactive group activities	Country groups build national roadmaps **Table top templates and sticky notes**	IFTF and GESCI team, Participants
15:00– 15:15 Hrs	**Coffee/tea break**		
15:15-16:00 Hrs	Building National Policy Coherence Roadmaps Interactive group activities	Country groups build national roadmaps **Table top templates and sticky notes**	IFTF and GESCI team, Participants

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Time	Activity	Description	Facilitators
16:00 -16:45 Hrs	Plenary	Country groups presentations of roadmaps	IFTF and GESCI Country group representatives
16:45 – 17:00 Hrs	Eyes & Ears Evaluation feedback	Participants volunteer to provide recap of Day 2 on Day 3 Participants to fill in online feedback of Day 2	GESCI

Day 2 – Evening Session (Optional Attendance)

Time	Activity	Description	Facilitators
17:30 – 18:30 Hrs	Continuing on to the Master's Degree	An orientation on the Master's Degree programme for ALICT course.	Dr. Margaret Farren Ms. Yvonne Crotty Dublin City University

Day 3: 29th August 2012

Time	Activity	Description	Facilitators
09:00–09:15 Hrs	Recap	Eyes and Ears	Participants and GESCI
09:15–09:45 Hrs	Evaluation Workshop Overview: Country reports recommendation synthesis	Feedback reflections – Day 2 Overview of country report recommendation synthesis for KS pillars.	GESCI
9:45–10:00 Hrs	Building a Regional Policy Coherence Roadmap for KS Development	Presentation review orientations for interactive activities on development of Regional Roadmap.	IFTF team
10:00 –11:00 Hrs	Building a Regional Policy Coherence Roadmap for KS Development Interactive group activity Material – national roadmap stands – gamified process orientations	Equipped with national action steps and roadmaps, participants move around to different national roadmaps to explore opportunities for regional knowledge exchange and collaboration on KS development. Plenary development of regional policy coherence roadmap **Use of wall sized roadmap and sticky notes to capture the action steps**	IFTF and GESCI team
11:00– 11:30 Hrs	**Coffee & Tea break**		
11:30-13:00 Hrs	Building a Regional Policy Coherence Roadmap for KS Development	Continuation of roadmap building	IFTF and GESCI team

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	Interactive group activity		
13:00– 14:00 Hrs	**Lunch**		
14:00-15:00 Hrs	Plenary session Overview of regional roadmap	Review and collaboration on regional roadmap looks like / actions for implementation **The floor will be open for final thoughts, reflections, and takeaways**	IFTF and GESCI team
15:00-15:20 Hrs	Workshop final evaluation Course review – final questionnaires	Participants to fill in online feedback on Day 3 Participants to fill in online questionnaires on final course evaluation	GESCI
15:20-15:30 Hrs	Closing comments	GESCI closing remarks	GESCI
15:30– 16:00 Hrs	**Extended Coffee & Tea break**		
16:00- 20:00 Hrs	Awards ceremony, evening cocktail, Cultural programme and dinner		GESCI Team, Participants, AUC and invited guests

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