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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English will be the official language at the Conference.

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED WITH PACF2011 AT THE SAME VENUE

- 2nd International Conference on Advances In Engineering And Technology (AET2011)
- Regional collaboration meeting – The three universities of Makerere in Uganda, Dar es Salaam in Tanzania and Eduardo Mondelane in Mozambique will be having annual general meeting soon after the AET conference.

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FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

THE THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF PAN AFRICAN COMPETITIVENESS FORUM (PACF2011)

Organized by:

INNOVATION SYSTEMS AND CLUSTERS PROGRAMME/PACF-Uganda, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY and Sida

A collaborative effort between

Government; Academia; Private Sector, Civil Society Development Partners

In partnership with

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development;
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Uganda Manufacturers Association,
National Agricultural Advisory Services;
Micro Finance Support Center;
National Planning Authority;
Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development

In conjunction with the

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON ADVANCES IN ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
(AET2011)

PACF2011 Conference Theme:

Innovative Clusters: Accelerating African Economic Development and Enhancing Competitiveness.

A call to submit paper abstracts and attend the
PACF2011 Conference
at
Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda
1–4 February, 2011

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

- The 3rd PACF Annual Conference is aimed at setting the African Continent onto the path of growth by bringing together all the actors in the PACF's mission to deliberately consolidate the concept of innovation and clusters based competitiveness, and determine how Innovative Clusters can act as platforms for African Economic Development. The Conference will include knowledge exchange, competence building and experience sharing.

SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will facilitate a wide range of discussions and activities as follows:

- provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience in enhancing competitiveness of enterprises and regions;
- assess impact of Cluster Initiatives in catalyzing and promoting African Economic Development;
- appraise progress made since the 2nd Annual Conference of the Pan-African Competitiveness Forum (PACF) held at Elmina Beach Resort, Ghana, 15th – 17th February 2010;

CONFERENCE THEME

Innovative Clusters: Accelerating African Economic Development and Enhancing Competitiveness.

SUB-THEMES (Case studies of innovation)

- Clusters and Climate Change;
- Clusters and Regional Integration;
- Role of Clusters in Skills Development;
- Clusters as Enablers of Financial Innovation;
- Mainstreaming Cluster Initiatives into National Policies and Development Programs;
- Reviewing and Designing programs to Stimulate cluster development.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be organized through the following:

- Plenary Sessions;
- Inter-Cluster Meetings and Round Table Discussions;
- Exhibitions
- Breakout Sessions;
- Cluster Tours
- Lunch and Dinner

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

<i>Arrival and Registration</i>	<i>Tue., Feb. 01, 2011</i>
<i>Cluster Tours</i>	<i>Wed. Feb. 02, 2011</i>
<i>Plenary, Breakout Sessions</i>	<i>Thu. Feb. 03 - Fri. Feb. 04, 2011</i>
<i>Departure</i>	<i>Sat. Feb. 05, 2011</i>

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu	Minister of State for Planning
Hon. Nelson Gagawala	Minister of State for Trade
Mr. Ifor Ffowcs-Williams	CEO, Cluster Navigators Ltd., New Zealand
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

Prospective authors are invited to submit abstracts 200-250 words long to the Secretariat of the PACF2011 Conference Organizing Committee.

Intending Authors should note the following deadlines:

Receipt of abstracts	31st Sept 2010
Notification of acceptance of abstract	31st Oct 2010
Receipt of full papers	31st Nov 2010
Receipt of camera ready papers	15th Dec 2010

Presentations

The abstracts should outline aims, content and conclusions of the papers. They should include the title, author's name, affiliation, mailing address, E-mail address, telephone number and fax number.

Papers may be submitted via the address below:

Authors of the accepted abstracts will receive instructions on the preparation of full-length camera-ready manuscripts.

Updates on the conference can be viewed on the conference website:

www.ugandaclusters.com ; **E-mail:** pacf2011@ugandaclusters.com

REGISTRATION

The registration fees are as follows:

- Early-bird fee** (before 01/11/2010) – USD 200.00 for PACF2011 and USD 300.00 to attend both the PACF2011 and the AET2011
- Late fee** (after 01/11/2011) – USD 250.00 for PACF2011 and USD 350.00 to attend both the PACF2011 and the AET2011

This will cover part of the cost of PACF2011 conference proceedings, the welcome reception and lunches for three days of the conference. Early registration is encouraged. Only papers of Authors who have registered will be published in the conference proceedings. For your registration, please visit the conference website.

Registration can be done online at pacf2011@ugandaclusters.com

THE VENUE:

The Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel is located in Entebbe, approximately 4 km from the International Airport. It is at the shores of Lake Victoria, one of the largest fresh water lakes in the world. It is located in a serene and national environment near Entebbe botanical gardens. The centre of Entebbe Municipality is 34 km from Uganda's business and capital city, Kampala. Kampala City has a total population of about 2 million during the day.

ACCOMMODATION:

This registration fee is exclusive of accommodation. The negotiated rates at venue (to specify) are:

Single room per night	\$ 80.00
Double room per night	\$ 120.00

Guests will be expected to book early. More information regarding alternate accommodation will be posted on the conference website. Check in will be on Tuesday 1st February 2011.

TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT

Guests will be transported from the Airport to the Hotel.

CLUSTER TOURS

Cluster Tours shall be organized for those interested. Clusters to be visited shall include, among others, Katwe Metal Fabricators, Fashion and Textiles, Mushroom, Fish Farming, Furniture, ICT, Leather, Maize Millers, Bio-ethanol, Basketry, Building Materials Cluster Initiatives

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