



The future of **Technology in Africa**



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Dear Sir / Madam

In December 2007, STT initiated a foresight project on the future of technology in Africa. During the past 16 months you have come in contact with the project. This newsletter brings you up to date on the project activities.

During 2008, we have compiled a preliminary inventory of today's technology in Africa and it's future potential. Discussions with experts and literature / web research were the principal sources. Fields explored include, among others, ICT, energy, transport, water and agriculture. The findings provide crucial input for upcoming workshops and presentations. Towards the end of the project in the summer of 2010, all findings will be brought together in a book.

Until then, we will consolidate our insights into the future of today's technology in Africa in a series of interactive workshops and visits on location. We will also turn our attention to future technologies and how they might have their impact in Africa. Think for example of advanced robotics, wearable computers or replicators. A project steering committee, chaired by Dr. Tini Colijn (TNO) will guide and focus these activities.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Kind regards,

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Steering committee

Dr. Tini Colijn-Hooymans has confirmed to chair the STT steering committee of the project. Since 2002, Tini Colijn is a management board member at TNO, where her responsibilities include the organisation's growing activities in developing countries. Tini Colijn's other positions include those of deputy Crown-appointed member of the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands (SER) and member of the Advisory Council for Science and Technology Policy (AWT). The other members of the steering committee are currently being confirmed and will be published on www.stt.nl/africa under the 'Network' heading.

Discover the Lion



Together with the Netherlands African Business Council (NABC), STT organises a series of highly interactive workshops on the future of technology intensive sectors in Africa. The series opened successfully with a workshop on energy (17 March). The next workshops will focus on ICT (8 April in Amsterdam) and food (12 May in Deventer). Other scheduled topics are water, logistics, agriculture and business models. For further information, see www.stt.nl/DiscoverTheLion.

**Publication in
FD Outlook**

Project manager Jasper Grosskurth published an article on the future of technology in Africa in FD Outlook, a Dutch bi-monthly magazine with a circulation of 67.000. A pdf version of the article titled 'Afrika op Weg naar het Licht' is available for download at www.stt.nl/africa.



Project Memo

We have compiled a short project memo to summarize the relevance of the project, its status-quo and key questions. The document is available for download at <http://www.stt.nl/uploads/documents/151.pdf>

STT Present

The current issue of STT's newsletter Present contains a series of articles on technology in Africa (in Dutch). These include a feature article by Fugro board member Arnold Steenbakker on the company's activities in Africa, a project profile, by Jasper Grosskurth and an in-depth exploration of electricity in Africa by STT intern Janneke Brouwers. STT Present is available for download at www.stt.nl/publications (scroll down to STT Present).

**New STT
projects**

Two new STT foresight projects were launched on the 1st of March. The future of complex decision making will be explored by Maurits Kreijveld (www.stt.nl/wisdomofcrowds). Jacco van Uden will look into the future of serious gaming (www.stt.nl/gaming).

We apologize for possible cross-postings. If you would like to unsubscribe from future updates about the future of technology in Africa, please let us know: otten@stt.nl

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