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Event: Sciences, Ethics and Technological Responsibilities in Developing and Emerging Countries: *Implementation of the African Manifesto for Science, Technology and Innovation*

Date: 29th of April 2011

Location: Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

TIME: 07:30 am – 5:00 p.m.

SET- DEV project continues its "triangular tour" to present the main project outputs with a seminar in Kenya: "Sciences, Ethics and Technological Responsibilities in Developing and Emerging Countries: *Implementation of the African Manifesto for Science, Technology and Innovation*"

Held in Nairobi (Kenya) next 29th of April, the seminar of SET-DEV (Science, ethics and technological responsibility in developing and emerging countries) project is the second of a round of 3 seminars that SET-DEV project partners are organizing under the title RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT: THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF SCIENCE.

The partners have organized these events to present the three main project outputs: the Indian Manifesto, the African Manifesto and the Policy Guidelines, whose content is based on the studies carried out in different thematic areas such as health, agricultural, energy and new technology in the 3 countries.

Launched in 2008, the SET-DEV project has the main objective of supporting the research systems of India and Africa, interested in developing their own ethical perspectives in the context of scientific and technological research. The SET-DEV project is an initiative funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme, Science in Society area.

The final seminars round events kicked-off with a one-day open seminar held at the University of Hyderabad on the 29th of March and had the participation of around 50 participants from different organizations that included: , researchers, , civil society organisations, as well as project partners coming from different countries in Europe and from Africa.

This first seminar was an occasion to present the main project outputs and discuss about the future development of the project products and how these shall be implemented by the interested stakeholders. The next SETDEV seminar to be held in Nairobi, Kenya is purposed to present the final draft of the African and Indian Manifestoes and guidelines to key stakeholders at a breakfast roundtable for final review and implementation planning. The meeting is expected to bring together approximately 60 key stakeholders from 26 countries from 4 continents, including Africa, United States of America, Europe and Asia. It will also be a great opportunity to present the UNESCO Science report where ATPS and other partners led the contribution of the sub-Saharan Africa chapter. As an immediate response strategy, the ATPS in November 2010 launched an initiative to publish the biennial report on the State of STI in Africa. All these publications reveal some interesting challenges and opportunities for charting a new renaissance in Africa through science, technology and innovation.

SET-DEV project aims at creating a world relationship between science and society", it's a way to "exercise greater responsibility towards scientific and technological research", as the project coordinator Mr. Alfonso Alfonsi explained in the framework of the meeting. The main objectives of the Manifestos and the Policy Guidelines are to strengthen the relationship between science technology

and society, to contribute to the democratisation of science and technology and to allow a cross learning between Africa India and Europe.

The tour of SET-DEV project outputs ends in Brussels (Belgium) on the 3rd of May under the title "Final Project Seminar in Europe".

More info:

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