

Emerging technologies harnessed for economic development of Africa

KIGALI, Rwanda - An African Union high level panel on emerging technologies is to meet at The African Innovation Summit in Kigali, June 6-8, 2018. The High Level-APET has been constituted in recognition of the need to harness both existing and emerging technologies for the economic development of Africa.



[The Africa Innovation Summit 2018](#) (#AIS 2018) team, in partnership with NEPAD Agency is announcing the meeting of the African Union (AU) [High Level Panel on Emerging Technologies \(APET\)](#) during the #AIS2018.

APET was created to identify and foster appropriate regulation and use of existing and emerging technologies of greatest help to Africa's economic development. Its works are coordinated by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency and the African Union (AU) Commission and aims to advise the AU on current and emerging technologies that have the potential to transform Africa's science base into a competitive advantage; and contribute to achieving the goals set out in the Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA) 2014-2024.

Indeed, African countries need to strengthen legal and regulatory systems on emerging technologies and #AIS2018 will be the platform to promote dialogue, facilitate exchange of best practices to address Africa's sustainability challenges.

Innovation drivers

The launch of the APET reports at #AIS2018 will provide new guidance to stakeholders including academics, investors, entrepreneurs and policymakers on the voice to be taken in making emerging technologies and innovation the drivers of Africa's sustainable socio-economic and structural transformation.

