

has participated in the analysis of renowned space based sensors such as the Hubble Telescope, IRAS, DIRBE, IBSS, ISO, GALILEO, CASSINI, XMM, LIGO, LBT, VLT, SUBARU as well as many military optical sensors.

He is Co-Chairman of the Arizona Optics Industry Association; a statewide organization dedicated to the development of the optics industry as an important economic resource to the state of Arizona. He has helped export this concept into the international arena, and has played a pivotal or key supporting role in the formation of the industry driven optics clusters in thirty countries and seventeen states. He has been a participant at regional, national, and global economic development meetings and has worked as a facilitator at Cluster building workshops. His Cluster building work is cited in Michael Porter's new book, On Competition. He has authored several in various optics books.

CONFERENCE PARTNERS

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda Industrial Research Institute, Uganda Investment Authority, Competitiveness and Investment Climate Strategy, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation, The Second Private Sector Competitiveness Project (PSCPII), Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Prosperity for All Secretariat, President's Office, Uganda Manufacturers Association, National Agricultural Advisory Services, Micro Finance Support Centre, National Planning Authority

**In Conjunction with
2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCES IN
ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (AET2011)**

**Conference link available at
Website: www.ugandaclusters.com,
Email: pacf2011@ugandaclusters.com**

REGISTRATION:

- Registration fees are \$100 each; for both local and international participants.

THE VENUE:

The Imperial Resort 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 is \$80.
- Double room per night is \$ 120.

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.

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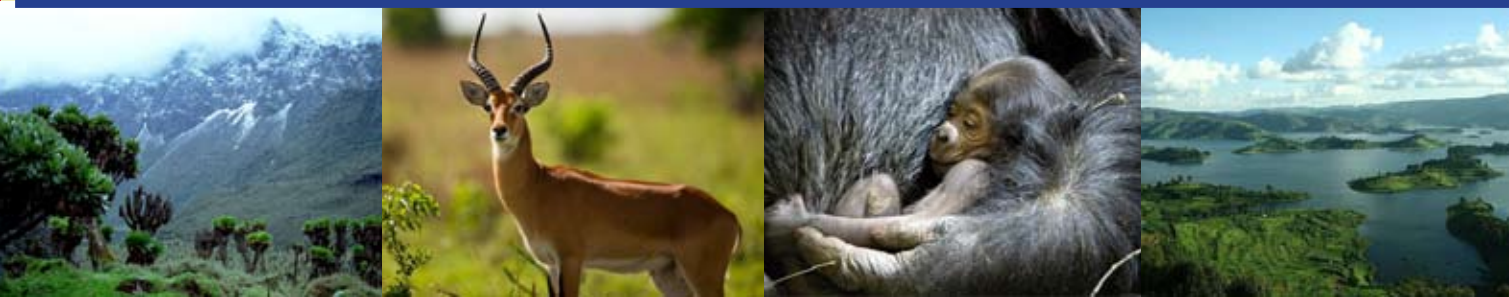


THE THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE PAN AFRICAN COMPETITIVENESS FORUM (PACF 2011)

**THEME:
INNOVATIVE CLUSTER INITIATIVES
AS TOOLS FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

**Organised by:
Innovations Systems and Clusters Programme /
PACF Uganda
Makerere University and SIDA
A Collaborative Effort with Government,
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Development Partners**

**At Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe Uganda
February 1st - 4th, 2011**





Collection of some the products of the Basketry Cluster, Luwero



Katwe Metal Fabricators Cluster: An Artisan welding a metal door



A prototype of the poor man's car by the Katwe Metal Fabricators Cluster



Lake katwe salt processing. Salt miners in Lake Katwe



Kayunga Pineapple Cluster: Distribution of Pineapples to markets



The fish farming cluster, Kaliro

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Third 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 cluster based competitiveness and innovation and find ways of how Innovative Cluster Initiatives can act as tools for African Economic Development. The content of the three day 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:

1. Provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience in enhancing competitiveness of enterprises.
2. Assess impact of Innovative Cluster Initiatives as tools for African Economic Development
3. Appraise progress made since the second annual conference of the Pan-African Competitiveness Forum (PACF), held at Elmina Beach Resort, Ghana, 15th - 17th February 2010.

SUB-THEMES: (Case studies of Innovations)

1. Clusters and Climate Change
2. Clusters and Regional Integration
3. Role of Clusters in Skills Development
4. Clusters as Enablers of Financial Innovation
5. Mainstreaming Clusters in National Policy and Development Programs
6. Renewing and Designing programmes to stimulate cluster development

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be organised through: Plenary Sessions, Breakout Sessions, Inter-Cluster Meetings and Cluster Tours, Round Table Discussions, Exhibitions, Lunch and Dinner Presentations.

BENEFITS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE PARTICIPANTS

1. Opportunity to learn from renowned international key speakers and experts Cluster based Business Competitiveness
2. Network with local and international participants engaged in Governments, academia and Business Sectors
3. Access to a wide range of Innovations and products from various businesses at exhibition

REKNOWNED KEYNOTE INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



Dr. Amit Kapoor

Dr. Amit Kapoor is Professor of Strategy and Industrial Economics at Management Development Institute; Honorary Chairman at Institute for Competitiveness studying firms, clusters and economies; Director for The Competitiveness Institute, Sloan Affiliate; and member of the Collective. He is an affiliate faculty for the Microeconomics of Competitiveness course of Institute of Strategy and Competitiveness, Harvard Business School.

In all he has been a speaker at over 50 industry forums, international conferences and events across the globe. His research interest lies in the fields of

Enhancing Competitiveness, Competitive Advantage and Leveraging Technology for Success.

Mr. Iffor Fowcs

- Member, Advisory Board at European Cluster Observatory
- Member, Advisory Board at Pan African Competitiveness Forum
- Member, Board of Advisors at The Competitiveness Institute



Iffor is a Founder and Past President of The Competitiveness Institute (Barcelona, Spain) and currently a member of the Advisory Board. TCI is the global organisation for those with an interest in cluster based economic development.

Mr Nigel Gwynne Evans

Chief Director, Trade & Industrial Development, Cape Province, South Africa.



Mr. Evans has an Economics Degree from the Stellenbosch University, a Masters Degree in Development Economics from the University of London. He is also a director on a number of local and international sector bodies and agencies i.e.; the Cape Clothing and Textile Cluster, the Cape

Dr. Robert P. Breault

Dr. Robert P. Breault is Chairman and founder of the Breault Research Organization, Inc. (BRO), an optical engineering software developer and consulting company founded in 1979. He

