



African Society for Scientific  
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(ASSRT)



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Human Resources, Science &  
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## ***3<sup>rd</sup> African Congress for Scientific Research & Technology***

***Under the theme of  
"Scientific Research and Technology to meet the Millennium  
Development Goals (MDGs)"***

***Organized by  
" African Society of Scientific Research and Technology"  
and  
The Human Resources Science &  
Technology Cluster– ECOSOCC – A.U.  
(Economic Social Cultural Council - African Union )***

***In collaboration with  
National Research Center of Egypt (NRC)***

**1 – 3 November 2009  
National Research Center of Egypt  
Mena House Oberoi Hotel  
Cairo – Egypt**

**Message from African Society for  
Scientific Research & Technology ASSRT**

***Dear Your Excellency ,***

Our African continent is the richest continent yet the poorest of them all. The need for the promotion of Scientific Research and Technology is mandatory for the development of Africa and for the achievement of the millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

As an Initiative from the Civil Society to gather inputs and emphasize the active role of the Civil Society Organizations as a Partner of Development for the Lobbying & advocacy for the popularization & awareness of the importance of Scientific Research & Technology , It is our pleasure to inform your Excellency about the “**3<sup>rd</sup> African Congress for Scientific Research & Technology**” which will be held during the period of 1 – 3 November 2009 in Cairo – Egypt Organized by “ African Society of Scientific Research and Technology” and the Human Resources, Science & Technology Cluster– ECOSOCC – A.U.(Economic Social Cultural Council - African Union ) in collaboration with National Research Center of Egypt Under the theme of “**Scientific Research and Technology to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**”.

The public awareness of all sectors of the Society including African Leaders, Policy makers, decision makers, Politicians, Media, Private Sector, is very important for the promotion of Scientific Research & the Legislation for the enabling environment for investment in Scientific Research & Technology .

This Congress is a way forwards to achieve certain objectives that includes putting a road map for all stake holders on how to achieve the MDGs through Scientific Research & Technology and the promotion of Scientific Research related to the needs of the African Continent , Also the establishment of a database for the Scientific Institutes & Research Centers through gathering of Scientists and Researchers from all over Africa and the diaspora in all fields and emphasizes the role of the Civil Society as a partner of Development and as an active player for the popularization & awareness for the importance of the Scientific Research & Technology .

We appreciate your Excellency’s support & participation in this important event and the nomination for delegates to participate actively by papers and attendance in this congress for the development of our beloved Africa.

With all our best regards,

***Secretary General***  
African Society of Scientific  
Research & Technology

***Dr. Amany Asfour***  
Chairperson Human Resources,  
Science & Technology Cluster  
ECOSOCC-African Union

***President***  
African Society of Scientific  
Research & Technology

***Prof. Khaled Lotfy Dabees***

## **Priority Areas of Africa**

The topics will concentrate on the Main priority Areas of Africa .

- Health Care & Drug Industry .
- Agriculture and Food Technology.
- Energy
- Infrastructure .
- Water
- Environment.
- Biotechnology
- Information , Communication & Technology .

## **Background**

In the year 2000 the member states of the United Nations signed the Millennium Declaration, which led to the adoption of the Eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Five years later at the UN World Summit in 2005 countries reaffirmed their commitment to the MDGs.

Despite these commitments , there has been mixed progress regionally and across the Globe.

The Eight Millennium Goals are :-

- I. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
- II. Achieve Universal Primary Education
- III. Promote Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women
- IV. Reduce Child Mortality
- V. Improve Maternal Health
- VI. Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
- VII. Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- VIII. Develop a Global Partnership for Development

Achieving the MDGs requires concrete actions from National Governments, Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector.

Thus the United nations General Assembly called for building partnership between the UN, Governments and the Civil Society to accelerate the Implementation of the millennium Development Goals by 2015.

The African Society for Scientific Research and Technology is organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Congress for Scientific Research and Technology to gather all partners of Development, Governments, CSOs, Private Sector, Media to discuss & put a road map for joining efforts worldwide to achieve the MDGs through Scientific Research and Technology .

## **Target Groups in Africa & the Diaspora**

- Ministers of Scientific Research & Technology.
- Ministers of Health.
- Ministers of Agriculture
- Ministers of Energy & Infrastructure
- Ministers of Communication and Transportation
- All Concerned Ministers and Ministries.
- Research Centers
- Scientific Institutes
- University Centers.
- Politicians & Decision Makers.
- Scientific & Medical Associations & organizations .
- Pharmaceutical Companies & Drug Industries.
- Authorities .
- Civil Society organizations Interested in the Achievements of MDGs.
- Private Sector in Health Care, Drug Industry Agriculture, Food Technology, Energy, Infrastructure , & Biotechnology, Environment, ICT & relevant topics .
- Concerned & interested Private Sector.
- International Partners
- Media.

## **Organizations & Participation**

- ◆ African Union
- ◆ Member States
- ◆ Civil Society Organizations
- ◆ Private Sector of different Areas of the conference  
e.g. Pharmaceutical Companies  
Related Industries for Agriculture & Food Technology Energy ,  
Infrastructure , ICT, Environment, Biotechnology.
- ◆ Representatives of United Nations and their related programs
- ◆ Regional & International Agencies.

Date: 1 – 3 November 2009

Venue : - National Research Center of Egypt (Opening Ceremony)  
- Mena House Oberoi Hotel

A Call For White Papers and Abstracts

White papers are invited for topic areas listed as “Areas of Priority”. The deadline for all papers is September 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 .

Please submit all papers to the address listed below.

**Registration Fees :**

- Active Participant 300 Euro

- Languages : English / French/ Arabic

Please contact Congress Secretariat

For more information ; Registration, Hotel accommodation.

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