

**3rd Annual KEN Forum on  
»PROMOTING INNOVATION THROUGH  
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH«**

Dear Madam/Sir,

We kindly **invite you** to participate at the Knowledge Economy Network (KEN) Forum, organized by KEN Secretariat and the Department of Science & Technology of the Government of the Republic of South Africa in **Cape Town ,South Africa**, on **22-23 October, 2013**. The event will take place at **Protea Hotel President, 4 Alexander Road, Bantry Bay, Cape Town**.

Prior to the Forum, several preparatory conferences and workshops are co-organised by KEN Partners producing draft recommendations addressed to various actors in the domains of knowledge economy – the findings are presented at the forum.

**REASONS TO ATTEND:**

- **meet and network** with policymakers, stakeholders, academics, business people, media representatives and NGOs from across the world;
- possibilities for **mutual consultations and »comparing notes«** on relevant policy dilemmas in all the main domains of knowledge economy;
- build several **useful contacts and partnerships** with innovative companies, and R&D, education & training institutions – for projects and project ideas to be implemented in the host-country and elsewhere;
- meet **prospective partners in South Africa** - individual meetings and visits will be arranged prior or after the Forum.

**Traditional KEN Awards** will be presented for outstanding achievements in 4 domains of knowledge economy (education, R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship), as well as a special award in the category of Media and NGO for its contribution to knowledge society (in 2012 this was awarded to the BBC).

**PARTICIPATION FEE:** None.

**LOGISTICS AND ACCOMODATION:**

We advise you to **purchase your air ticket as soon as possible** to receive **favourable fare**. Do not forget to regulate your entry **visa formalities** (if necessary) in time! Upon your official registration (on-line) we will provide our co-organizer in South Africa with your name and email so that they can send you the invitation which you will present to the respective consular office of the Republic of South Africa together with other documents while applying for entry visa.

Protea Hotel President is offering KEN Forum participants a special rate of **1145 R (89 EUR)** for a single standard room per night (breakfast included). For hotel reservation and payment, please contact the hotel directly. Please mention 'KEN-2013' when making the reservation in order to benefit.

Find KEN Forum 2013 **draft program** ([here](#)), **online registration** ([here](#)), and information concerning **accommodation** ([here](#)). Additional information is available on our website: [www.knowledge-economy.net](http://www.knowledge-economy.net).

Hope to see you in Cape Town,

Best regards,  
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