

# Preface

Africomm 2013, the 5th version of the EAI Conference on e-Infrastructure and e-Services for Developing Countries, held during November 25–28 in Blantyre, Malawi, proved to be a unique and truly African meeting place. Scientists, practitioners, students, and professionals met to discuss research and development of efficient and effective infrastructures and solutions in situations of limited resources. This work is of utmost importance as it constitutes a key-enabler for the diffusion of ICT in developing countries.

In a concerted effort, participants interacted to discuss issues and trends, recent research, innovation advances and in-the-field experiences related to e-Governance, e-Infrastructure, and e-Business with a focus on developing countries.

This volume of papers testifies of the exemplary efforts and sacrifices made by participants and the Organizing Committee. The excellent work supported an exciting program, and provides a unique insight in appropriate technology and practice. We thank the peer-reviewers and all involved for a job well done. Thanks to our Malawian colleagues for excellent arrangements.

The papers, the commitment to participate, the sending communities, and the representation of research, practise, and interaction, made Africomm 2013 a milestone event.

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Let these conference proceedings of Africomm 2013 be a milestone of agency and empowerment for cultural aligned practices in e-Infrastructure and e-Services in developing countries.

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