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AFRINIC's Fund for Internet Research and Education (FIRE) Programme participates in the celebration of Innovation for Development in Francophone Africa.

The FIRE Programme participates at **INNOAFRICA Forum** to encourage the development of innovative ideas contributing to the solution of information and communication development needs in Africa.

After Bamako (2009 & 2010), Ouagadougou (2011) and Dakar (2012) the **fifth edition** of InnovAfrica takes place in Abidjan (Ivory Coast), November 25-29, 2013.

The Fund for Internet Research and Education is a Grants and Awards programme designed to promote the role and socio-economical development of the Internet for the benefit of the African Community, among other things

INNOAFRICA is one of the major annual events on Innovation in French speaking Africa, bringing together innovators on various topics (mobile applications, urban innovation, cartography, Digital manufacturing, etc.) coming from Africa and the rest of the world.

They share best practices, present their project and develop networking activities.

The theme of the 2013 Edition is "**Innovation by Experiment**": the Forum participants are the current users and creators of their digital and social innovations.

The FIRE Programme is organising a workshop on the **27 November, 2013, 2 pm**, at the **Institut des Technologie d'Abidjan, II Plateaux**, to raise awareness on the Programme's funding opportunities (competition categories, conditions of entry and submission procedures) amongst InnovAfrica participants whose projects aim at:

- Supporting the development of affordable and efficient Internet Infrastructure
- Developing and promoting the adoption of innovative applications and services
- Supporting individual rights awareness

For more information on FIRE and InnovAfrica and to participate at the Forum in Abidjan, visit

www.fireafrica.org

<http://innovafrica.org/fr/forum/abidjan-2013/>

