

# International series of conferences on Operational Research Practice in Africa (ORPA)



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## First ORPA conference, 7-8 April 2005, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

*A Unique Forum for a Unique Continent with Unique Challenges and Unique Opportunities*

### DESCRIPTION

ORPA is the Premier Conference series on OR Practice in Africa. The aim of ORPA-1 (the first in the series) is to *raise awareness of OR in industry across the African continent.*

African populations live in very poor conditions characterised by inefficient management of scarce resources (water, food crops, electricity, pharmaceutical drugs, etc.). We believe that OR has a key role to play in the development of Africa. This is a view also shared by IFORS, EURO and INFORMS whom we have been working with in recent years. We guarantee that no where else in Africa will you find such a large concentration of top decision makers and top scientists brought together in one place for 2 days that promise to be very enriching!

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

**Decision makers** (government ministers, directors, managers, military operations strategists and other executives): who need to understand how and when analytical approaches are useful; **Senior Technical Advisors**: who advise top executives on matters related to the economy, sales, marketing, finance, etc.; **Industrial Consultants**: who advise businesses on their operations; **Analysts**: who use quantitative methods in their work; **Engineering students**: who are taking a course in OR; **OR Practitioners**; **OR Academics**; *People who are interested in mathematics, statistics, computer science, Information Technology, econometrics*

**TOPICS** We welcome *real-world* applications of OR both in developing and developed countries.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** OR Exhibit, special sessions, tutorials, keynote, plenary, parallel talks? The choice is Yours!

**ORPA-1 WEB SITE** <http://euro-online.org/africanOR/orpa2005>

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES** Contributions to be received by **December 15, 2004**. Do not miss out!

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