



## Press Release

### **DIGITAfrica in Tunis: A Key Step for the Development of Digital Research and Innovation Infrastructures in Africa (April 27–29, 2026)**

The University of Manouba (UMA), in collaboration with the National School of Computer Science (ENSI), is organizing in Tunis, on **April 27, 28, and 29, 2026**, a series of **three major events** as part of the **DIGITAfrica project**.

These three days will successively include a plenary meeting of the project teams (April 27), a consultation workshop dedicated to the progress and strategic directions of DIGITAfrica (April 28), as well as hands-on training sessions on technological platforms in artificial intelligence and 5G (April 29).

The **DIGITAfrica** project (<https://www.digitafrica.eu/>) is a collaborative initiative funded by the **Horizon Europe** program (under the Grant Agreement number 101187966). It is implemented by a consortium of academic and scientific partners from **six European countries** and **five African countries**, including notably the Tunisian team from ENSI and the University of Manouba. Its objective is to design a digital science research infrastructure tailored to the needs of African researchers and innovators, while strengthening structured and sustainable cooperation between Africa and Europe.

The first day, reserved for project partners, will focus on internal discussions aimed at aligning strategic visions and preparing interactions with external stakeholders.

The second day (April 28) will feature the DIGITAfrica Consultation Workshop, bringing together public decision-makers, research leaders, experts, and innovation stakeholders. This workshop aims to present the vision and strategic directions of the DIGITAfrica initiative, share the blueprint and initial proofs of concept, and contribute to the development of a roadmap for building a sustainable, high-impact African ecosystem of digital research and innovation infrastructures.

The third day will be dedicated to hands-on workshops organized in parallel on artificial intelligence and 5G networks, in collaboration with the European platforms SoBigData (AI and data) and SLICES (advanced networks). These sessions are particularly intended for researchers and innovators and aim to strengthen their skills in key and emerging technologies.

At the project's midpoint, these three days represent a major strategic milestone toward establishing sustainable digital research infrastructures in Africa and strengthening scientific cooperation between Africa and Europe.

