



Youth Forum Programme

Sunday, 31 August 2008	<h1>Youth Forum Opening</h1>
10:00 to 11:30	
YF.1 (Plenary) Jupiter 11	

The Youth Forum at ITU TELECOM Asia 2008 is the third youth event organized by the ITU in Asia and Pacific Region. It will create an opportunity for the Youth Fellows to learn, participate in discussions and share their own views and experiences about the opportunities and benefits that can arise from information and communication technologies (ICTs).

The participants of the Asia and Pacific Youth Forum will learn where their region stands in terms of ICT development, explore the CT innovation, technologies and applications that form the basis of the industry and a framework for societal, economic, environmental and personal change; examine the roles of government and of personal values as drivers for expansion of the benefits of ICT to all people; and discover opportunities for young people to serve as positive change agents in their communities, countries, region and the world.

The Asia-Pacific region is one of contrasts where many of its citizens experience easy access to the most advanced and exciting technologies and applications of the ICT field. For many others, easy access to ICT infrastructure and many of its benefits have not yet arrived. The Youth Forum is aimed at giving the Youth Fellows access to some of the best minds in the field of ICT and an understanding of the importance of ICTs in the socio-economic development of their countries and the region itself. They will be exposed to the cross-cutting role of ICTs and have an opportunity to examine their own goals, strengthen their competencies and decide how they might individually or collectively wish to contribute to process of building the information Society. The Asia 2008 Youth Fellows will be challenged to create a Declaration that conveys its views and commitments to a better life for all peoples in the Asia region.

Chairman: Dr A. Reza **JAFARI**, Chairman, ITU TELECOM Board and Vice Chairman/Managing Director, Eaton International (USA)

Keynote Speakers:

1. Dr. Hamadoun I. **TOURÉ**, Secretary-General (ITU)
2. H.E. Mr Mun **PATANOTAI** (Ph.D.) Minister of Information and Communication Technology (Thailand)
3. Mr Sami **ALBASHEER ALMORSHID**, Director, (ITU-BDT)
4. Mr Matt **KELLER**, Director for Europe, Middle East and Africa for One Laptop per Child (OLPC) (USA).
5. Ms Walda **ROSEMAN**, CEO CompassRose Intl., Chairperson ITU Youth Forum

Sunday, 31 August 2008	Access, Technology and Innovation
14:30 – 17:30	
YF.2 – Interactive Jupiter 11	

The speed and breadth of technology use and adoption in Asia and Pacific continues to challenge existing ideas and to inspire innovation in the field of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the region and beyond. Even though it is still uneven, the impact of increased connectivity can be observed in the spheres of economy, culture, and social life. The rapid adoption of ICTs create a new reality with the associated challenges, and, even more so, opportunities that has to be discussed and understood.

One of the main observable attributes of this change is a shifting base of technology users and sources of innovation. Over the next 10 years the vast majority of new technology users will be the age youth. Growing up with the technology present in most aspects of their lives, this generation has different views about, uses of, and aspiration regarding the ICTs. For young people, ICTs are an integral part of their life and a source of empowerment.

At the same time, in many less developed economies in Asia and elsewhere, access to basic communication technologies remains illusive. The youth are often the first to suffer the consequences of such inequality as they are the first one to take advantage of the technology when it is available.

This session will provide the Youth Fellows an opportunity to understand and discuss new technologies and applications. They will be able to address implications of ICT use and adoption for the Asia and Pacific region with an emphasis on Innovative technologies for connecting rural areas and help them in addressing substantive challenges, their communities are facing.

Chairman: Dr Norman **LEWIS**, Chief Strategy Officer, Wireless Grids Corporation (United States)

Experts:

1. Dr Nongluck **PHINANTISART**, President, Asia-Pacific Satellite Communications Council (APSCC) (Thailand)
2. Mr Hendrik **PRINS**, Independent Consultant and Member of WiMax Forum (Australia)
3. Mr Yousuf **AL SAYED**, CEO of Thuraya, President, Thuraya Telecom (U.A.E)
4. Dr Isao **NAKAJIMA**, Professor of EMS, Tokai University School of Medicine (Japan) and Vice Rapporteur for eHealth of ITU-D
5. Mr Karim **KOHJA**, Chief Executive Officer, Roshan (Afghanistan)
6. Mr Martin **COCKER**, Executive Director, The Internet Safety Group (NetSafe) (New Zealand)
7. Mr Emamgholi **BEHDAD**, Chief, Projects and Initiatives (ITU-BDT)
8. Mr Aaron **CHIPPENDALE** (Australia) and member of the ITU Youth Forum Alumni

Monday, 1 September 2008	Policies and Regulations
14:30 – 17:30	
YF.3 – Interactive Jupiter 11	

Governments play a critical role in facilitating investment in ICT and ensuring that its benefits are available to all of its citizens. Their understanding of technology, of how markets operate, of the challenges that citizens face as well as governments' ability to operate as effective and productive "partners" with the private sector all contribute to the success with which all stakeholders can contribute to achieving key public policy, commercial and social objectives.

Millennium Development Goals set by the United Nations call for making the benefits of new technologies—especially information and communications technologies universally available. The Asia and Pacific Connectivity Agenda and the outcome of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS 2003 and 2005), contain a set of connectivity goals/objectives and political decisions to be made to overcome problems that affect economic and social development. How are these goals being pursued?

This session will explore the respective roles of the public and the private sectors in this process as well as of inter-governmental and international organizations. It will examine where corporate social responsibility and personal values fit into this picture and examine in this last regard such issues as responsible use of ICT and safety on-line.

Chairman: Dr. Seung-Taik **YANG**, ex-Minister of MIC, ex-president of ICU and ETRI (Korea Rep. of)

Experts:

1. H. E. Eng. A. **SANGIN**, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (Afghanistan)
2. Mr Prasit **PRAPINMONGKOLKARN**, Commissioner, National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) (Thailand)
3. Major-General Manzurul **ALAM**, Chairman, Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) (Bangladesh)
4. Mr. Priyantha **KARIYAPPERUMA**, Director General and Chief Executive Officer, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (Sri Lanka)
5. Mr. Abu Saeed **KHAN**, Strategy Analyst, South East Asia, Ericsson (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, (Malaysia)
6. Mr Ts **NYAMKHUU**, Director General, Policy and Planning Department, Inforamtion & Communications Technology Authority (ICTA) (Mongolia)
7. Mr Mario **MANIEWICZ**, Chief, Policies and Strategies (ITU-BDT)
8. Mr Mathew **WARI**, Director of Operations, Papua New Guinea Radiocommunications and Telecommunications Technical Authority (Papua New Guinea)
9. Mr. Ashim **KARMACHARYA** (Nepal) and member of the ITU Youth Forum Alumni

Tuesday, 2 September 2008	Business and Finance
14:30 – 17:30	
YF.4 – Interactive Jupiter 11	

The Asia and Pacific Region looks forward to a time when the digital divide will become a thing of the past. They will live in a world where no one is technologically challenged and meetings such as this will not be discussing development issues but rather issues related to regulation of a resource that has saturated the world.

As financing, or investment capital, is an essential element for entering into most ICT related business, this session will examine the role that markets play in the development and distribution of ICT infrastructure and services and the conditions that lead to reduced investment risk and increased investment in the ICT sector, including approaches that have proved effective in Asia, such as micro finance and microcredit.

It will focus on business approaches for building sustainable ICT enterprises from the perspective of multiple stakeholders. Youth Fellows will be challenged to develop ideas for ICT-enabled, socially responsible businesses and programs that can be initiated by young people. There will be a fun surprise awaiting youth participants in this session.

Chairman: Mr Bosco Eduardo **FERNANDES**, Vice President, BU & IM Industry Relationship, Nokia Siemens Networks GmbH & Co. KG (Germany)

Experts:

1. Dr Rohan **SAMARAJIVA**, Executive Director, LIRNEasia (Sri Lanka)
2. Mr Anil **PRAKASH**, Secretary General, ITU-APT Foundation in India (India)
3. Dr Arnon **TUBTIANG**, Senior Executive Vice President, Human Resource, TOT Public Company Limited (Thailand)
4. Dr Eun-Ju **KIM**, Head, ITU Regional Office for Asia-Pacific (Bangkok)
5. Mr Dmitry **EPSTEIN** (Israel) and Member of the ITU Youth Forum Alumni

Wednesday, 3 September 2008	Youth Forum Elections and organization of Drafting Group for the Declaration and Action Plan
14:30 – 18:00	
YF.5 – Plenary Jupiter 11	

Thursday, 4 September 2008	Preparation and Finalization of Asia Youth Forum 2008 Declaration and Action Plan
14:30 to 18:00	
YF.6 – Plenary Jupiter 11	

Friday, 5 September 2008	Joint Forum, TDS and Youth Forum Closing Presentation of Asia Youth Forum 2008 Declaration
Time: 11h00 – 12h00	
Jupiter 4-5	

Friday, 5 September 2008	Workshop-1: Climate Change and Emergency Telecommunication
13:00 – 15:00	
YF.7- Workshop Jupiter 11	

ICT acts both as a cause of climate change and an important element in tackling this challenge. The key issues to mitigate the negative consequences of climate change are ways to reduce greenhouse gas emission, and ways to widely adopt climate friendly technologies. ICT also plays a very important role in monitoring the climate change by gathering and analysis of the data including aerial photography, satellite imaging, grid technology and GIPs for tacking slow, long term movement of glaciers and in computer modelling to assist the study on climate change.

Young people are leading creators and early adopters of information and communications technologies, but their engagement in ICT policy processes often suffers from lack of continuity, institutional support and capacity building opportunities. There is an urgent need to ensure participation of young people in the policy making process and to engage youth in putting ICTs to work in the development process mitigating the climate change.

Emergency telecommunications are a requirement under a number of national legislative frameworks. There is need for high quality communications services to assist disaster relief agencies in managing public safety and in minimizing risk to human life and property and to cover the necessary general public information and communication needs in such situations. IPTV (Internet Protocol Television) service is responding to this by implementing appropriate mechanisms. A number of activities related to public safety and disaster relief activities are currently being undertaken in a range of national, regional and international bodies.

The ITU framework of cooperation in Emergencies (IFCE), ITU Telecommunication Standards Advisory Group (TSAG), the Global Telecommunications Standards Collaboration (GTSC), the Asia-Pacific Standardization Program (ASTAP and various ETSI Technical Bodies (in relation to work on Next Generation Networks), all highlight the need for a coordinated approach to emergency communications.

ITU TELECOM ASIA 2008 Youth Fellows will discuss their role in preparing and providing facilities to their communities during and pre disasters.

Experts:

1. Mr Suha **ULGEN**, Coordinator, UN Geographic Information Working Group Secretariat (UNGIWG) UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
2. Ms Paola **DE SALVO**, Programme Officer, Geography Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS) Specialist, LDCs/Small Islands and Emergency Telecommunication Unit (ITU-BDT)
3. Mr Wisit **ATIPAYAKOON**, Specialist in Telecommunication Infrastructure Development (ITU-BDT)
4. Mr Roque Glenn **OMANIO**, Medical Reporter, Medical Tribune, CMP Medica, United Business Media (Singapore) and Member of ITU Youth Forum Alumni

Friday, 5 September 2008	Workshop-2: Building a socially responsible enterprise
13h00 to 15h00	
YF.7 – Parallel Workshop Room (to be identified)	

This workshop offers hands-on experience on how Youth Fellows can convert their ideas into sustainable, socially responsible for-profit and not-for profit businesses and programs. Accomplished entrepreneurs will introduce the fundamentals of developing business plans and will challenge youth to develop team proposals. This workshop has become a popular addition to ITU Youth Forum programs.

Experts:

1. Dr Norman **LEWIS**, Chief Strategy Officer, Wireless Grids Corporation (United States)
2. Mr Bosco Eduardo **FERNANDES**, Vice President, BU & IM Industry Relationship, Nokia Siemens Networks GmbH & Co. KG (Germany)
3. Ms Lis **DONNEZ**, Vice-President, EMEA, SAP AG (Switzerland)
4. Mr Bernard **SADAKA** (Lebanon), Member of the ITU Youth Forum Alumni