

Background Theme 4(b) ICT Applications

Pacific ICT Ministerial Forum: Connecting the
Unconnected

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ICT Applications in the Pacific

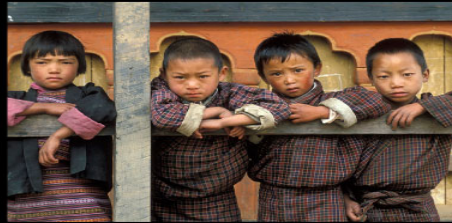
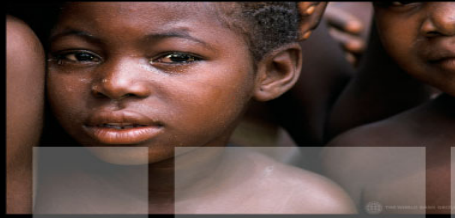
- A number of country and regional initiatives in particular in e-Education and e-Health
- Small number of e-Commerce activities
 - Limited economy of scale
 - Lack of access to Internet
 - Lack of familiarity and trust in electronic transactions
 - High cost of connectivity
- Overall e-Government performance has not improved
 - Slow economic development
 - Lack of infrastructure
 - Lack of funds and skilled people

Key Activities

- ITU Global Telecentres Portal
<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/telecentres/portal-index.html>
- Asia-Pacific Telecentre Network
<http://www.telecentre.org/>
- Pacific Telecentre Online Community (PacTOC)
- One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) Oceania
- ITU/SPC/Carnegie Mellon ICT Application Development Programme
- ESCAP Regional Cooperation Agenda (for comprehensive disaster management including the use of ICT applications)

Way Forwards

- Successful deployment of ICT applications requires
 - Political will [commitment]
 - National ICT Policy [strategies]
 - Comprehensive approach [holistic framework]
 - National implementation plan [roadmap]
- Abundant resources are available (Internet)
- Coordination and information & resource sharing



Thank You

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