

Youth Forum 2006 Declaration

Vision

We, the Youth Fellows of the ITU World Telecom 2006, envision a world of greater understanding and diversity, where ICTs are distributed more equitably and the choices and opportunities available to all are vastly improved.

Issues

The digital divide means that hundreds of millions of people do not have equal access to information, knowledge of the benefits of ICTs and the possibility of harnessing the full potential of ICTs in everyday life. These inequities are a consequence of diverse failings across multiple sectors that differ from country to country and region to region.

The Youth Forum of the ITU Telecom World 2006 has identified a set of common issues. They include, but are not limited to, inequities and inefficiencies in the areas of technology, regulation, communication and education within ICTs.

Actions

We, the Youth Fellows of the ITU World Telecom 2006, recognise that you can wait for change or you can initiate change. We are committed to initiating change. We will start with realisable actions that can be implemented in our home countries and regions in partnership with the ITU, governments, universities, companies and other bodies. We commit ourselves to the following actions and we hope you will follow:

Corporate Social Responsibility and ICTs

We wish to form a Fair Trade label specifically for ICTs with the aim of increasing the incentives for companies to act in more socially responsible ways.

Education and ICTs

We wish to establish 10 ICT clubs in universities on all continents by January 2008 with the aim of increasing awareness of and skills in ICTs.

Governments and ICTs

We wish to create by January 2008 a bi-annual electronic publication for all ICT stakeholders, in particular governments. It will be created and edited by youth and will provide a unique platform for our diverse views and ideas covering important issues such as regulation, entrepreneurship, infrastructure and accessibility, investment and regulation of content.