

WSIS-Second Preparatory Meeting February 17-28, 2003

Informal event organized by IRFD:

**Information Revolution, Digital Divide and
Development Paradox**

Date & Time: **14:00-17:00, February 20, 2003**

Venue: **Room 11, International Labor Organizations, United Nations,
Geneva, Switzerland**

Organizer: International Research Foundation for Development (IRFD)

Co-chairpersons: Dr. Vaslav Markevitch, IRFD Main Representative to the UN
Geneva Office (Moderator)
Dr. Lee-in Chen Chiu, Coordinator, IRFD East Asia Network.

Information Revolution, Digital Divide and Development Paradox: Global Framework for ICT
Policy Formulation (in Absentia)

Professor Neville S. Arachchige Don, President, International Research Foundation for
Development

Human Rights Education and the Information Society

Dr. Walther Lichem, Former Ambassador of Austria to Canada & a Board Member of
People's Movement for Human Rights Education

Transforming the Digital Divide into a Digital Opportunity

Dr. Ting-An Wang, Science and Technology Advisory Group,

Understanding the Society & Informative Agencies in the Developing World: A Focus on
Immigration and Asylum in the United Kingdom

Mrs. Bernadette Allen, Director, City Refuge International

Access to the State-Held Information Networks in Southern Africa: Challenges and Possibilities

Mr. Miguel Gomes Antonio, Coordinator, IRFD Southern African Network

The IRFD Contribution to Solving the Great ICT Digital Divide of Rich and Poor Aiming for a
Sustainable Global Labor & Energy Policy

Dr. Vaslav Markevitch, IRFD Main Representative to the UN Geneva Office, MARCO
VINCI Research-An Independent Think Tank- Geneva, & Member of International
Telecommunications Academy, Moscow, Russia

Development Paradox of Information Society in Asia -- National and Local Strategies.

Dr. Lee-in, Coordinator, IRFD East Asia Network.