



Sida panel discussion at WSIS Tunis

ICT for Poverty Alleviation

17 November 15:00-17:00

Room: Le Kef

Looking beyond WSIS Tunis, representatives from the public and private sectors will discuss concrete measures for enabling the use of ICT as a tool for poverty alleviation and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Panelists will discuss topics ranging from the integration of ICT into poverty reduction strategies and development cooperation to the development of a new business model for cheap rural mobile telephony. A new study on ICT as a basic tool and enabling sector for poverty alleviation will also be presented. The panel is organized by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), a partner in ICT for development since the late 1990s.

Panelists:

HE Eng. Albert Butare, Minister of State in charge of Energy and Communications, Ministry of Infrastructure, Republic of Rwanda

Rolf Carlman, Assistant Director General, Sida

Astrid Dufborg, Ambassador, Deputy Head of Sweden's Delegation to WSIS

Alan Greenberg, Senior Consultant, Greenberg ICT Services, Canada

Ulf Pehrsson, Vice President, Government Affairs & Regulations, Ericsson

Moderator:

Anders Granlund, Head of ICT for Development Secretariat, Sida

