Biography

Executive Director, G3ict – Global Initiative for Inclusive Technologies

Axel Leblois is President and co-Founder of W2i, the Wireless Internet Institute. Prior to creating W2i, Axel Leblois spent over 20 years at the helm of information technology companies in the United States including as CEO of Computerworld Communications, CEO of IDC – International Data Corporation, President of Bull HN Worldwide Information Systems – Formerly Honeywell Information Systems and CEO of ExecuTrain. Axel Leblois is a Senior Special Fellow of UNITAR, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, and founding trustee of its North American affiliate CIFAL Atlanta. Axel Leblois holds an MBA from INSEAD and is a graduate of Sciences Po Paris.

Over the past five years, W2i has developed programs with the United Nations ICT Task Force, InfoDev (World Bank) and UNITAR in the context of the World Summit on the Information Society. In 2006, the Steering Committee of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development selected W2i's proposal to form G3ict, the Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs in order to facilitate a multi-stakeholder dialogue on ICT accessibility issues and develop a knowledge base and best practices sharing platform in support of the implementation of the new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in matters of accessible and assistive ICTs.