



YOUTH FORUM LUNCH SESSIONS INVITATION

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TUESDAY, 4 MAY 2004

TOPIC: FUTURE OF MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

What role might mobile communications play in the future? What services will be most important? What influence will mobile have on economic growth, development and bridging the digital divide – nationally and internationally?

Young people have always been the first to see the potential of new technology. Despite the setbacks of the early 2000s which saw the Internet bubble burst, mobile growth has remained strong. Young consumers have helped bring more than a billion mobile phones into the world.

Innovation is fundamental to the success of the mobile industry and new services are being launched continuously – mobile picture, sound and video messaging is now a reality as is mobile Internet, e-mail and e-commerce, and more services are on their way.

Will this success and growth continue? Will it be threatened by commercial pressures such as the lack of availability of capital for investment? Will developing countries be left behind or is mobile one of their best chances, not only for connecting people to communications networks, but for economic growth and stability? What influence will governments have over the future development of mobile communications?

Vodafone will make a short presentation on its new services and major issues facing the industry before facilitating debate around questions including:

- What role do youth see as most important for mobile?
- What services do youth regard as most important?
- What would youth like to see next from mobile?

AGENDA	
12:45	Guests will take seats
13:00	Introduction to the Vodafone Services Limited (video presentation)
13:10	Introduction of Mr Stewart Dale White, Group Public Policy Director, Vodafone Group Services Limited
13:15	Welcome speech by Mr Stewart Dale White
13:30	Lunch
13:30 to 14:30	Discussion on the topic “Future of Mobile Communications” by Stephen Parry, International Institutions Manager, Group Public Policy, Vodafone Group Services Limited



WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY 2004

TOPIC: SATELLITE INDUSTRY OFFERS FAST TRACK TO THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

The World Summit on the Information Society held in Geneva this past December concluded that satellite systems hold unique advantages when it comes to providing access to information to and from virtually any location on the globe. In developing regions, today’s cost-effective, satellite-based solutions and services can be implemented in much less time – and at considerably less expense – than terrestrial infrastructure. In remote and rural regions where fibre connectivity is not financially or geographically feasible, satellite connectivity can be the only option.

As an added advantage, Fixed-Satellite Service operators (FSS) are acquiring ground infrastructure – teleports, fibre and points-of-presence – to complement their satellite resources. This new hybrid infrastructure enables FSS operators to do business better and more efficiently by offering end-to-end connectivity through the development of flexible portfolios of managed services that can meet an array of communications requirements.

In this session, conferees will hear about the latest developments and trends in the satellite industry, and learn how satellite-based solutions are used to connect people in areas ranging from the most densely populated urban centres to the most remote reaches of the earth.

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12:45	Guests will take seats
13:00	Introduction to Intelsat Global Services Corporation, LLC (video presentation)
13:10	Introduction of Mr David Meltzer, General Counsel and Senior Vice President, Corporate and Regulatory Affairs, Intelsat Global Services Corporation, LLC
13:15	Welcome speech by Mr David Meltzer
13:30	Lunch
13:30 to 14:30	Discussion on the topic “Satellite Industry Offers Fast Track to the Information Society”

