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OPEN DISCUSSIONS							

HIGH LEVEL PANELS



OPENING CEREMONY: ICTs FOR MDGs

18 May 2009, 09:00 - 11:00, Room B

ICTs have the power to accelerate progress towards the achievement of all Millennium Development Goals, and there are many possible ways to achieve this. The purpose of this high level panel is to draw attention to most important aspects for the ICT4D and to seek answers to the following questions: How can ICTs be used most effectively across a variety of sectors to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals? What can we learn from ICT projects in developing countries and transition economies about proper design, sustainability and impact of such interventions? What can be still done during the remaining 6 years?

Please note that the Opening Ceremony of the WSIS Forum 2009 will be interpreted into six UN languages.



ACCESSING KNOWLEDGE

18 May 2009, 14:30 - 16:00, ROOM B

Accessing Knowledge is key to social and economic development. The use of information and communication technologies offers new opportunities, but also risks increasing existing knowledge gaps, due to socio-economic, educational, cultural, language and other barriers. Disparities exist on the level of access to relevant information, as well as on the level of capacities to create, transform and share it.

The panellists will discuss different conception of what are ethical and innovative ways of sharing and creating knowledge.

The session will combine a mix of presentation and discussion in a multi-stakeholder set-up.

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.



FINANCIAL MECHANISMS IN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

19 May 2009, 9:00 - 11:00, Room B1

Both phases of the World Summit on Information Society highlighted the necessity of multi-stakeholders partnerships to ensure innovative solutions are designed and implemented to reduce the digital divide. Several of recommendations have been proposed and forwarded for implementation by government, private organizations, foundations, venture capitals and entrepreneurs, in order to develop ICT infrastructure, promote enabling environment, foster capacity building, develop and democratize ICT applications, etc. Even though many of them became successful, recent economic downturn puts their sustainability in question. The purpose of this session is to discuss in closer details implications recent financial crises with particular focus on the ICT sector development.

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.



HIGH LEVEL PANELS



CYBERSECURITY: CYBERTHREATS
19 May 2009, 14:30 - 16:00, Room B1

Today, the information society has become an integral part of modern societies, propelling the end user to the forefront of communication. Concurrently, sophisticated cyber threats persist and are constantly evolving. The vulnerabilities of ICTs have inevitably become a lure to cyber espionage, terrorism and warfare, posing serious threats to critical information infrastructure and to vulnerable groups such as children. The global and borderless nature of these threats and vulnerabilities require an international response and can only be adequately addressed through international cooperation.

At the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), world leaders entrusted ITU to take the lead in coordinating international efforts in building confidence and security in the use of ICTs, as the sole Facilitator of Action Line C5, "Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs". For this reason, on 17 May 2007, ITU Secretary-General launched the Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA) to provide a framework within which an international response to the growing threats and challenges can be coordinated and addressed. The GCA strives to engage all relevant stakeholders in a concerted effort to build confidence and security in the information society. To provide concrete activities towards curbing cyber threats at the global level, ITU and IMPACT entered into a formal collaboration dedicated to enhancing the global community's capacity to prevent, defend and respond to cyber threats.

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.





CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ICTS 20 May 2009, 09:00 - 11:00, Room B1

This High-Level Panel will provide panelists with an opportunity to exchange views on climate change by providing an overview of the role of ICTs in the wider context of the efforts by developed countries to implement the Kyoto Protocol and by all countries to commit to more ambitious reductions as part of the Bali Action Plan and negotiations under the UNFCCC.

Climate change is a concern for all humanity and requires efforts on the part of everyone, including the information and communication technologies (ICTs) sector. ICTs contribute an estimated 2.5 per cent of total greenhouse gases, and this share will grow as usage of ICTs expands at a faster rate than the general economy.

Although ICTs are part of the cause of global warming, they can also be part of the solution. ICTs play a vital role in monitoring changes in the climate, helping to identify new weather patterns and the extent of global warming. ICTs can also contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions produced by transportation and travel through the use of teleconferences and telecommunication technologies to work at home.

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.



HIGH LEVEL PANELS



ICT APPLICATIONS FOR BETTER LIFE

20 May 2009, **14:30 - 16:00**, Room B1

The rapid development of information and communication technologies (ICTs) is opening new opportunities to improve the life situation of people around the world. This High Level Panel concentrates on one of the most obvious examples: mobile telephony. With the developing world now accounting for two-thirds of all subscriptions, even in some rural areas in low-income countries, mobile penetration is on the rise, and the uptake is particularly fast among younger people. Other ICT developments are also worth highlighting, such as the growing popularity of social network in developing countries, the increased use of broadband and innovative solutions to e-transactions.

New ICTs and novel approaches to using them can create better living conditions in different ways. This session will focus on three areas: education, agriculture and business. Through an interactive, multistakeholder debate, special attention will be given to such mobile applications as m-learning, m-health, m-access, m-agriculture and m-business. The debate will serve as an introduction to the subsequent parallel action line facilitation meetings.

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.



FACILITATION MEETINGS



WSIS ACTION LINE C3 (ACCESS) AND C7 (E-SCIENCE)

18 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room B

This session will focus more specifically on opening access to scientific data and knowledge, building on the prior discussions of the High-Level Panel on Accessing Knowledge.

It is well recognized that science and technology are pillars of socio economic development and "knowledge societies" are societies that are scientifically informed. However, few universities and research institutions, particularly in developing countries, have full access to research, even if it was publicly financed.

This session will examine the role of open access to scientific knowledge in contributing to sustainable development and will discuss avenues for ongoing and future action in this field.

In addition, a short presentation of the newly launched WSIS community platform will share ways on how the Action Lines can best continue their discussions and work in between face-to-face meetings.

For more information please contact UNESCO

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.



■ ■ ■ ■ **WSIS ACTION LINE C8 (CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND
IDENTITY, LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY AND LOCAL CONTENT)**

18 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room A

This session will build on the prior discussions of the High-level Panel (HLP), possibly continuing discussions on cultural and linguistic diversity-issues for "Accessing Knowledge" (prior HLP). The provisional agenda also includes a short stock taking exercise, with a discussion about 2008 activities in the framework of C8 (strategy, objectives, functions, content the means and results of the International Year of Languages 2008 (IYL 2008)).

After this review, participants will also discuss possibilities for joint future activities: After a short presentation of the new WSIS community platform, the following questions could be discussed: What can be achieved through the new online platform? Is there room and real interest for effective collective team work, on what? Given the working methods already defined, how should the team, more concretely, apply these methods? The objective of this part of the meeting: is to define operational modalities for the next 12 months (functions, working methods and timeframe of the team work).

For more information please contact UNESCO

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.

FACILITATION MEETINGS



WSIS ACTION LINE C6 (ENABLING ENVIRONMENT)

19 May 2009, 11:00 - 12:30, Room B1

A fundamental role of ITU, strengthened by the World Summit on the Information Society (SIS) is to promote the creation of an enabling environment for the development of ICTs and for extending their benefits to all. Enacting an appropriate regulatory framework and establishing competition and investment incentives is essential with this regard. This will be the first meeting that ITU organizes in its role of lead facilitator on WSIS AL C6 after officially taking over the facilitation on this action line from UNDP in May 2008.

Countries around the world put forward efforts to create an enabling environment for investment and for ICT development. They are shaping policies based on the premise that providing access to basic and advanced telecommunications/ ICT services have a wide-ranging socio-economic rationale. In terms of reaping the benefits of ICTs, further discussion is needed on what the success factors of a competitive and inclusive market are and what the best mechanisms to spur competition and growth in the sector are, how to bring fresh investment in developing countries, and what is good regulation in the current circumstances of economic downturn.

For more information please contact ITU



■ ■ ■ ■ PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT

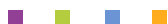
19 May 2009, 11:00 - 12:30, Room A

The demand for information and communication technology (ICT) statistics has risen sharply as countries recognize the benefits and potential of ICT as a tool for social and economic development. To reap the benefits of the rapidly changing information society, governments need to monitor and benchmark progress in ICT indicators with a view to designing and reviewing national policies and strategies. They also need to measure the impact of ICTs in their countries.

This event will first present a global overview of progress made towards measuring the information society and highlight recent work carried out by the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development to improve the availability of ICT data for effective ICT for development policy making. This will be followed by a panel debate on measuring the impact of ICTs on social and economic development, introduced by the OECD, leader of the Partnership Task Group on Measuring Impact.

For more information please contact ITU or UNCTAD

FACILITATION MEETINGS



WSIS ACTION LINE C5 (CYBERSECURITY)

19 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room B1

A fundamental role of ITU, following the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and the 2006 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference is to build confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs). At the second phase of WSIS in Tunis in 2005, ITU was entrusted to take the lead as the sole facilitator for Action Line C5, "Building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs)".

This meeting is intended to provide a forum for facilitating discussions on work carried out in the area of Cybersecurity under Action line C5. The meeting will broadly focus on the following themes:

- Need for mechanisms for better information sharing
- Identifying measures for progress
- Fostering global partnerships

For more information please contact ITU



WSIS ACTION LINE C10 (ETHICS)

19 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room T103

The introductory part of the Facilitation meeting will be devoted to reports on the implementation of this Action Line by the participants and on leading trends and developments in the field of Info-Ethics.

The core deliberations will aim at covering the planned follow up initiatives by stakeholders regarding:

Steps for promoting further respect for peace and to uphold the fundamental values of freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance, shared responsibility, and respect for nature.

Efforts by stakeholders in order to increase their awareness of the ethical dimension of their use of ICT.

Measures taken in order to promote the common good, protect privacy and personal data and take appropriate actions and preventive measures, as determined by law, against abusive uses of ICT.

Encouragement of relevant stakeholders, especially the academia, to continue research on ethical dimensions of ICT.

For more information please contact UNESCO

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.

FACILITATION MEETINGS



WSIS ACTION LINE C9 (MEDIA)
19 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room A

The facilitation meeting will concentrate on the follow up implementation review of the salient developments in the field of media, particularly.

Promoting the freedom of expression, press freedom and legislation that guarantees the independence and plurality of the media.

- Contributing to media development and capacity building.
- Media Literacy Education.
- Community Media and Community Multimedia Centres.

The discussion will be based on the multistakeholders' implementation report provided by UNESCO in its quality of moderator of Action Line C9: Media, for which the Organization was designated as sole facilitator; as well as on the reports by Divina Frau-Meigs, Vice-President of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), on the activities of the sub-group on Media Literacy Education and Mr. Steve Buckley, President of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC), on activities of the second sub-group area: Community Media and Community Multimedia Centres.

For more information please contact UNESCO

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.



REGIONAL COMMISSIONS
19 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room B2

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the follow-up on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes at the regional level. Session will include the contributions of the representatives of the UN Regional Commissions, followed by a general discussion.



WSIS ACTION LINES C1-C7-C11
20 May 2009, 11:00 - 12:30, Room B2

Action Line C1: The Role of Public Governance Authorities and all Stakeholders in the Promotion of ICT for development;
Action Line C7: ICT applications - e-government;
Action Line C11: International and Regional Cooperation

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs invites to the fourth Facilitation Meeting on implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

Participants will exchange information and discuss progress in implementing three of 11 WSIS Action Lines: The Role of Public Governance Authorities and all Stakeholders in the Promotion of ICT for development (Action Line C1); ICT applications - e-government (Action Line C7); International and Regional Cooperation (Action Line C11).

The purpose of the Fourth Facilitation Meeting, which is open to all stakeholders from the public and private sectors, the civil society, and the international organizations, is to inform the participants of the meetings on the respective sub group's activities and to provide a platform to exchange information and experiences; to identify the proprietary areas for implementation within the Action Lines; and to create synergies among different stakeholders for more effective knowledge sharing and collaboration in order to ensure the implementation of WSIS at the international, regional and national levels.

For more information please contact DESA

FACILITATION MEETINGS



WSIS ACTION LINE C7 (E-ENVIRONMENT)

20 May 2009, 11:00 - 12:30, Room B1

Environmental issues are increasingly at the fore of public concerns. The increased rate of natural disasters, affecting millions of people and producing large economic losses each year, has underscored the need for both developing and developed countries to take action on climate change.

Information and communications technologies (ICTs) and applications can significantly contribute to mitigate climate change. They provide energy efficient alternatives to reduce carbon emissions produced by the ICT industry and those of other sectors; they help monitor, learn about and protect the environment, and are a valuable tool for the sustainable use of natural resources.

This facilitation meeting on WSIS Action Line C7-e-Environment will provide a forum for discussing initiatives undertaken by diverse stakeholders to support the responsible use of ICTs for environmental action. It will also introduce a tool, developed by the International Telecommunication Union, to support Member States assess their level of e-Environment readiness.

For more information please contact ITU



FACILITATION MEETINGS



WSIS ACTION LINE C2 (ICT INFRASTRUCTURE)

20 May 2009, 11:00 - 12:30, Room C2

Pursuant to the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, ITU is playing a facilitating role for the implementation of the WSIS Action Line C2: Information and Communication Infrastructure. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the work carried out in the area of ICT Infrastructure under Action Line C2 and the way forwards.

The meeting will focus on three main aspects:

- ICT infrastructure development: Progress and challenges
- Facilitation activities oriented towards WSIS Connectivity Goals
- Way forwards

For more information please contact ITU



WSIS ACTION LINE C4: CAPACITY BUILDING

20 May 2009, 11:00 - 12:30, Room A

The WSIS output on capacity building emphasized that “Each person should have the opportunity to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge in order to understand, participate actively in, and benefit fully from, the Information Society and the knowledge economy.” Today, ICT learning and development is clearly at a crossroads with new thinking, new expectations, and new demands at play.

- First, broader and broadband connectivity is changing the nature and emphasis of learning (e.g., wide availability of extensive ‘open education resources’).
- Second, new Web 2.0 and social networking tools allow far more interactivity and internationally collaborative learning environments.
- Third, there are new demands in rapidly shifting markets with most training needs identified as time-critical. During this session, some of the key changes taking place since WSIS to capacity building on ICTs and how ICTs are used in learning and development will be discussed followed by a plenary debate.

For more information please contact ITU

FACILITATION MEETINGS



WSIS ACTION LINE C7 (E-LEARNING)

20 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room B1

Mobile Learning : Effective Learning on Portable devices.

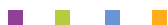
While the mobile phone is the most widely distributed information device available to citizens around the world, challenges remain: technical (e.g screen and key size, multiple standards), socio-economic (e.g. privacy, cost barriers) and educational (e.g. m-learning theory, repurposing e-learning materials).

The e-learning Action Line meeting will build on the prior discussion of the High-Level Panel with a particular focus on mobile or m-learning. It will also be a continuation of the 2008 low-cost ICT devices session.

Many educational mobile learning uses have been explored: from low-cost mass learning opportunities through SMS, to edutainment, to data gathering (surveys, exams, questionnaires) to administrative and learning support, with very different mobile devices.

For more information please contact UNESCO

English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.



WSIS ACTION LINE C7: E-AGRICULTURE

20 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room B2

Mobile Telephony in Rural Areas - e-agriculture Mobile phones are a success story in relation to bridging the rural digital divide, bringing tangible economic benefits and acting as agents of social mobilization through improved communication.

Part of the Facilitation meeting will report the ways in which mobile telephones are now being used by a wide variety of actors in agriculture and rural



development to communicate and share knowledge for livelihood-related tasks, and also the ways in which the role of this technology could be enhanced. This will be an interactive session.

For more information please contact FAO



**WSIS ACTION LINE C7 E-BUSINESS &
POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

20 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room C2

That information and communications technology (ICT) is important for economic and social development is today widely acknowledged. Nonetheless, the specific links between ICT and poverty alleviation remain little studied. This meeting will focus on how e-business can help reduce the negative aspects of poverty.

The discussion will seek answers to such questions as:

- What are the main ways in which greater use of ICT by businesses can reduce poverty?
- What ICT applications (mobile telephony, PCs, the Internet) may be the most effective in this regard?
- What role can governments; international agencies and other stakeholders play?
- How to ensure that e-business and ICT are properly reflected into development assistance programmes?

For more information please contact UNCTAD, ITC

FACILITATION MEETINGS



WSIS ACTION LINE FACILITATORS MEETING

22 May 2009, 09:00 - 12:30, Room B

In this context, and pursuant to Article 109 of the Tunis Agenda, the forth meeting of WSIS Action Line Facilitators will take place within the framework of the WSIS Forum 2009. The purpose of the meeting is in particular to assess the general progress made, as well as to identify measures to strengthen the overall Action Line process. All Facilitators of WSIS Action Lines are invited to the meeting. Other WSIS stakeholders are also welcome to participate

For more information please contact ITU, UNDP, UNESCO, UNCTAD

UNGIS MEETING



UNGIS MEETING

22 May 2009, 14:00 - 18:00, Room E

The meeting of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) will provide an opportunity to advance the group's objective of coordinating substantive and policy issues facing the United Nations system's implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS. Following the adoption of GA Resolution A/RES/62/208, which refers to "Strengthening UN role in facilitating access of developing countries to new and emerging technologies", the group will also plan concrete actions to respond to the decision of the High-Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) to expand the mandate of UNGIS.

The meeting is open to UNGIS members only. For more information please see www.ungis.org



United Nations Group
on the Information Society

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

■ ■ ■ ■ **OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE WSIS COMMUNITY PLATFORM**
18 May 2009, 13:30 - 14:30, Room A

The launch of the WSIS online community will give participants the opportunity to learn about this great Open Source tool with possibilities to share information and files, network, discuss and much more: Users can create their own dashboards, including twitters and other applications... The launch will include a presentation of main features and highlights, and we will also collect your ideas on how to use it. If you have a very specific question, you will have the opportunity to meet the developers there too...

Please take a sneak preview already now at: www.wsis-community.org .

For more information please contact UNESCO
English and French interpretation will be made available for this meeting.

■ ■ ■ ■ **CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION INITIATIVE**
18 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room C2

The "Child Online Protection (COP)" side-event will provide the WSIS community with information on the Child Online Protection Initiative and will present the Draft Guidelines for policy-makers, industry, parents, guardians, educators, and children on child online safety.

For more information please contact UNCTAD, ITU

■ ■ ■ ■ **PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CYBER-EXPLOITATION**
19 May 2009, 11:00 - 13:00, Room B2

The side-event on "Protecting Children from Cyber-exploitation" will provide an overview of activities related to child online protection from different stakeholders and will aim at identifying further actions to be undertaken within the COP Initiative aimed at providing assistance to ITU Membership.



■ ■ ■ ■ **CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES**
19 May 2009, 13:00 - 14:30, Room A

In collaboration with other key stakeholders, the private sector can play an important role in building child online protection programs. In this session, the GSMA and the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children will review two noteworthy initiatives: The Mobile Alliance Against Child Sexual Abuse Content and the Financial Coalition Against Child Pornography.

For more information please contact GSMA, ICMEC

■ ■ ■ ■ **RESEARCH4LIFE**
20 May 2009, 12:30 - 13:00, Room A

Three programmes – HINARI, AGORA and OARE – from Research4Life provide developing countries with free or low cost access to academic and professional peer-reviewed content online. The Research4Life programmes constitute a public-private partnership between WHO, FAO, UNEP, Cornell and Yale Universities, more than 130 science publishers led by the International Association of STM Publishers, and technology partner Microsoft. The partnership's goal is to contribute to the attainment of six of the UN's eight Millennium Development Goals, by reducing the gap in scientific knowledge between industrialized countries and the developing world.

This will be an interactive presentation, where the audience can take a virtual walk through a 'have not and have' experience of what it is like to be in a scientist in a developing country, the challenges of accessing and affording the latest scientific information, and how innovative partnerships, such as Research4Life is making this access and affordability happen.

For more information please contact AGORA , HINARI, OARE

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS



OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE ITU ACADEMY 20 May 2009, 14:00 - 14:30, Room A

ITU Academy <http://academy.itu.int> will be a common platform and repository of all know-how and ICT training materials developed and delivered by the ITU. Through a harmonized approach to instructional design, improved media-rich presentation and quality standards, we plan to better leverage the use and reuse of the extensive ICT information and training resources available at the ITU.

Benefits include providing more flexibility for learners and curricula tutors, multiple learning paths for a wide range of learners (ranging from 15 minute guides to in-depth training), and a consistent and more structured approach to ITU's capacity building activities – whether delivered face-to-face or through e-learning.

ITU Academy also integrates multiple languages and Web 2.0 social networking and collaboration tools (e.g., forums, wikis, blogs, etc.) to support our capacity building activities. It also provides support for our network of partners (e.g., ITU's Centres of Excellence), strengthening their institutional capacity to deliver world class know-how and expertise in specialized telecommunications and ICT training.

For more information please contact ITU



E-GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY AND MDGS IMPLEMENTATION

21 May 2009, 09:00 - 17:30 (4 sessions), Room B2

The Meeting will review and analyze approaches and best practices in understanding what constitutes e-government and PPPs and how to characterize e-government and PPPs in countries worldwide in order to assess the issues and challenges



countries face as they advance in developing their e-government programmes for an accelerated e-service delivery, as well as to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Meeting will focus on the transfer and exchange of ideas from multi-stakeholders to further discussions on e-government and PPPs, as well as address issues of e-service delivery within the ambit of e-government. This Meeting will provide an opportunity to bring together a multidisciplinary international group to further evolve the holistic framework for the assessments of e-government and PPPs worldwide.

For more information please contact DESA, ITU



ENHANCING GLOBAL POLICING CAPABILITIES

21 May 2009, 09:00 - 11:00, Room C2

For more information please contact INTERPOL



EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL ICT PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS EXAMPLES FROM BANGLADESH

21 May 2009, 09:00 - 11:00, Room B1

This interactive session will focus on the vital role of the Public Private Partnerships for the ICT sector development. Series of examples of successful ICT projects will be presented and discussed in details. The opening presentation will focus on ICT as a Vehicle to Meet the Information and Basic Service Needs of Farmers and Small Entrepreneurs: A look at Rural Bangladesh.

For more information please contact Katalyst

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS



LIBRARIES DRIVING ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE

21 May 2009, 11:00 - 12:30, Room B2

The goal of this session is to explain the concept of libraries as the driving engines behind access to knowledge, and to introduce brief presentations (some on video) on groundbreaking library activities around the world that are redefining what libraries can do for their users in the digital age. The aim of the session is to make participants aware of what libraries are doing, and to have an open discussion on how libraries might partner with other organisations to innovate and use new technologies at a local level to increase access to knowledge.

For more information please contact IFLA, SLIR, AILIS



CONNECTING TO THE FUTURE: REACHING CHILDREN IN NEED THROUGH NEW TECHNOLOGIES

21 May 2009, 11:00 - 12:30, Room C2

In this workshop Child Helpline International and Childline UK will show the latest developments in information and mobile technologies for children, future developments that will take place and what their impact on our lives and children's lives will be. With examples from the field Childline UK will show how mobile and information technologies are used in their daily work to provide assistance to children who are in need.

Developments in new information and mobile internet technologies are moving very fast. Children are always amongst the first adaptors of new kinds of technologies. They provide great opportunities but also pose some risks to children.

Child helplines are active all around the world in a spectrum of circumstances with various levels of technological infrastructure and economic development. In all



these countries child helplines use an array of methods to reach children that are in need of assistance. Child helplines are always using innovative ways to do this.

For more information please contact CHI



**ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA –
OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES**
21 May 2009, 14:30 - 17:30, Room B1

The purpose of this interactive session is to address the opportunities and challenges created by the ICTs as substantial determinant of development. Presentations will be provided by key speakers and practitioners of ICT4D from India. The discussions will be moderated by the knowledge management team, and will be organized around the following themes:

- Website Accessibility Standards: An Indian Perspective
- Emerging Technology for Development in India
- E governance in India
- Measurement indicators for ICT for development assessment in a developing nation

For more information please contact UNESCO

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS



BRIDGING STANDARDIZATION GAP
21 May 2009, 14:30 - 16:00, Room C2

Development of global standards is a vital prerequisite of the ICT sector expansion. Nevertheless continued shortage of human resources in the standardization field in developing countries and the costs for face to face meetings in Geneva results in a low level of developing-country participation in the standards-making process. Recognizing this gap the ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), that took place in Johannesburg in October 2008, revised Resolution 44, and approved some new resolutions such as Moreover a big effort is made to bring ITU-T to the regions, increasing tremendously the regional presence by means of SG and rapporteurs meetings in the regions and set out a detailed action plan for addressing the standardization gap and for implementing Resolution 123 (Antalya-06). The purpose of this session is to draw attention to the importance of broad participation in the standardization-processes and discuss set of actions oriented towards:

- Enhanced participation of developing countries in the standards development process
- Maximization of the developing countries' profit from access to new technology development
- Assurance that the specific requirements of the developing countries are taken into account in the development of standards and for interoperability issues

For more information please contact ITU



TERRITORIES OF TOMORROW 21 May 2009, 16:00 - 17:30, Room C2

The session is organized around three major axes :

1. Living Labs and breaking territorial innovation (under Laura Garcia Vitoria aegis)

First part will present as well Territories of Tomorrow living Lab in Saint Laurent de Neste, Privas, Strasbourg, Peyresq and Draguignan, but also Mediterranean Living Labs and the creation of the Euro-Mediterranean network following documents issued in Malaga and Malta meetings, but also in preparing the Spanish presidency, in which a large French cooperation is forecast, as well as in the framework of the Union for the Mediterranean . The process to allow all network members – and of course their partners – to present proposals in the future calls, will be presented, in order to develop their projects and actions

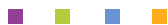
2. European New Technologies Centers, an international network of « villages » created ex nihilo for numeric activities in order to improve life quality . (Jean-Claude Vich)

European New Technologies Centers will be presented in their approach as engines for the tomorrow knowledge society, but also through their first realisations in the cities community of Privas in Ardeche (France).

3. Creation of a knowledge and innovation community around information society of tomorrow. (André Jean-Marc Loechel)

This community will gather all research potentials of all actors and their specifics networks by creating a large innovation and knowledge community inside the framework of the European Institute of Technology.

For more information please contact TOTF



WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY: PROTECTING CHILDREN IN CYBERSPACE 18 May 2009, 09:30 - 11:00, Room B

World Telecommunication Day has been celebrated annually on 17 May since 1969, marking the founding of ITU and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865. It was instituted by the Plenipotentiary Conference in Malaga-Torremolinos in 1973. In November 2005, the World Summit on the Information Society called upon the UN General Assembly to declare 17 May as World Information Society Day to focus on the importance of ICT and the wide range of issues related to the Information Society raised by WSIS. The General Assembly adopted a resolution (A/RES/60/252) in March 2006 stipulating that World Information Society Day shall be celebrated every year on 17 May.

In November 2006, the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey, decided to celebrate both events on 17 May as World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. The updated Resolution 68 invites Member States and Sector Members to celebrate the day annually by organizing appropriate national programmes with a view to:

- stimulating reflection and exchanges of ideas on the theme adopted by the Council
- debating the various aspects of the theme with all partners in society
- formulating a report reflecting national discussions on the issues underlying the theme, to be fed back to ITU and the rest of its membership

Since the conclusion of the WSIS in November 2005, the World Day has been marked by a high-profile ceremony that includes the presentation of the ITU World Telecommunication and Information Society Award to distinguished laureates for their contribution towards building an inclusive and more equitable Information Society. This year, the awards focus on eminent personalities who have contributed to protecting children in cyberspace.





MESSAGE FROM MR BAN KI-MOON, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL



World Telecommunication and Information Society Day marks the founding of the International Telecommunication Union on 17 May 1865, and commemorates its role in connecting the world. Over the past two decades, the Internet has been transformed into an unmatched global resource that spans the worlds of knowledge and entertainment. Now with more than 600 million users in Asia, 130 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 50 million in Africa, it is an ever-expanding means of communication. It lies at the fulcrum of our increasingly interconnected and networked societies, driving the world's economies, fostering trade and commerce and promoting better health care, food production and education. With these tremendous strides, safeguarding the Internet's vital systems and infrastructures against

attack by cybercriminals has taken on great importance.

The theme of this year's observance is "Protecting Children in Cyberspace".

Children and young people are among the most prolific users of the Internet and mobile devices. As they surf through cyberspace seeking information and entertainment and building social networks, they are also among the most vulnerable to exploitation. Without safeguards, their precious lives are at grave risk in the vicious world of cybercriminals and paedophiles that prey on easy targets.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes the right to education and access to information, as well as the right to engage in play and recreational activities. The Convention also accords the child protection against all forms of exploitation and inducement to engage in any unlawful activity. It is



our duty to ensure that the provisions of the Convention are applied rigorously so that children can safely access the Internet and other online resources without fear of falling prey to unscrupulous predators.

The virtual world has exciting possibilities for nurturing children and helping them grow into creative, productive adults. But we must mind the pitfalls that could scar them for life. I urge policy makers and industry leaders to find the means to make the rapidly evolving virtual world safe for everyone.

Ban Ki-moon
UN Secretary-General



MESSAGE FROM DR HAMADOUN I. TOURÉ, ITU SECRETARY-GENERAL



Cyberspace is the nursery for young minds to grow and expand their horizons. It is the font of knowledge and information in the digital age and the incubator of fresh ideas and new innovations.

Yet, cyberspace has its challenges. As children and teenagers venture into the wide open world of cyberspace, surfing the Internet, imbibing its encyclopaedic breadth of content, accessing video libraries, entering chat rooms and building social networks, they are exposed to certain elements of society that we would shun in the real world. Evidence suggests that more and more children are willing to share personal information about themselves and their family online in exchange for goods and services and unfortunately many children are being targeted by predators or paedophiles each year.

Protecting children in cyberspace is clearly our duty. That is why ITU together with other UN agencies and partners launched the Child Online Protection (COP) initiative — an integral part of ITU's Global Cybersecurity Agenda. COP is in line with our mandate to strengthen cybersecurity and has been established as an international collaborative network for action to promote the online protection of children and young people worldwide.

At ITU, we take the issue of child online protection very seriously, and this year the theme for World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is **Protecting Children in Cyberspace**. It will influence our work not only on the Day but throughout the year and in the future as well.



The Internet and the growing convergence in online applications and mobile devices are global resources that must be allowed to flourish for the common good. We must endeavour to make cyberspace a safe, healthy and productive environment for our children.

We celebrate World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2009 knowing that we have set forth a strong momentum to make cyberspace a safer place for our children where every child can harness the full potential of ICTs, and where every citizen on this planet can exercise the right to access, use, create and share information.

Let us resolve to protect our children in cyberspace and promote their inalienable rights to access information and knowledge in a safer and more secure environment.

Dr Hamadoun I. Touré
ITU Secretary-General

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WORLD INFORMATION SOCIETY AWARD 2009 LAUREATES



H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
President of the Federative Republic of Brazil



Ms. Deborah Taylor Tate
Former FCC Commissioner, USA



Mr. Robert G. Conway
CEO, GSM Association



This year, to mark World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, ITU Council adopted the theme: "Protecting children in cyberspace".

At WSIS, ITU was entrusted by leaders of the international community with Action Line C5: "building confidence and security in the use of ICTs". The WSIS outcomes also specifically recognized the needs of children and young people and their protection in cyberspace. The Tunis Commitment recognized "the role of information and communication technologies (ICT) in the protection of children and in enhancing the development of children" as well as the need to "strengthen action to protect children from abuse and defend their rights in the context of ICT".

Child Online Protection (COP) Initiative is a multi-stakeholder coalition developed under the framework of ITU's broad-reaching Global Cybersecurity Agenda, and dedicated to the protection of children online.

This initiative has been established as an international collaborative network for action to promote the online protection of children and young people worldwide by providing guidance on safe online behaviour in conjunction with other UN agencies and partners.

The need for COP is clear. A decade ago, there were just 182 million people using the Internet globally — and almost all of them lived in the developed world. By early 2009, however, there were over 1.5 billion Internet users worldwide, and more than 400 million of them had access to broadband. With over 600 million users in Asia, 130 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 50 million in Africa, the Internet is a growing common resource — vastly increasing the dangers online, especially for children.

Children everywhere have the right to a safe environment, even when that environment is a cyber one. The connection may be virtual, but the dangers are all too real.

The theme of this year's WTISD aims at ensuring that children can safely access the Internet and its valuable resources without fear of falling prey to unscrupulous predators in cyberspace.

For more information on WTISD related events, please see Thematic Workshops (p28)

SPEED EXCHANGES



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Every day, lunch break, Montbrillant restaurant

Speed exchanges represent a new alternative to promote the importance of interactivity and stakeholder involvement. The main goal of this sessions depict a transcendental opportunity to exchange information on the critical issues for the WSIS implementation addressed during the high level sessions, WSIS action line facilitation meetings and others.

Speed exchanges will take place every day during the lunch time in the dedicated space of the Montbrillant Restaurant. Thematic tables will facilitate the participants to start direct interaction with other WSIS Stakeholders.



KICK OFF MEETINGS



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WSIS Forum 2009 aims at facilitating networking among the WSIS stakeholders interested in joining forces and launching implementation related initiatives or projects.

Should you look for partners for your new initiative or wish further develop you on-going project submit your request for space for Kick-off meeting to be held during the WSIS Forum 2009.





INVITATION



On the occasion of the WSIS Forum 2009 the organizers

ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD

have the pleasure of inviting the Forum's participants
to a reception
kindly sponsored by SUN Microsystems,
which will be held

**on Monday, 18 May 2009, at 18:00 hours
in Montbrillant Restaurant, ITU Headquarters**

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