



## Summary of the C3/C7 e-Science Interactive Facilitation Meeting (IFM)

### Open Access to Scientific Information

Organised by UNESCO  
Monday 10 May 2010, 16:00 – 17:30, Room L

#### Description

The purpose of the C3/C7 e-Science Meeting was to highlight the role of science and technology for attaining peace, poverty eradication, sustainable development and promoting a dialogue among different cultures and knowledge systems.

The interactive meeting attracted 40 delegates and provided updates on achieving the e-Science objectives as well as significant upcoming initiatives and key global events. The speakers delivered comprehensive presentations and the moderator facilitated many lively questions from the audience.

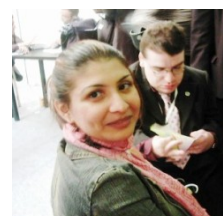
In his opening remarks, Mr. [Indrajit Banerjee](#), UNESCO reminded delegates that increased equitable access to scientific and technical knowledge and basic services through appropriate technologies, lead to better living standards, especially for the excluded segments of societies.



Marco Zennaro, Abdus Salam [International Centre for Theoretical Physics](#) (ICTP), [Open Academic Webcasting](#)



Sonia Abdellatif Jellibi, President, Tunisian Association for Scientific Research Assistance over the Net (Atarsnet), Tunisia, and Mr. Karim Chine, Directeur de Cloud Era Ltd, *Open Science in the cloud, towards a platform for knowledge sharing and digital solidarity*



[Abel Caine](#), spoke on the UNESCO [Open Access](#) Programme which promotes free access to scholarly information published in peer-reviewed journals. Open Access encourages authors, researchers and scientists to submit their scholarly and scientific work to journals where their work is used by others freely with worldwide right of access to, and a license to copy, use, distribute, transmit and display the work publicly and to make and distribute derivative works, in any digital medium for any responsible purpose, subject to proper attribution of authorship. UNESCO is also encouraging publishers to bring out publications in OA. Scientists and institutions are encouraged by UNESCO to publish their research, especially if it was funded by public funds, in Open Access repositories.



UNESCO is developing a Global Open Access Portal that would list the major organizations, initiatives, policies, and practices. Combined with capacity-development workshops, the intention is to connect national research initiatives and higher education institutions to existing Open Access initiatives and more importantly to develop dynamic and sustainable local Open Access repositories to share their scientific knowledge.

The meeting was organized by the UNESCO Communication and Information (CI) Sector. Contact for follow-up questions can be directed to:

Mr. [Indrajit Banerjee](#)  
Director  
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## Speaker Profiles

**Marco Zennaro:** received his MSc Degree in Electronic Engineering from University of Trieste in Italy. His research interest is in ICT4D, the use of ICT for Development. He is one of the authors of “Wireless Networking in the Developing World”, which has been translated in 6 languages, and of “Science Dissemination using Open Access”, available in english and spanish. He has been giving lectures on Wireless technologies in many African countries.

**Sonia Abdellatif Jellibi** is:

- The President founder of the Tunisian Association for scientific research assistance over the net Atars'net [www.atarsnet.org.tn](http://www.atarsnet.org.tn)
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**Karim Chime** is a Software architect and a social entrepreneur based in Cambridge. Karim held positions at various academic institutions including Imperial College London and the European Bioinformatics Institute. Prior to that, he worked during five years for Industry in France at IBM/ILOG and at Schlumberger. Karim has been involved during the last few years with the UK e-Science program. He collaborated with the most important UK e-Science centers and he is a member of the European Commission's panel of experts for the FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES. His interests include the virtualization of scientific computing environments and the use of cloud computing for research and education. He is the author of the Elastic-R platform and he has been an invited speaker at numerous universities all over the world and at various international conferences. Karim is an “Ingénieur Polytechnicien” and an “Ingénieur des Telecommunications” from respectively the French Ecole Polytechnique and ENST Paris.

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