

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. GOOD AFTERNOON, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE JOINING US OUTSIDE OF THE TIME ZONE HERE IN GENEVA. GOOD EVENING. WELCOME TO SESSION 7. BOTH TO THOSE WHO ARE ONSITE AND ONLINE. WE ARE BROADCASTING LIVE IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO IPU WEB CAST, YOU CAN ALSO JOIN US THERE. THIS SESSION'S FOCUS IS ON INCLUSIVENESS, ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE FOR ALL. BRIDGING DIGITAL DIVIDES. FOR MY FRIENDS AND THOSE WHO KNOW ME, I'M NEVER LOST FOR WORDS AND I'M SO PRO FUSE WITH WORDS. TODAY WE HAVE A FULL SET OF PANELISTS. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT WE HEAR FROM THEM. BUT THEY ALSO KNOW THEY HAVE TO LIMIT THEIR TIME TO FIVE MINUTES AND NO MORE THAN THAT. WE HAVE 40 SPEAKERS AFTER THIS PANEL AND WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO BE THE FIRST PANEL. WE DON'T WANT TO IMPERAL THE 40 OTHER PANELISTS HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES FOR. SO LET'S GO ON WITH THE DISCUSSIONS. I WILL NOW CALL ON OUR FACILITATOR, MR. PAUL DONOHOE, THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AND TRADE COORDINATOR OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION OF SWITZERLAND. HE WILL PROVIDE CONTEXT TO THE SESSION AND INFORM HOW THE ACTION LINES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED BY HIS AGENCY. MR. DONOHOE.

>> PAUL DONOHOE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD MORNING, GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ITU FOR THE INVITATION TO JOIN THIS PANEL. IT'S NICE TO SEE SO MANY MINISTRIES, REGULATORY AUTHORITIES WHERE POST AND TELECOMS ARE HERE TODAY. I'M FROM THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION AND WE ARE KEY AGENCY IN WSIS FOR C-7 A BUSINESS AND WE FOLLOW THIS ACTION LINE VERY

CLOSELY AS WELL.

LET ME FIRST CONGRATULATE THE WINNERS OF THE WSIS PRIZES FROM YESTERDAY AND CONGRATULATE -- WHO WON AWARD FOR MOBILE APPLICATION.

WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE DIVERSITY OF SERVICES NOW BEING OFFERED BY A NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

THIS HIGH-LEVEL POLICY SESSION IS FOCUSED ON INCLUSIVENESS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION.

ISSUES LINKED TO MANY ACTION LINES AND SDGs AS PART OF WSIS. ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE COVERS MANY THINGS. ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION, ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES, MULTI PURPOSE COMMUNITY, PUBLIC ACCESS POINTS, OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE, PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MANY OF THESE VERY ACTIVELY FOLLOWED BY THE POSTAL SECTOR AND BY THE UPU WHO WE REPRESENT ALL OF THE POSTAL OPERATORS AND POSTAL SECTOR AROUND THE WORLD.

IN TERMS OF THE ACTIONS AND THE ACTIVITIES, POSTAL OPERATORS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY PARTICULARLY FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE.

THE UPU HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN CAMPAIGNS FOR HIV AND AIDES. A DECADE AGO THROUGH ZIKA CAMPAIGNS LED WITH THE WHO FIVE OR SIX YEARS AGO.

AND MOST RECENTLY, WE HAVE WORKED WITH OUR UN PARTNERS AND GOVERNMENTS TO USE THE POSTAL NETWORK TO BRING INFORMATION ON PANDEMICS TO THE PUBLIC BY MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION, TRANSLATED INFORMATION IN LOCAL LANGUAGES AND PROVIDE A TRAINING TO STAFF AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

SO IN DOING SO, WE HAVE LEVERAGED ACCESS TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST NETWORKS WITH OVER 650,000 POST OFFICES. AND MORE THAN -- EMPLOYEES. WITH OTHER PARTNERS, WE'RE INTENDING TO PREPARE CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. AGAIN, USING THE PROXIMITY OF THE POSTAL NETWORK AS AN

OUTREACH NETWORK TO ENSURE ALL OF THOSE WHO ARE GETTING CONNECTED THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OVER THIS WEEK CAN BE EDUCATED TO BE SAFE ONLINE AS WELL.

AND SO THAT'S AN INTERESTING DIVERSIFICATION OF THE SERVICES THAT CAN BE OFFERED THROUGH NETWORKS.

LET ME TURN TO ANOTHER ELEMENT OF THIS ACTION LINE AND THAT IS ACCESS, PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS. POST OFFICES PROVIDE PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS SERVICES AROUND THE WORLD.

I MENTIONED THERE ARE OVER 650,000 POST OFFICES AS PART OF THE GLOBAL POSTAL NETWORK. AND OVER 100,000 OF THOSE POST OFFICES PROVIDE PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS POINTS TO ALLOW THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET.

BUT NOT JUST ACCESS TO INTERNET, ALSO TO SERVICE.

AND THIS IS WHERE THE REAL VALUE OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY COMES IS WHEN PEOPLE CAN USE THIS CONNECTIVITY FOR REAL VALUE TO THEIR LIVES.

AND THAT REQUIRES ACCESS TO SKILLS, NOT JUST TO TECHNOLOGY AND CONNECTIVITY.

AND SO, WE BELIEVE WITH ONLY 100,000 PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS POINTS THROUGH THAT NETWORK, THERE IS MORE POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF THIS FOOTPRINT TO ENHANCE INCLUSIVENESS ACROSS THE WORLD.

MY LAST POINT ON THIS IS RELATED TO THIS POLICY SESSION ON THE DIGITAL DIVIDE.

I MENTIONED OF THE 650,000 POST OFFICES WORLDWIDE AND THEY ARE IN URBAN, RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES, ONLY 225,000 ARE CONNECTED TO THE NETWORK.

TO THE INTERNET.

SO, AGAIN, THAT'S ONLY 34% OF THE POST OFFICES ARE CONNECTED. TWO THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S POSTAL OUT WORKS REMAIN UNCONNECTED. THIS WAS PART OF THE GENEVA DECLARATION, A CALL TO CREATE CONNECTIVITY FOR LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS AND POST OFFICES TO BRING THE VALUE OF THE INTERNET TO THESE SOCIETIES.

A CONNECTED POST OFFICE BRINGS A HUMAN TOUCH TO THE INFORMATION SOCIETY.

AND IT ENABLES MORE THAN JUST ACCESS.

IT ENABLES DIGITAL INCLUSION, SOCIAL INCLUSION.

MANY GOVERNMENTS ARE DELIVERING SOCIAL SERVICES THROUGH THIS NETWORK OUT TO RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT THROUGH THIS NETWORK AND THAT'S DEMONSTRATED BY THE AWARD AS PART OF THE WSIS PRIZES YESTERDAY.

AND IT EMPOWERS SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS OF THE INTERNET TO SELL ONLINE, HAVE ACCESS TO PRODUCTS ONLINE.

AND THOSE ENTERPRISES ARE VERY STRONGLY ATTACHED TO LOCAL WOMEN IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS WELL.

SO IT REALLY ENHANCES THE GENDER INCLUSION ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY AS WELL.

AND SO I THINK THIS POLICY SESSION COVERS A LOT OF VERY INTERESTING ISSUES.

IT DEMONSTRATES ALSO THAT THERE IS STILL A LOT TO BE DONE.

AND MY UPU DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THE OPENING SESSION YESTERDAY MENTIONED THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE EFFORTS IN PROGRESS IN CONNECTIVITY AND INCLUSIVENESS IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AND LEVERAGING PARTNERS WITH NETWORKS SUCH AS THE POSTAL NETWORK THAT CAN OFFER A DIVERSIFIED RANGE OF SERVICES TO ENHANCE LOCAL SKILLS AND LOCAL ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY.

SO THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ENSURE NOBODY IS LEFT BEHIND EVEN IN RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES.

SO WITH THAT, I CONCLUDE MY REMARKS.

THANK YOU.

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK YOU, MR. DONOHOE.

JUST A REMINDER TO ALL OF THE PANELISTS WHO HAVE NOT SENT IN THEIR TEXT, WILL YOU PLEASE KINDLY MAKE SURE AT THE END OF THE SESSION, YOU WILL SEND YOUR TEXT ON THE SECRETARIATE.

IT WILL HELP US CAPTURE FROM YOUR PRESENTATION A PART OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSION.

I WAS BEING REMINDED ON CHAT I DID NOT INTRODUCE MYSELF. THAT WAS PART OF WHAT I WAS CUTTING FROM SHORTENING MY WORDS.

I AM LIBERATO BAUTISTA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED NATIONS.

WE HAVE A GENERAL CONSULTIVE STATUS AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

I WILL CALL ON HIS EXCELLENCY MUSTAFA JABBAR.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION IN ICT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH.

YOU HAVE THE SCREEN.

>> H.E. MUSTAFA JABBAR: THANK YOU.

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: WILL YOU PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF, SIR?

>> H.E. MUSTAFA JABBAR: I'VE BEEN UNMUTED.

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: WE STILL DON'T HAVE SOUND.

WE HAVE BEEN WELL PREPARED BY THE STAFF.

ALL RIGHT.

MY APOLOGIES.

YOU MAY PROCEED, SIR.

>> H.E. MUSTAFA JABBAR: OKAY.

IF YOU ARE HEARING ME, LET ME JUST START MY DISCUSSION.

FIRST OF ALL, I LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIR FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SOME OF THE INFORMATION.

WHAT I SHOULD SAY IS FIRST OF ALL I AM GRATEFUL TO WSIS.

I GOT THE CHANCE OF BEING A CHAIR IN 2019.

AND THIS IS DEFINITELY A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO GIVE THE INFORMATION WHICH IS RELEVANT TO THE DISCUSSIONS.

BANGLADESH HAS JUST CROSSED THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY LAST YEAR.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE IS THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO JUST REACH ALL PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THE GEOPHYSICAL CONDITION OF THIS COUNTRY IS NOT A FLAT LAND.

IT HIGHLAND, FLAT LAND AND LOW LANDS.

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO CONNECT

EVERY PEOPLE.
WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR IS THAT
WE COULD EXPAND THE MOBILE
TELEPHONE TO 98% OF THE
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF BANGLADESH
AND THAT IS COVERED WITH 4G
TECHNOLOGIES.
WE HAVE ALREADY LAUNCHED 5G AND
DONE THE SPECTRUM AUCTION FOR
5G.
WE HOPE BY 2023 THE 5G WILL BE A
MEASURE HIGHWAY FOR THE MOBILE
TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS FOR THE
BROADBAND.
WE HAVE ALSO COVERED THE RURAL
AREAS.
IN FACT, AFTER THE VILLAGES WITH
FIBEROPTICS CONNECTIVITY AND THE
FIBEROPTICS CONNECTIVITY ENABLES
US TO EXPAND THE BROADBAND
TECHNOLOGY.
WE HAVE SEEN SIGNIFICANT GROWTH.
DOUBLE THE NUMBER INCREASED EVEN
DURING THE COVID PERIOD.
I JUST CAN GIVE YOU INFORMATION
ABOUT THE BAND WIDTH USERS.
DURING THE COPY PERIOD, WE
STARTED WITH 1,000 BAND WIDTH
AND NOW WE ARE USING ALMOST FOUR
TIMES MORE.
THIS IS 3,852 BAND WIDTH.
THIS IS SIGNIFICANT THING AND I
REALLY APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE OF
BANGLADESH THAT HAVE REALLY
COULD BE ACTIVE DURING THE COVID
PERIOD BECAUSE OF THE
TECHNOLOGIES BY THE DIGITAL
CONNECTIVITY.
WE HAVE CONNECTED THE --
PROVIDED THE SERVICE FACILITIES
TO THE VILLAGES.
AND ONE WHICH ENABLES THE POOR
PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY THAT WE
HAVE INTRODUCED ONE COUNTRY, ONE
RATE FOR BROADBAND INTERNET AND
THAT IS SURPRISINGLY LOWEST IN
THE WORLD.
AND WE HAVE FULFILLED BY THAT
TRADE.
YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO KNOW
THAT THE COST OF ONE M B P S HAS
JUST COME BELOW \$1.
AND WE FEEL THE DIGITAL
CONNECTIVITY IS THE KEY FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION FOR
THE EDUCATION SECTOR, BUSINESS
AND ALL OTHER AREAS WHERE WE
FEEL TO ACHIEVE.
WE HAD A SLOGAN OF DIGITAL
BANGLADESH.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN 2008.
AND TODAY, BANGLADESH IS KNOWN
AS DIGITAL BANGLADESH.
AND NOW WE ARE MOVING FORWARD TO
SMART BANGLADESH.
WE FEEL THAT BY 2041, BANGLADESH
WILL BE DEVELOPED COUNTRY.
WE WILL BUILD -- SO I
CONGRATULATE YOU AND I'M SORRY I
COULD NOT ATTEND THE MEETING
PHYSICALLY BUT THE TECHNOLOGY
ENABLED US TO BE PART OF IT.
THANKS FOR THE TECHNOLOGY ALSO.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK
YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE.
FROM DIGITAL BANGLADESH TO SMART
BANGLADESH.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAYS AND
WEEKS AND MONTHS AND YEARS FROM
THAT MOVEMENT.

NEXT TO SPEAK IS HIS EXCELLENCY
BOGDAN DUMEA.

RESEARCH INNOVATION AND
DIGITALIZATION ROMANIA.

I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOU,
SIR.

IN YOUR VIEW, HOW COULD OR
SHOULD GOVERNMENT PREPARE A
PROPER ENVIRONMENT TO ENABLE
FUTURE RESILIENCE.

WHAT IS ROMANIA DOING TO TACKLE
THIS CHALLENGE AND WHAT IS THE
WAY FORWARD IN YOUR OPINION
USING ICT FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIETY?

>> H.E. BOGDAN DUMEA: THANK YOU
FOR THE QUESTION, SIR.

THE MULTI DIMENSIONAL IMPACT ON
PANDEMIC HAS REVEALED
VULNERABILITIES AND SHOWS US HOW
FRAGILE RESILIENCE IS WHEN
FACING THE CRISIS.

IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC, WE
COULD SEE THE VITAL ROLE THE
GOVERNMENT PLAYED IN MITIGATING
THE IMMEDIATE LONG-TERM AND
COVID AFFECTS BY ADOPTING
STRATEGIES AIMED AT RESILIENCE.
SHIFT TOWARDS DIGITALIZATION WAS
UNDER WAY IN ROMANIA.

THE PANDEMIC ACCELERATED THIS.
IT IS AN ON-GOING PROCESS MEANT
TO INCREASE THE QUALITY OF
SERVICES, THE NUMBER OF JOBS AND
TO HAVE A SAFE AND SECURE
INFRASTRUCTURE.

ROMANIA HAS THE NECESSARY
INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCELERATE
DIGITALIZATION AND WE HAVE
ALREADY SEEN OUR ENTIRE SECTOR

TAKING PROACTIVE STEPS TO MEET
INCREASING DEMAND FOR DIGITAL
PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.
ROMANIA WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE
PROGRESS IN STRATEGIC VISION.
LOOKING AHEAD TOWARD GLOBAL
RECOVERY, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS
NOW CRITICAL FOR US POLICY
MAKERS TO LEARN FROM THIS HARD
EXPERIENCE THAT EXPOSE
CONNECTIVITY AND DIGITAL
INFRASTRUCTURES LIMITATIONS.
TO TAKE MEASURES TO STEP UP
FURTHER AND CREATE A SAFER
ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL.
THIS CAN BE FULFILLED WITH
COMMON VISION, TARGETED STRATEGY
AND MAXIMIZES OPPORTUNITIES.
THANK YOU, SIR.

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK
YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE.

I'M SURE MANY OF YOU HERE ON
SITE AND ONLINE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO THE HOSTING OF
ROMANIA OF THE POTENTIAL
COUNTRIES.

THANK YOU, SIR.

>> H.E. BOGDAN DUMEA: LOOKING
FORWARD TO HAVING YOU THERE.
EVERYTHING IS UNDER WAY.

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: NEXT
TO SPEAK IS HIS EXCELLENCY,
TOELUPE POUMLINUKU ONESEMO.

>> MICROPHONE FOR THE SPEAKER
PLEASE.

>> H.E. TOELUPE POUMLINUKU
ONESEMO: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
AND THANK YOU ITU FOR INVITATION
TO BE PART OF THIS PANEL THIS
MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN.

I'M FROM -- BEFORE I RESPOND TO
THE QUESTIONS, IT'S AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL ANNEXED
STATES TO SHARE WHAT WE HAVE
EXPERIENCED IN TERMS OF WHAT
TECHNOLOGY HAS DONE TO MOST
SOCIETIES LIKE SAMOA.
FROM THE TOPIC OF TODAY ACCESS
TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE, I
GUESS IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT
FIRST WORD OF ACCESS.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE IN THE
ISLANDS HAVE VERY LIMITED
ACCESS, ESPECIALLY OUR ISOLATION
IDENTITY.
GEOGRAPHICALLY, WE ARE ISLANDS
IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.
AND TRAVELING TO ITU, IT TAKES

THREE DAYS TO GET HERE.
IN TERMS OF ACCESSIBILITY, IT'S
VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE IMPROVE
ON THOSE CHALLENGES.
FIRST, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED A
SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN ALL
ECONOMIES.
BASICALLY, FROM THE INFLUENCE OF
WHAT TECHNOLOGY LIKE DIGITAL
ECONOMY, FOR EXAMPLE, POSTAL
SERVICES HAS MENTIONED BY ONE OF
OUR COLLEAGUES THIS MORNING.
THESE SERVICES OVER THE LAST TEN
YEARS HAS IMPROVED.
MOST OF THE PEOPLE ARE USING
INTERNET FOR NEW PURCHASES.
AND POSTAL SERVICES FOR
DELIVERIES.
SAME AS E-COMMERCE.
IN PARTICULAR, OUT SOURCING.
MOST OF BIG COMPANIES THESE DAYS
USES ISLANDS LIKE SAMOA WHICH
THE COST OF HUMAN RESOURCE IS
NOT AS HIGH AS BIG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.
USING E-COMMERCE, IT'S ANOTHER
OPPORTUNITY WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO ON THOSE
OPPORTUNITIES.
AND E-EDUCATION.
THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE
FOR STUDENTS AND UNIVERSITY,
IT'S VERY CRITICAL.
SO WE WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO SHARE THAT AND HOPING IN THE
FUTURE, WE CAN DEVELOP ON THOSE.
AS WE ALL KNOW PRIVATE SECTOR,
IT'S A KEY DRIVER FOR ANY
ECONOMY.
SAMOA IS NO DIFFERENT.
THE PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPS AND
SUSTAINS PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.
IT ALSO EXPANDING BUSINESSES AND
ASSIST IN EMPLOYMENTS AND NEW
MARKETS.
ALSO, NEW PATHWAYS AND IMPROVE
ANY INITIATIVES AND IDEAS.
YOUNG SMALL ECONOMIES IS A DRIVE
FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT.
ALSO CHALLENGES WITH PRIVATE
SECTORS.
SMALL ECONOMIES LIKE SAMOA WITH
VERY SMALL POPULATIONS OF 200 OR
LESS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR
STRUGGLES A LOT WITH THE
MARKETS, VERY SMALL MARKETS.
AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO WORK
TOGETHER USING INTERNET TO REACH
BIGGER MARKETS.
AND THE POLICIES THE GOVERNMENT

SUPPORTS.
ACCESS TO INFORMATION WHICH
LINKS TO ACCESS BY CONNECTIONS
BUT DEVICES.
SMALL ECONOMIES AND VERY LOW --
IT'S NOT AFFORDABLE.
HARD TO AFFORD TO SOME OF THE
PEOPLE AROUND 60% POPULATIONS,
THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC
DEVICES THAT WE ARE USING
NOW-A-DAYS.
SO I GUESS THAT'S ONE OF THE
POLICIES THEY HAVE CONSIDERED TO
USE THESE DEVICES LIKE COMPUTERS
AND HAND SETS AND SO FORTH.
TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION
AND GAIN KNOWLEDGE THROUGH
HAVING PROPER EXITS.
WITH THAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
YOUR EXCELLENCY, FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY.

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK
YOU, YOUR EXCELLENCY, FOR YOUR
RESPONSE.

I CAN NAME AT LEAST 10 SAMOAN
FRIENDS AND BY YOU SAYING THERE
ARE 200 POPULATION, YOU MEANT
200,000.

THERE ARE A LOT MORE.
200 WOULD MEANT ONLY 190 IS
LEFT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
NEXT TO SPEAK IS HIS EXCELLENCY
-- HOLD ON.

NEXT TO SPEAK IS MADAM AICHATOU
HABIBOU OUMANI.

THE PRESIDENT OF NIGER
REGULATORY COMMUNICATION AND
POSTAL SERVICE.

WILL ADDRESS US IN FRENCH.
GET READY WITH YOUR HEAD SETS.
I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOU,
MADAM.

WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN
YOUR COUNTRY TO GUARANTEE
INCLUSIVENESS AND ACCESS TO
INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE FOR
ALL?

MADAM.

>> AICHATOU HABIBOU OUMANI:
THANK YOU, CHAIR, FOR THIS
QUESTION.

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO
THANK ITU FOR HAVING INVITED ME
TO BE TO PRESENT THE POSITION OF
MY COUNTRY, NIGER.

TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION,
EXCELLENCE, ON THE MEASURES
TAKEN BY OUR COUNTRY TO
GUARANTEE INCLUSIVENESS AND

ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND
KNOWLEDGE TO ALL.

I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST MENTION
THE OPENING TO COMPETITION.
THERE'S SOUND INTERFERENCES.
WE HAVE SET UP A FUND THAT
FINANCES PROJECTS THAT COVER
REMOTE AREAS IN THE COUNTRY,
RECENTLY THE GOVERNMENT HAS
LAUNCHED A SMART VILLAGE
PROJECT.

THIS PROJECT AIMS AT CONNECTING
REMOTE ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS.
WE HAVE TARGETED 15,000 VILLAGES
IN NIGER.

OBJECTIVE IS TO GIVE POPULATIONS
ACCESS TO E-SERVICES.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
PROJECT WILL ACCELERATE AND
FACILITATE CONNECTIVITY FOR 85%
OF OUR POPULATION.

IT IS VERY AMBITIOUS PROJECT AND
STEPPING STONE THROUGH RURAL
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH RESOURCE
UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM COORDINATION.

THIS SHOULD ALLOW US TO CREATE
THE NECESSARY SYNERGIES TO
ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF
THESE INVESTMENTS.

THE PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE
WORLD BANK THROUGH THE ANSI.
DEPLOYED ICT CENTERS.

THESE CENTERS ENSURE INCLUSIVITY
IN URBAN AND SEMI-URBAN AREAS.
THIS AREA AIMS TO BE A LEARNING
HUB IN NIGER.

IT PROVIDES ACCESS TO
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
EVERYWHERE IN A COUNTRY.
WE ALSO HAVE CREATED A
PROGRAMMING ACADEMY THAT
RECEIVES STUDENTS FROM
EVERYWHERE IN A COUNTRY AND FROM
ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

EXCELLENCY, IF YOU ALLOW ME, I
WILL ANSWER QUESTION TWO
STRAIGHT AWAY.

SO WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, BEFORE
WE LAUNCHED THE SMART VILLAGE
PROJECT, REGULATORY AUTHORITY
LAUNCHED PROJECT TO ENSURE THE
BROADER INTERNET ACCESS THROUGH
COMMUNITY CYBER CAFES.

IN ORDER TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL
DIVIDE WE ACCOMPANY THE CREATION
OF CYBER CAFES.

AS YOU KNOW, ICTs TODAY ARE
TOOLS THAT SUPPORT OUR
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

THE HIGHEST AUTHORITIES IN NIGER MADE INTERNET DEVELOPMENT AN ABSOLUTE PRIORITY EARLY ON. THESE CYBER CAFES OFFER SERVICES TO THE YOUTH THAT HELP GIVE THEM ACCESS TO DOCUMENTARY RESOURCES ONLINE WHICH HELP YOUNG PEOPLE AND STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION. THESE CYBER CAFES ARE EQUIPPED WITH PRINTERS, SCANNERS, HIGH SPEED BROADBAND INTERNET AND POSTED IN BRICK AND MORTAR SHOPS. THEY ARE USED AS RESEARCH HUBS FOR TEACHERS AND PROFESSORS. AND IN ONE OF THE VILLAGES, OVER 400,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN THIS CYBER CAFES. ANOTHER EXPERIENCE THAT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN NIGER, WE HAVE LAUNCHED A PILOT PROJECT THROUGH INTERNATIONAL NGO. A PILOT PROJECT AIMED AT ADULTS BOTH MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH WHICH WE TRAINED THE PARTICIPANTS THROUGH MOBILE PHONES. NUMERACY TRAINING AND ALSO GAVE THEM THE BASICS IN USING MOBILE DEVICES. THIS PROJECT HAD VERY POSITIVE IMPACTS ON MIGRATION. AS YOU KNOW, IN NIGER, WE HAVE A LOT OF SEASONAL MIGRATION. THIS PROJECT WAS VERY IMPACTFUL ON AGRICULTURE. AS YOU KNOW, OUR COUNTRY IS QUITE WISE. AND SOMETIMES THE ROADS ARE NOT IN GOOD CONDITIONS AND THE MARKETS ARE DIFFICULT TO ACCESS. THAT PROJECT ALLOWS THE HOUSEHOLD TO HAVE INFORMATION ON WHERE TO BUY THEIR PRODUCE ON WHICH MARKETS AND WHERE TO SELL THEM BEFORE THEY GO ON THE ROAD TO REACH THE MARKET. SO WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WITH THAT PROJECT IS IT WAS AIMED AT BOTH GENDERS AND HELP THEM USE MOBILE PHONE TECHNOLOGY TO HAVE INFORMATION ON REMOTE VILLAGES. WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR NIGER IS TO OPEN INTERNET ACCESS TO VILLAGES WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS YET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK YOU. NEXT IS MR. DAN SJOBLON, THE

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SWEDISH
POST.

THE QUESTION, SIR, WHAT DO YOU
SEE ARE THE MAIN SOCIETAL
CHALLENGES TODAY?

WHAT IS SWEDEN'S TAKE ON
ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES?

>> DAN SJOBLUM: THANK YOU VERY
MUCH.

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO BE
HERE AGAIN AFTER SOME YEARS OF
PANDEMIC BREAK.

PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO MEET
AGAIN.

NOW, BEFORE ADDRESSING
CHALLENGES, IT'S IMPORTANT TO
STATE THAT THE POTENTIAL OF
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY IS AS WE ALL
KNOW ENORMOUS.

IT'S FOR SOCIETIES CREATING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH,
PROSPERITY AND GIVING
INDIVIDUALS MUCH EASIER ACCESS
TO INFORMATION AND EDUCATION OF
THE SERVICES.

THE RIGHT CONDITIONS NEED TO BE
IN PLACE FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IS FAR
FROM TECHNICAL ISSUE.

GOES MUCH DEEPER THAN THIS.
IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL PRECONDITION
FOR PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S
SOCIETY AS WE HAVE ALL SEEN
DURING THE PANDEMIC WHERE
CONNECTIVITY AND DIGITAL SKILLS
WAS AN ENABLER TO REMAIN
CONNECTED.

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IS
ONE OF THE MAIN CHALLENGES OF
OUR SOCIETIES TODAY.

THE GLOBAL DIGITAL DIVIDE MUST
BE BRIDGED FOR US TO REALIZE THE
FULL POTENTIAL OF DIGITAL.

VERY IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS
GLOBAL EQUALITY AND CREATION
THAT WILL BENEFIT EVERYONE AND
KEEP US GOING IN A GOOD
DIRECTION.

THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS TO
CONSIDER.

YOU CAN TALK ABOUT FULL
CONNECTIVITY THAT EMBRACES THE
FULL CHALLENGE TO ACCESS TO
INFORMATION.

WE NEED TO STRIVE FOR REGULATORY
DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE SURE
EVERYONE CAN HAVE PHYSICAL
ACCESS IN SOME FORM REGARDLESS
OF THE TECHNOLOGY FIX.

EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS FOR US TO ENSURE YOU HAVE MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO ALL CITIZENS. IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO BE PHYSICALLY CONNECTED.

WE SEE THERE ARE TODAY IN OUR SOCIETY STILL MANY VULNERABLE GROUPS THAT HAVE ACCESS BUT NOT PART OF THE DIGITAL SOCIETY. AND IT IS IMPORTANT WE HAVE A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON THESE ISSUES.

THE DIVIDE BETWEEN MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAS TO BE ADDRESSED.

SO WHAT IS THE SWEDISH PERSPECTIVE ON ALL OF THIS? I'LL START WITH A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE.

THE NUMBER OF PHYSICALLY CONNECTED IN MY COUNTRY IS HIGH. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE AS I THINK EVERYONE ELSE STILL HAS CHALLENGES LEFT.

WE HAVE A RURAL CHALLENGE THAT IS FAR FROM ADDRESSED.

THERE ARE VULNERABLE GROUPS AND EXAMPLES WILL BE THE ELDERLY, MIGRANTS, AND PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES THAT ARE MUCH WEAKER IN TERMS OF GAINING THE POWER OF DIGITAL.

WE VERY MUCH BELIEVE IN INVOLVING MANY STAKEHOLDERS TO THE PROCESS TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES TO PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS FUNDAMENTAL HERE.

AND THE REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE WITHIN OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT.

OUR MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE CLOSER TO CITIZENS DO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

VERY MUCH IN OPERATION WITH OTHERS.

AS A TELECOM REGULATOR, VERY CLEAR BENEFITS OF INTERACTION. WE ENGAGE A LOT WITH OTHER REGULATORS FROM OUR REGION BUT ACROSS THE GLOBE.

WE ARE INVOLVED IN CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM IN AFRICA. OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, MY AGENCY AND SPIDER, WHICH IS A PROJECT OF THE UNIVERSITY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO CAPACITY BUILDING IN MORE THAN 30 COUNTRIES IN AFRICA.

SUPPORTING REGULATORS OF PEER TO PEER DISCUSSIONS ALLOWING THE PARTICIPANTS TO BRING THEIR STRATEGIC PROJECTS INTO THE DISCUSSION WITH PEERS AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT THAT IS CONDUCIVE TO GOOD DISCUSSIONS WHEN YOU KNOW EVERYONE IN THE ROOM IS YOUR PEER AND WILL KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS IN THAT ROOM.

SO THAT IS A PROJECT THAT HAS DEVELOPED US A LOT AND A GOOD PROJECT.

WE ALSO SUPPORT THE GIGAPROJECT INITIATIVE OF CONNECTING SCHOOLS.

WE NEED TO GIVE OUR YOUNG A GOOD START AND FOUNDATION AND SWEDEN IS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE DIGITAL IMPACT ALLIANCE WHICH COOPERATES WITH ITU TO SUPPORT HOLISTIC APPROACH TO DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION INCLUDING RESPONSIBILITY DATA USE, FUNDING AND PROCUREMENT FOCUSING ON LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND IN STRATEGIC DIGITAL INVESTMENTS. SO WE BELIEVE STRONG AND ACTIVE ITU IS VITAL TO ADDRESS ALL OF THESE CHALLENGES AND GRASP THE OPPORTUNITIES OF DIGITAL AS WE GO FORWARD.

ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ITU, SWEDEN HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN AND SUPPORTING OF DEVELOPING THE ORGANIZATION'S MANDATE AND OBJECTIVES.

STILL VERY COMMITTED TO CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ITU AND PROUD TO SAY THIS YEAR WE ARE CANDIDATE FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE ITU WHERE WE HAVEN'T BEEN PRESENT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO ENSURE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION WILL BE A CATALYST FOR EQUITABLE SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT, TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS.

ALL OF THESE ARE IMPORTANT VALUES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK YOU, MR. SJOBLOM.

IF I MAY SAY, THANK YOU FOR SWEDEN'S HOSTING OF STOCKHOLM. MY COLLEAGUES ARE NOT HAPPY THAT I'M NOT THERE.

I'M SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AROUND 10:00 THIS MORNING BUT THE

CONFLICT IS JUST SUCH.
WE HAVE CONGO COLLEAGUES FLYING
THIS AFTERNOON TO GO TO
STOCKHOLM.

I CALL ON NOW, MR. BAKHTIYAR
MAMMADOV, THE DEPUTY HEAD OF
ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF
DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT AND
TRANSPORT.

TO RESPOND THIS TIME TO THESE
TWO QUESTIONS.

SIR, WHAT ARE THE MAIN
CHALLENGES AND WAYS FORWARD FOR
BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN A
POST-PANDEMIC ERA?

WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO
ACCELERATE DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT
AND ELIMINATE THE DIGITAL
DIVIDE?

YOU HAVE THE FLOOR, SIR.

>> BAKHTIYAR MAMMADOV: THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

DEAR, COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD
LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO
ALL COLLEAGUES WHICH REPRESENTS
WORLD'S LARGEST GATHERING OF THE
ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY.
THIS FORUM HELPS US TO EXCHANGE
OF OUR OPINIONS AND HOLD
DISCUSSIONS ON OUR VISION OF THE
WSIS.

ITU HAS A CRUCIAL ROLE TO PLAY
IN INCREASING WORLDWIDE
CONNECTIVITY, DEVELOPMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATION.

REGARDING YOUR FIRST QUESTION, I
WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT
COVID-19 PANDEMIC TURNED OUT
MUCH MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE
GIVEN TO BRIDGING EXISTING AND
EMERGING DIGITAL DIVIDES TO ALL
COUNTRIES FROM HEALTHCARE TO
TRANSPORTATION COULD DELIVER THE
PUBLIC SERVICES.

THE SOCIAL POTENTIAL OF NEW
TECHNOLOGIES HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED
BY GOVERNMENTS WITH INCREASING
ATTENTION AND INVESTMENT BEING
CHANNELLED TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE
NATIONAL ECO SYSTEM.

THEREFORE, AFFORDABLE AND SACRED
CONNECTIVITY IN MOBILIZING NEW
AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGISTS FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS
CONSIDERED AS ENABLER OF THE
SECTOR.

WE BELIEVE THAT AFFORDABILITY
CAN ACCELERATE DIGITAL
TRANSFORMATION.

ALMOST 80 PERSON USE INTERNET.
85% OF THE HOUSEHOLD, 82% AND
88% HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET AT
HOME.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT AS WE
BEGAN TO TALK ABOUT DIGITAL
DIVIDE, NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE
ON GLOBAL SCALE.

A LOT HAS BEEN DONE OVER THE
YEARS.

INCLUDING THE ICT SECTOR.

THE PROJECTS BEING IMPLEMENTED
TAKES INTO ACCOUNT INTERNAL
NEEDS AND PROVIDE -- WITH
DYNAMIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS
EXPERIENCING VERY RAPID AND
INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF ICT.
OUR AIM IS TO INCREASE THE FIXED
BROADBAND SUBSCRIPTION UNDER THE
HOME NETWORKS.

IMPLEMENTING THIS PHASES THE
PROJECT WILL ACHIEVE FULL
INTERNET COVERAGE BY 2024 WITH A
MINIMUM SPEED OF 25 MEGABYTES
PER SECOND.

COMPETITION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE
BROADBAND PROVIDERS AND SMART
REGULATION WILL HELP INCREASE
AFFORDABILITY OF INTERNET IN THE
COUNTRY.

REGARDING YOUR SECOND QUESTION,
THE ENTIRE POPULATION IS COVERED
BY MOBILE NETWORK.

MOBILE BROADBAND IS WIDESPREAD.
ACTIVE BROADBAND SUBSCRIPTION IS
100 INHABITANTS IS 73%.

FOR NEW AND EMERGING
TECHNOLOGIES TO FACILITATE THE
TELECOMMUNICATION, ICTs FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS
5G ARTIFICIAL INTERNET FOR BIG
DATA CAN FOSTER THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT.

TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARDS
THE APPLICATION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGISTS.
LAID DOWN FOUNDATION FOR THE
FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THIS TECHNOLOGIST.

STRATEGY ROAD MAP FOR
TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIST.
AND COORDINATION CENTER.

FOR SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
SMART CITY AND UNDIGITAL
TRANSFORMATION.

ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION
THAT ON 27TH OF APRIL, ISSUE THE
DECREE AND MINISTER OF TRANSPORT
AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN
ASSIGNED TO IMPLEMENT DIGITAL

TRANSFORMATION IN THE COUNTRY
AND OCTOBER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE,
MINISTER OF DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT
OF TRANSPORT AND LIABILITIES IN
THE FIELD OF THE SUSTAINABLE AND
INNOVATIVE ICT DEVELOPMENT.
TWO PUBLIC LEGAL ENTITIES UNDER
THE FRAMEWORK OF DIGITAL
DEVELOPMENT AND TASK.
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION
TECHNOLOGIST AND INNOVATION AND
DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT.
ALSO BY DEVELOPING THE NATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE
BY THE FACT WE ARE LANDLOCKED
COUNTRY AND SERVE AS A MAIN AND
ALTERNATIVE PROJECT INITIATED
PROJECT TASK AND SUPER
INFORMATION HIGHWAY.
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH
PROJECTS WILL SERVE TO REDUCE
THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND READY TO
SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE.
IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD ALSO LIKE
TO TOUCH ON THE CRUCIAL ROLE AND
POTENTIAL OF MEMBER STATES IN
ADDRESSING MAJOR DEVELOPMENT
CHALLENGES.
SINCE 1992, MEMBER OF THE ITU
AND 2014, MEMBER OF THE ITU
COUNCIL IS MEMBER OF THE RRB.
AND THIS YEAR, ELECTION COUNSEL
GOING FOR THIS POSITION AND
LOOKING FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR DO OUR
BEST IMPLEMENTING THE IT YOU
HAVE THEs.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.
>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK
YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE.
I CALL ON NEXT, DR. CATERINA
BERBENNI-REHM.
FOUNDER AND CEO OF PROMISE AND
SERVICE BASED IN ITALY.
FOUNDER AND CEO OF SPIN OFF OF
EUROPEAN RESULTS.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE
TO THIS QUESTION.
WITH MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN
DEVELOPING SERVICES IN PRACTICE
ORIENTED ANSWERS, THE CHALLENGE
IS CONNECTED WITH HOW TO MAKE
KNOWLEDGE A TANGIBLE MEASURABLE
ASSET.
WHAT ARE THE LESSONS YOU LEARNED
SO FAR AND WHICH ROLES DO YOU
SUBSCRIBE TO THE ACCESSIBILITY
CONTENT WORLDWIDE?
AND THEN IT IS OFTEN SAID IF WE
WANT TO ACHIEVE THE UNITED

NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY 2030, ONE OF THE MAJOR CHALLENGES TO BE SOLVED REMAINS THE REMOVAL OF THE DIGITAL DIVIDE.

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE THAT TO BE DONE?

>> CATERINA BERBENNI-REHM: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TECHNOLOGY ALONE CANNOT BRIDGE DIGITAL DIVIDE. WE MUST FOCUS ALSO ON THOSE INTANGIBLE ASPECTS WHICH MAKE TECHNOLOGY VALUABLE.

NOW-A-DAYS, KNOWLEDGE IS INCREASING WITH HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY.

OFTEN COMES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

INCREASES ITS VALUE WHEN DIFFERENT CULTURES AND LANGUAGES INTERSECT.

GENERATED BY INDIVIDUALS WHOSE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE REPRESENT MOST VALUABLE CAPITAL REGARDLESS OF THEIR LEVEL OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION.

EVERYTHING WE DO PROFESSIONALLY FOCUSES ON HOW TO MAKE KNOWLEDGE TANGIBLE ASSET.

IF WE HOPE PEOPLE CENTERED INFORMATION, WE WILL NEED TO VALUE EACH PERSON'S KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM.

GLOBAL CHALLENGES CAN ONLY BE TOLD THROUGH WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATION AND SHARED UNDERSTANDING.

INTER CULTURAL AND CROSS CULTURAL DIALOGUE.

NOT SHARING BETWEEN GENERATIONS. COMMUNITIES OF KNOWLEDGE IS RECOGNIZED AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IS RESPECTED.

THIS IS KEY TO DEVELOPING INTELLECTUAL.

MODERN SOCIETIES IS MULTI CULTURAL.

THE USE OF ENGLISH AS THE SEUL COMMON LANGUAGE INHIBITS SHARED UNDERSTANDING.

WE NEED MULTI-LINGUAL APPROACHES TO SHARED PROBLEMS.

SECOND, SOCIAL BUSINESS MODELS IN WHICH RESPECT FOR AND INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGE CREATES A KIND OF NATURAL SELECTION REGARDING THE QUALITY OF INFORMATION.

THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES GENERATED DIVERSIFICATION OF SOURCES IN READY FOR USE SOLUTIONS THEY CAN SHARE AS THEY CHOOSE.

THIRD, RECOMMENDATION OR STANDARD, ORGANIZATION BECAUSE FOR THE EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT WORLDWIDE, IT IS VITAL TO RESPECT THEIR CULTURES, TRADITION AND LIFESTYLES. FOR ETHICS BY DESIGN AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BY DESIGN.

DEVELOPMENT AND REFINEMENT OF THE METHODOLOGIES AND RULES. IN ALL FUTURE OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION, ETHICS AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, ARE BECOMING TWO SIDE OF THE SAME COIN DEMANDING EQUAL REFLECTION BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCES THEY BRING. THREE OF THESE MENTIONED ABOVE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE ECO SYSTEM.

IN THE FORM OF INTERACTIVE MULTI-LINGUAL SERVICES, THEY ARE CONSIDERED THE STARTING POINT FOR PROMOTING GLOBAL COMMUNICATION AND FACILITATING CONFORMITY BY OFFERING AN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FRAMEWORK THAT SUPPORTS EVIDENCE-BASED DECISIONS. LARGELY TO AVOID SERIOUS MISSED TRANSLATIONS.

HARMONIZED TERMINOLOGY TO PROMOTE SHARED UNDERSTANDING AND TRUST.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER BETWEEN GENERATIONS.

THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE E-PLATFORM ANSWER THE NEED FOR HARMONIZATION, CROSS LINGUAL COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ORGANIZATIONS EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.

IN AN INCREASINGLY GLOBALIZED CULTURE, KNOWLEDGE IS ARGUABLY THE -- IT CAN BE MISUSED.

IT IS THE COMBINATION OF ETHICS AND THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BOTH FOR SCIENCE AND FOR THE WORLD OF WORK WHICH MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE AS WE STRIVE TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE AND JUST SOCIETY.

I WILL NOT READ OUR COMMITMENTS

BECAUSE YOU SEE THEM.
WE ARE COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING
ACTION LINES AND DIG INTO MORE
DETAILS WITH THOSE INTERESTED
TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT 15:30 IN
THE OPEN SPACE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDA
TENSION.
>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK
YOU.
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR SPEAKERS
HAVE THE TIME ALLOTTED TO THEM
TO SPEAK.
APOLOGIES FOR THE NEXT SESSION.
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD HAPPEN.
NEXT TO SPEAK IS MADAM TATYANA
KANZAVELI, CEO OF OPEN HEALTH
NETWORK FROM THE UNITED STATES.
TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
ACCESS TO A BROADBAND AND
HEALTHCARE AND CAN ACCESS TO
BROADBAND HELP US WITH MANAGING
FUTURE PANDEMICS.
>> TATYANA KANZAVELI: LET ME
EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO
THE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE
INFORMATION SOCIETY FOR THE
INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.
WHICH WILL SERVE THE FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETIES BASED
ON INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE.
YOU HAVE POSED TWO IMPORTANT
QUESTIONS THAT WE MUST ADDRESS
IN BOTH DEVELOPED ECONOMIES.
PARTICULARLY ACCESS TO BROADBAND
IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY
CENTRAL ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF
HEALTHCARE IN MAINTAINING PUBLIC
HEALTH.
THEREFORE, ACCESS TO BROADBAND
IS VITAL TO EQUITY IN
HEALTHCARE, SUCCESS IN MANAGING
PUBLIC HEALTH.
FROM ADDRESSING CHRONIC ISSUES,
DIABETES AND CANCER TO RAPID
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO
PANDEMICS.
BEYOND DIRECT ACCESS TO HEALTH
SERVICES, HOWEVER, BROADBAND
ACCESS HAS LARGER ROLE TO PLAY
GIVEN IMPACT ON SOCIAL
DETERMINANCE OF HEALTH INCLUDING
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES.
THE BROADBAND ACCESS INTERSECTS
WITH SO MUCH SOCIAL DETERMINANCE
OF HEALTH, SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS

HAVE DEFINED BROADBAND ACCESS AS A SUPER DETERMINE ANT OF HEALTH. WITH THE RISE OF HEALTHCARE, SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE, EQUAL ACCESS TO BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY. 43% OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLDS EARNING LESS THAN 30,000 A YEAR, THAT REPRESENTS MORE THAN 25 MILLION AMERICAN ADULTS OR 30% OF ADULT POPULATION LACK HIGH SPEED INTERNET CONNECTION. THOSE WITH LIMITED OR NO INTERNET ACCESS ENABLE ONLINE WITH A PHYSICIANS. OBTAIN MEDICAL RECORDS OR ACCESS RESOURCES ALL OF WHICH CAN IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC UNDER SCORED BROADBAND ACCESS IN PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO PEOPLE. IN THE U.S. AND EVERYTHING FROM ACCESS TO CREDIBLE INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINATIONS AND DATA ON PANDEMICS WAS BROADBAND ACCESS. THOSE WHO DID NOT ENJOY THAT ACCESS WERE AT A MAJOR DISADVANTAGE OF INDIVIDUAL CARE. ALSO HAS A CRUCIAL PUBLIC HEALTH ROLE TO PLAY IN FUTURE PANDEMIC. SMART DEVICES IN DATA COMING FROM OTHER DATE BASES WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO EARLY DETECTION. THE SAME SOURCES WILL ENABLE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES TO GATHER KEY POSITION AND CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW VIRUSES. ALSO WILL DEPEND ON BROADBAND IN ORDER TO MONITOR HEALTH DATA TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENT DISEASE PROGRESSION, EVALUATE THE SPEED AND MORE. CRUCIALLY THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES APPROACHES BROADBAND. OFFERS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE IN COMMUNITY RESOURCES INCLUDING LOW INCOME AND RURAL AREAS. MY COMPANY WE'VE SEEN IT FIRSHTHAND, WE'RE ADVANCING DIGITAL HEALTH BY COLLECTING, PROCESSING AND ANALYZING DATA PATIENT MONITORING IN CLINICAL DATA TO SUPPORT PERSONALIZED CARE OF DISEASES BY HIGHLY COLLABORATIVE TEAMS. WORKING WITH HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS ON DIGITAL HEALTH PROJECTS INCLUDING MONITORING

WHERE WE COLLECT AND PROCESS DATA FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES INCLUDING VERBAL DEVICES. THIS BRIDGES THE ACCESS BY PROVIDING CARE AND PATIENTS WHERE THEY ARE WHEN THEY NEED IT.

REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING IS THOSE IN UNDER SERVED AREAS CONNECTED THEM TO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS.

USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, REMAIN INDIVIDUAL LAND THAT IF LEFT UNDER RATED HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF MORBIDITY.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH PATIENTS IN AUTOMATED SYSTEMS SUCH AS CHAT BOTS.

WE ARE EMPLOYING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN MACHINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGISTS CREATING DIGITAL TWIN THAT WILL SUPPORT THE USE OF PRECISION MEDICINE IN OTHER HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE PERSONALIZED ADAPTIVE TREATMENTS TO PEOPLE.

ALL THE INITIATIVES.

IN SOME CASES, WE HAVE TO SHIFT TO INDIVIDUALS BUT ENTERING ACCESS DEVICES IN MOBILE PHONES TO PEOPLE'S HOMES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BROADBAND CONNECTIONS. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NOT ONLY RECOGNIZE BROADBAND ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY OF MOBILE DEVICES BUT ALSO MAKING ACTIONABLE STEPS TO DELIVER THIS CAPABILITIES TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS FORUM.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE. JOINING US IS AHM BAZLUR RAHMAN. I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOU. HOW DO YOU ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO RELIABLE AND TIMELY INFORMATION THROUGH COMMUNITY MEDIA AND KEEPING LIVELIHOODS NORMAL.

>> AHM BAZLR RAHMAN: THANK YOU, SIR.

HONORABLE CHAIRMAN, WSIS 2022, EXCELLENCIES, ACTION LINE FACILITY AND SPEAKERS.

VERY GOOD PROGRAM.

ACCORDING TO YOUR QUESTION, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT BANGLADESH IS ONE OF THE LEADING COUNTRIES FOR MASS VACCINATION

IN LINE WITH COVID-19.
ACCORDING TO OUR DATA, WE HAVE
COVERED 130 MILLION OUT OF 160
MILLION.
SECOND WE HAVE OFFER COVERED 120
MILLION PEOPLE.
OF THOSE, WE HAVE COVERED 10.5
MILLION.
SO BANGLADESH IS ONE OF THE
LEADING COUNTRIES FOR MASS
VACCINATION IN LINE WITH THE
COVID-19.
ACCORDING TO YOUR QUESTION, HOW
WE MOBILIZE.
BASICALLY, MOBILIZING COMMUNITY
RADIO BROADCASTING AND
JOURNALIST ON THE COVID-19
VACCINATION PROGRAM TO
CONTRIBUTE.
THE COMMUNITY, FISHERMEN,
TRANSGENDER, AND PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES AND OTHER
VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.
HOW DO YOU AND SHOULD PUBLIC
ACCESS TO THAT LEVEL AND TIMELY
INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY MEDIA
FOR COUNTERING INFODEMIC AND
KEEPING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS
NORMAL.
TO PROTECT THEIR INCOME AND
BUILDING KNOWLEDGE, EDUCATION
AND TO FIND UNBIASED RELIABLE
SCIENTIFIC AND TIMELY
INFORMATION.
THE SECOND TO PRESENT TECHNOLOGY
CALLED DIGITAL DIVIDE AND MEDIA
OF COMMUNITY PEOPLE WHO ORGANIZE
VIRTUAL AND ONLINE SOCIAL
DIALOGUE BETWEEN SUPPLY SIDE AND
DEMAND SIDE.
IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD LIKE TO
END HERE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK
YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE.
IN A COUPLE MINUTES, WE WILL
CLOSE WITH PARTING WORDS FROM
HIS EXCELLENCY FROM ROMANIA.
WE MISSED YOUR SECOND RESPONSE
AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU
RESPOND AND INVITE THEM AGAIN.
>> YES.
THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO GET
ON THE SECOND QUESTION.
THE QUESTION WAS REGARDING THE
WAY HOW WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN
USING ICT FOR AN INCLUSIVE
SOCIETY.
SO THE INTEGRATION OF ICT IN
INTEGRATION HAS BROKEN MANY

BARRIERS THAT HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED.
ICT HAS BRIDGED THE GAP IN ONLINE EDUCATION.
THIS WAS EVEN MORE VISIBLE DURING THE PANDEMIC.
HOWEVER, WE NEED TO WIDEN ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR THOSE WHO NEEDED THE MOST FOR PURPOSES.
WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO THE DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR ALL INCLUDING DISADVANTAGE AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO ENABLE A GENDER INCLUSIVE DIGITAL WORLD BY FORESEEING DIGITAL SKILLS AND IT EDUCATION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS TO NAME A FEW.
ONLINE ACTIVITIES TOUCHED MOST OF THE CATEGORIES AND SHOW THAT SOCIAL BARRIERS ARE TO BE BROKEN.
FURTHERMORE, ICT CAN BE CATALYST WHERE ALL SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE.
WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. AND EACH OF US CAN PLAY A ROLE IN ADVANCING AN INCLUSIVE AND INTEGRATED SOCIETY TO CLEAR A PATH FOR A BETTER FUTURE.
THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR THE QUESTION AND I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU ALL TO PP-22 THAT WILL BE HELD IN ROMANIA IN SEPTEMBER.
DELIGHTED TO HOST THE ITU CONFERENCE DUE TO TAKE PLACE AT THE PALACE OF PARLIAMENT WHICH I'M SURE YOU WILL ENJOY AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT.
IT IS BOTH AN ENORMOUS PRIVILEGE AND HUGE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROMANIA TO HOST THIS EVENT.
AS HOST COUNTRY, ROMANIA WILL MAKE SURE ITU MEMBER STATES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT AND UPHOLD REGIONS AND VALUES TO CONTRIBUTE AND OBTAINING A POSITIVE RESULT BOTH IN THE INTEREST OF CITIZENS WORLDWIDE AND IN LINE WITH THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES PROMOTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEMS.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU THERE.
THANK YOU.
>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK YOU.
MAY I INVITE ALL OF US TO GIVE A LOUD ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR

PANELISTS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> DR. LIBERATO BAUTISTA: THANK
YOU.

AND MY APOLOGIES TO THE NEXT
PANEL.

HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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