



Moderator

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- * **Ms Khédija Ghariani**, Secretary-General, Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization (AICTO), Tunisia
- * **Mr Bob Lyazi**, Director Rural Communications Development Fund (RCDF) and Chairman, African Universal Service and Access Fund Association, AUSAFA
- * **His Excellency Dr José Rafael Vargas**, Minister - President of the Board of Directors, Instituto Dominicano de las Telecomunicaciones (INDOTEL), Dominican Rep.
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DEV.2 : ICTs INNOVATION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DISASTER RELIEF

The innovation, interoperability and correct usage of ICTs in crisis management situations is critical in terms saving lives and preventing the maximum property destruction. Currently every emergency response and disaster relief operation is riddled with IT black holes and handicapped by information structures that are closed and inaccessible.

Key questions:

- What technological innovations need to be implemented?
- How to better use the ICTs we already have?

Summary of moderator's statement

This session focused on an aspect of communications which is sometimes not given enough importance and critical attention.