

of government and also together with the U.N. Secretary General, with 4 heads of U.N. agencies (IMO, WIPO, WMO and the UPU) and one Assistant Director general of UNESCO. The first roundtable addressed the role of ICTs in economic development, focusing on the importance of our enabling environment and to the need for capacity building.

The Head of State and CEO round tables session focused on partnerships for several more inclusive information society. The Secretary General of the United Nations highlighted the power of ICT to address climate change and to help the global economy. The meeting confirmed the need for international cooperation in combating cybersecurity threats. The participants stressed the role of ICTs in addressing global disputes, fostering economic development, stimulating partnerships, and creating jobs.

Also for the first time, the so called Council of Ministers and ministers and CEO sessions were introduced. These sessions brought together the many ministers, at least 60 and CEOs attending TELECOM WORLD 2009 to discuss key issues in an informal environment, allowing for a free exchange of views across a wide range of subjects.

Youth Forum Declaration

Youth Forum fellows stressed a number of key concerns; the first concern given was over connectivity and accessibility. The world tends to emphasize innovation in IT development rather than on the widespread distribution of technology and services. While information is a vital necessity we cannot ignore, the leads for those who lack affordable access even to the most basic networks and services. There is a need to ensure accessibility for those with special needs, persons with disabilities.

ICT firms should promote the commercialization of renewable energies to power ICTs and the use of green ICTs to address climate change.

The second concern mentioned was education. Our vision is that developing and developed countries should work hand in hand to promote education along with stronger collaboration between the public sector, private sector, and