civil society, in connecting schools. Experienced ICT users can take the lead in training the less fortunate in basic ICT literacy and how ICTs can be used to improve the quality of their lives, and their communities. New users can then train others, leading to the exponential growth in training of future trainers. In addition, a global university should be created providing lectures and classes online where students from every corner of the world can work together on assignments and projects.

The third concern is safety. It is important to recognize that innovations like web 2.0 provide opportunities and benefits as well as threats and risks that must be tackled. The need for cybersecurity against Spam and viruses, and to protect personal and financial information online is crucial. As is the need to raise awareness about online risks for our youth and children.

The fourth concern cited was regulations. Effective ICT regulation is crucial to economic and social development, especially in light of the global financial crisis. Access to open ICT networks and communication is an extension of the basic human right to free speech, while recognizing the need for safety and protection of these individuals. The vision sees regulations as establishing guidelines rather than restrictions, and that these should be used as common basic principles, which can be followed by all countries of the world. Participants called for open markets for telecommunications, and ICT, in order to stimulate competition. And at the same time, motivate local ICT companies in each respective country to ensure affordability.

The last concern the Youth Forum mentioned was self sustainability. Often, ICT related projects and initiatives in many communities last only a few months. The lack of sustainable projects and initiatives is a waste of time and resources that could be otherwise allocated to other useful projects. The vision is of the Youth Forum is one where extensive research and feasibility studies prior to the execution of projects, program to empower local people to increase acceptance and participation.