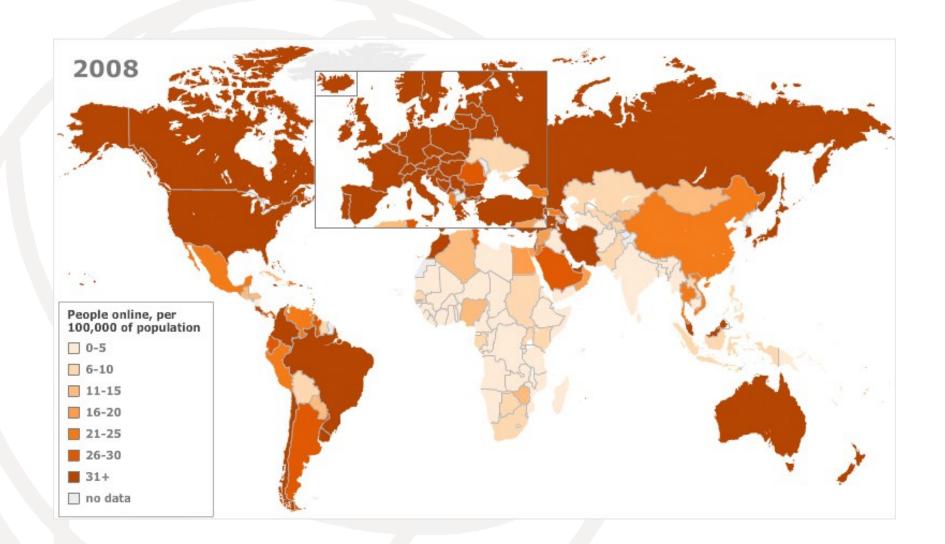
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Introducing Technology to the Developing World: a sustainable and scalable model based on continuous and interactive technological transfer

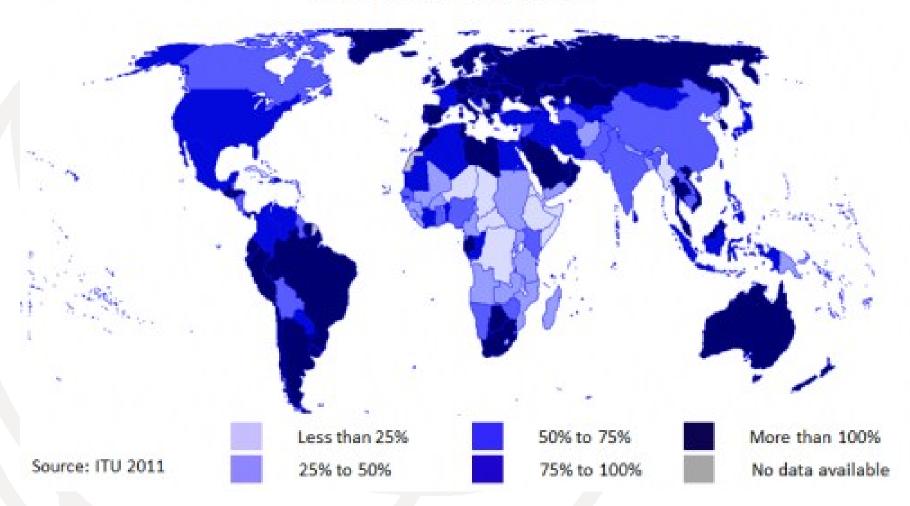
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Developing World



Developing World

Mobile subscriptions 2010



How to bridge the gap?

- Create infrastructures
- Bring cost-effective technology
- Favor technology access & usability
- Trigger business and economical development
- Consolidate job opportunities
- Identify sustainable an durable realizations

What is "remote"?









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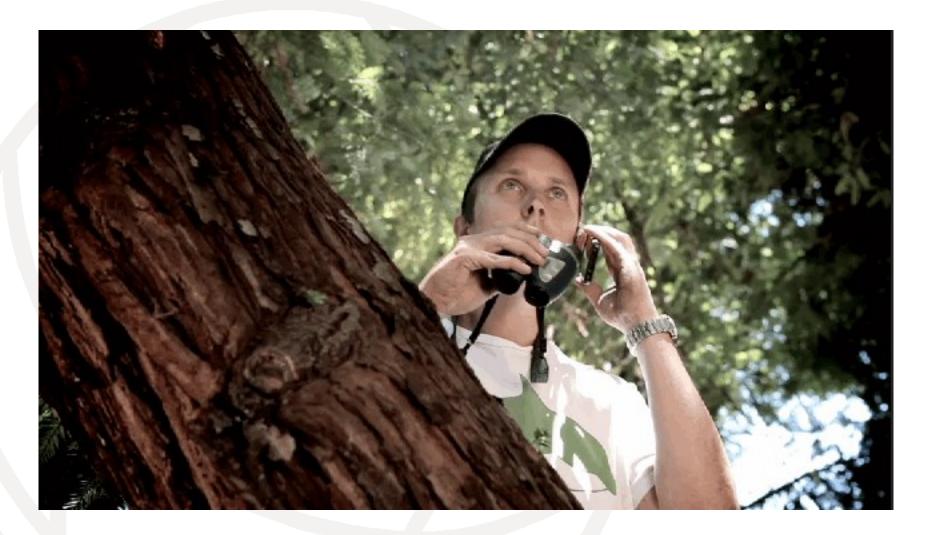
Bridging the gap in remote scenarios

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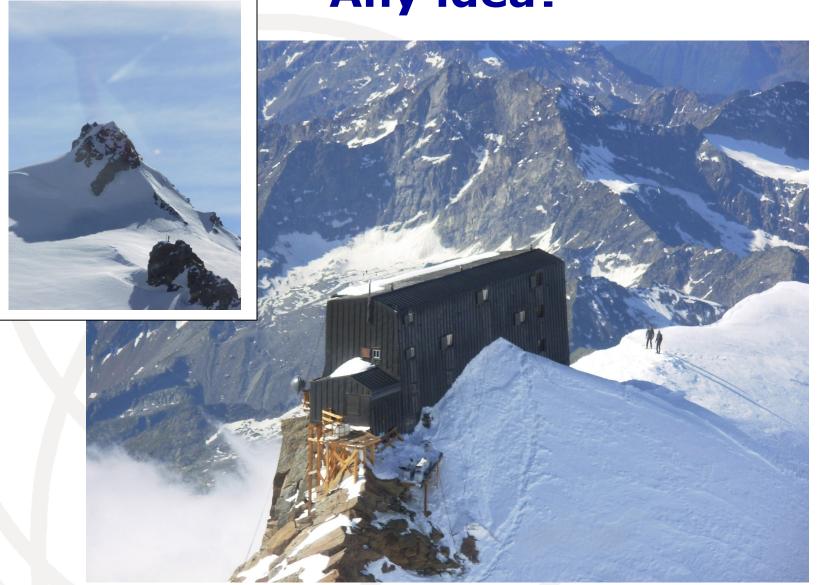
Is broadband coverage present?

- Landlines: bad quality, no ADSL
- **3G**: officially present, but expensive, with limited connectivity, due to the complex environment
- Satellites: economically unaffordable, non-scalable
- Wi-Max/LTE/4G/WRAN: when?
- Wi-Fi: maybe, but who is able to set-up such a facility in the jungle?

Is broadband coverage present?



Any idea?



The idea

- To trigger the use of Internet and/or Communications, TLC Infrastructures should be there
- The local operator has no commercial interest to improve the network
- Foreign Companies/GOs/NGOs/ may set-up an infrastructure, but then?
- The trigger should be born on-site

How to include VERY remote places?

- Enrolment of Local Actors
- Technological Transfer
- Continuous Assistance
- Participatory Approach
- Low Cost Platforms
- Transport Information but also Services
- Open Platforms

Operatively

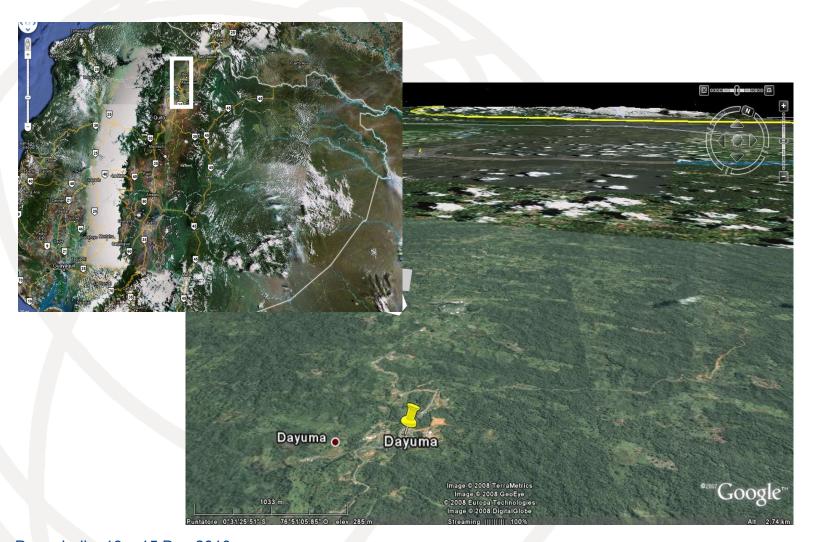
- Let's give students a chance to train "on the field"
- Identify low cost and scalable platforms, suitable for application in a harsh (remote) environment
- Involve local stake-holders, to give them the possibility to manage and scale-up the realization
- Look around for funding

Two Examples (more are coming)

 Puerto Francisco de Orellana (Eastern Ecuador, Amazonian Jungle) in Partnership with InterAmerican Development Bank

Comoros Islands
 (Africa, Mozambique Channel)
 in Partnership with Qatar University
 and Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Amazonian Region of Puerto Francisco de Orellana



The Amazonian Region of Puerto Francisco de Orellana

Massive emigration from rural areas

Lack of basic services

Remote villages isolation

Inadequacy of transport and communication facilities and infrastructures

Basic social services

Generally insufficient

Telecommunication facilities

Generally unsatisfactory

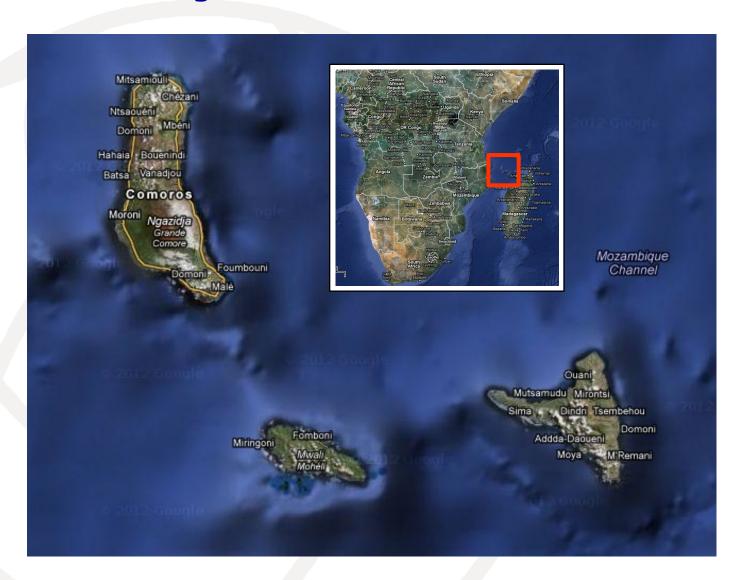
Strategy for a sustainable implementation

- **1. low costs**: the hardware platform is applied in different ways, even recycled technology;
- **2. technological transfer**: local technicians were trained by iXem engineers to build up, control and maintain the network;
- **3. social services**: apart from "Telecentros", the infrastructure is primarily used for telemedicine and distance learning applications;
- **4. sustainability**: the infrastructure does not need significant or compromising actions for the environment;
- **5. scalability**: the project is designed in order to be scaled up with smooth cost coefficients

Project outcomes

- Extension of the broadband connectivity already available in the capital over a 1600 sqkm area (full coverage), by an IEEE 802.11h infrastructure
- A Telecentro and Public Internet Access in the village
- Local Hot Spot facilities in Dayuma, will be extended to other five villages by the local Municipalities
- Connection between Infirmaries and the central Hospital in the Capital, through the net
- Connection between Elementary Schools and the Central one in the Capital, again through the net

The Project in Comoro Islands



The Comoro Project

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- Islands
- Lack of I Services
- UnaffordServices

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165	Burkina Faso	1,500	2011 est.
165	Tanzania	1,500	2011 est.
165	Benin	1,500	2011 est.
168	Lesotho	1,400	2011 est.
169	Burma	1,300	2011 est.
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169	Rwanda	1,300	2011 est.
169	Mali	1,300	2011 est.
169	▶ Nepal	1,300	2011 est.
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174	Comoros	1,200	2011 est.
176	Ethiopia	1,100	2011 est.
176	Guinea-Bissau	1,100	2011 est.
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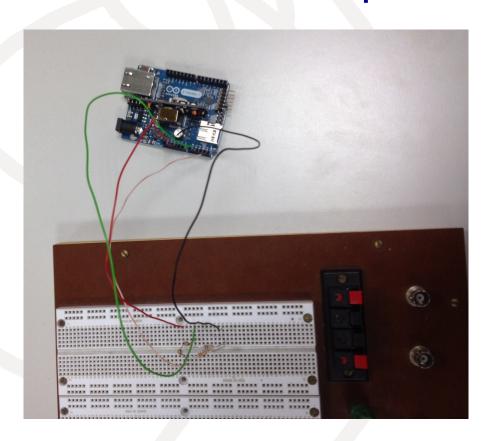
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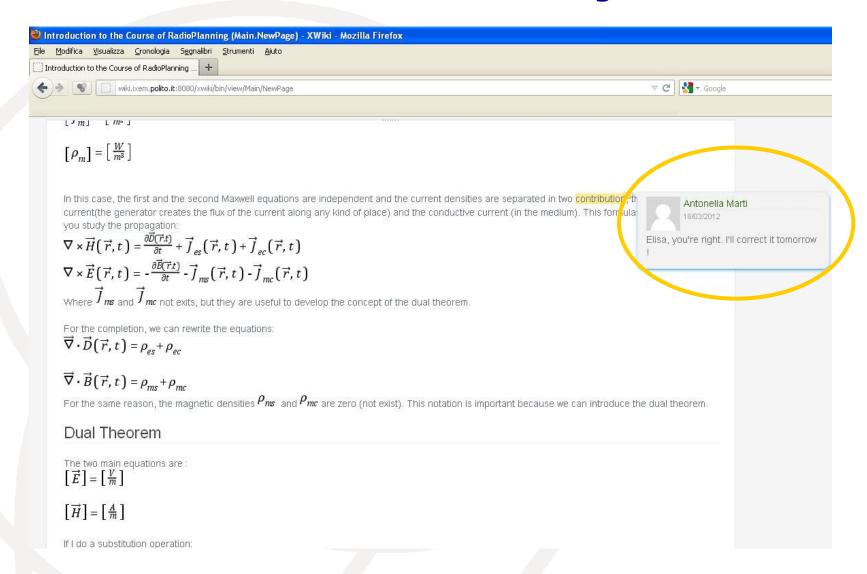
- Creation of broadband connectivity to interconnect the three Islands (dedicated low cost solution)
- Connection between Infirmaries and the central Hospital in the Capital, through an hybrid ad hoc / IEEE 802.11h network
- Local Hot Spot facilities in 16 remote villages, to provide Internet access to the village community

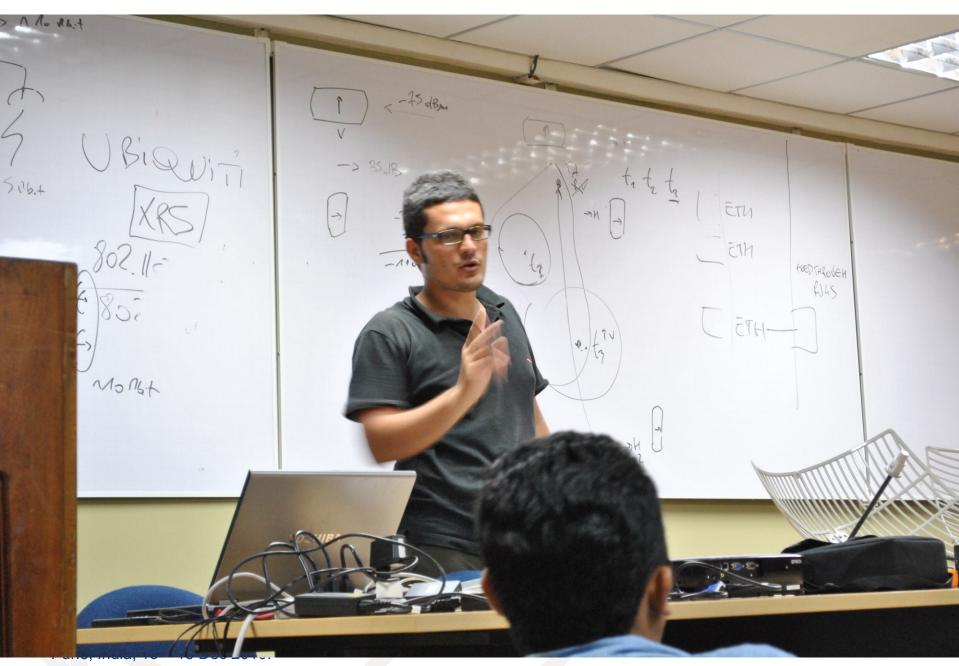
Further than Internet

Open source hardware platforms



The iXemWiki Project





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Comoros Islands







Why this Tech Transfer is important?

- In Ecuador: after one month few cows ate cables
- In Ecuador: lightning compromised network functionality

 In Comoros: students of local University are attending International courses and training

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Tech Transfer is best action to trigger new network developments
- It guarantees participation, sustainability, and requires much lower costs

- Shall we standardize the approach?
- Shall we recommend use of open hardware?
- Shall we promote open learning?

Very nice to be with you!!!



Where you can't imagine to place an antenna, we (try to) DO

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