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ICT - INNOVATIONS FOR NATION BUILDING AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE

Monday 25th March 2013

9,30am – 10,00am Opening Session

Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA
Antonio Bernardini, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations

Report on Infopoverty Activities

Pierpaolo Saporito, President of OCCAM and Founder of the Infopoverty World Conference

Introductory remarks

John Steffens, Executive Director, The Infopoverty Institute

10,00am - 12,00noon First Session

New Visions for the Euro-Mediterranean *in videoconference with the European Parliament Office in Milan*

The widespread use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and of decentralized social networks, particularly by young people, have begun to redefine the relationship between citizens and governing institutions throughout the Mediterranean region. It has been a central factor in holding the promise of positive change responsive to the needs and aspiration of people in the region. But the digital revolution can also be a key instrument for responding to governance challenges and for defining policies and shaping actions that bring about integrated solutions that break the vicious cycle of poverty, unemployment, social exclusion and environmental degradation. While conditions differ in the northern and the southern shores of the Mediterranean, ICTs can be a powerful engine for positive change and sustainable progress in all countries of the Mediterranean.

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<p>Co-Moderator: Patrizio Civili, Former UN Assistant Secretary-General</p> <p>Neelie Kroes, Vice President of the European Commission</p> <p>Imad Hoballah, CEO Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, Lebanon</p> <p>Serge Telle, Head of the Interministerial Delegation to the Mediterranean, France</p> <p>Salmane Tariq El Allami, Member of the Board, Rhmana Foundation, Morocco</p>	<p>Co-Moderator: Giovanni Caprara, Corriere della Sera</p> <p>Piergiacomo Ferrari, Chairman, Promotion and Development Committee, OCCAM</p> <p>Patrizia Toia, Member of the European Parliament (MEP)</p> <p>Cristiana Muscardini, MEP</p> <p>Pierantonio Panzeri, MEP</p> <p>Cristina Tajani, Councilor for Research, City of Milan</p> <p>Stefania Pigozzi, UCIMU</p> <p>Tiziana Vicario, Coopì</p> <p>Francesco Laera, Press Officer, EC Office in Milan</p> <p>Bruno Marasà, Office in Milan of the European Parliament</p>

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12,00noon - 1,00pm Second Session

Innovations for the Empowerment of People

ICTs can be an important tool to empower people, enabling the access to a super-fast world of globalized communications and decentralized information networks. Once people can access and use technology, their lives will be improved. According to a recent study, access to ICT is able to improve people living conditions, access to services, agricultural practices, participation in the government (and government responsibility and transparency), income, security, social relations and health. But how to facilitate the access to ICTs as a tool to solve the problem of poverty?

Moderator: Daniela Bas, Director of DESA's Division for Social Policy and Development, UN

Gary Fowlie, Head, ITU Liaison Office to the UN

Judith Payne, e-Business Advisor, USAID

Shanu SP Hinduja, Chairperson, the Hinduja Foundation

Hiroshi Kawamura, DAISY Consortium

Axel Leblois, Executive Director, G3ict

Jon A. Fredrickson, Vice President, Government, InnoCentive, Inc.

2,30 pm – 4,30pm Third Session

Nation Building through the Digital Approach to Promote Development

The session will focus on how emerging economies are facing the challenge of building efficient States, able to satisfy citizens' primary needs, also including the respect to democratic values and sustainable economic growth. Even a few years ago this seemed an unreachable goal, but thanks to innovations and ICTs it is possible to face those challenges with strong determination and enthusiasm, and some concrete results are there to demonstrate how the digital revolution is reshaping the world and open unprecedented perspectives.

Chair: Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA

Ali Mariama Elhadj Ibrahim, Minister of National Education, Niger

Jean Philbert Nsengimana, Minister of Youth and ICT, Rwanda

Nelson Chamisa, Minister of Information Communication Technology, Zimbabwe

José Quiroga, Vice Minister of Information Society and Knowledge, Ecuador

Abbas Babagana, Princ. Tech. Officer, eGov/IT, Federal Ministry of Communication, Nigeria

Marc Bichler, Executive Secretary, UNCDF

Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization

Naomi Halewood, ICT Policy Specialist, World Bank

Erika Kochi, Technical Innovation Team, UNICEF

Marisa Henderson, Officer in Charge, UNCTAD New York Liaison Office

Abraham Joseph, Former Advisor to the Government of Timor-Leste

4,30 pm – 6,30 Fourth Session

New Tools for a Global Cooperation

In the joint efforts to promote development through the ICTs it is important to focus on the inter-operability of systems and integration of the procedures in regards to services (telemedicine, e-learning, e-governance, etc). These e-services are not only a development tool in themselves, but their very nature can further facilitate efforts in other fields, enabling integrations, coordination and cooperation at all levels among all stakeholders of the cooperation for development community.

Chair: Rima Salah, Former Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

Janis Karklins, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information

Andrew Trevett, Senior Adviser, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), UNICEF

Toshihito Murata, Liaison Officer, FAO Liaison Office in New York

Francis Lorenzo, President, South-South News

Liberato Bautista, Former CoNGO President

Michael J Elder, Chairman, Quillmate

Damian McCabe, US Representative, Bharti Foundation

Mitch Roberson, Board Member, Affecting Change International

John Steffens, Executive Director, The InfoPoverty Institute

Timothy Anderson, Founder and President, WCE

Luca Neri, Former President, Winfocus

Amjad Umar, United Nations eNabler Project, Harrisburg University & University of Pennsylvania

Tuesday 26th March 2013

10,00am - 11,30am Fifth Session

Civil Society Facing the Digital Revolution: Opportunities and Risks

Chair: John Steffens, Executive Director, The Infopoverty Institute

Palitha T.B. Kohona, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations

Alexandru Cujba, former Ambassador, Moldova

Marcia L. Dyson, CEO, Women's Global Initiative

Richard H. Niemeyer, President, Youth Outreach International

Gloria Kins, UN Correspondent, Society and Diplomatic Review

Terri Hasdorff, Vice President, Government Affairs, Convoy of Hope

Kelly Campbell, Kenya Sustainable Development Programs

Donald Smidt, Executive Director, Connecting Generations, Inc.

David Neely, President & CEO, Affecting Change International

Cesare Spreafico, CEO, iSB4 Global Care

Roberto Rossi, Spokesman, Infopoverty Programme, OCCAM

Lola Poggi Goujon, Secretary General, International Council of Film and Television at UNESCO

Jasmina Bojic, Film Critic/Founder and Executive Director UNAFF/UNAFF Traveling Film Festival

11,30am - 12,30pm

General Discussion on Proposals and next Step Actions

Chair: Sarbuland Khan, Former Executive Director, UN-GAID

12,30pm - 1,00pm

Final Roundtable and Approval of the Final Declaration

Chair: Pierpaolo Saporito, President of the Infopoverty Programme