



X INFOPOVERTY WORLD CONFERENCE  
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## FINAL DECLARATION

### Considering:

that the digital revolution is changing the life of our societies and awakening vast masses so far marginalized and plagued by hunger and poverty, bringing forth new paradigms in development processes that can now be extended to all human beings.

that we must act so that those innovations have a strong social impact and be a key instrument to contribute to the global effort to achieve the Lisbon and the Millennium Development Goals (“MDGs”).

### Appreciating

the continued Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic, H.E. Giorgio Napolitano, for the realization of the series of the Infopoverity World Conferences;

the constant partnership of the European Parliament, the UN-GAID, the UN-DESA, the Infopoverity Institute at the University of Oklahoma and the International Council of Film and Television at UNESCO

the constant cooperation with the European Commission, UNESCO, ITU, FAO

the Patronage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Economic Development of Italy;

the collaborative support of the Permanent Missions of Tunisia and Italy;

the active participation of the Permanent Missions of Albania, Bosnia, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, FYROM, Haiti, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Montenegro, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United States, Zambia and Zimbabwe to the United Nations;

the Haiti recovery actions carried out by Aircraft Carrier Cavour of the Italian Army in Haiti;

the support of Provincia di Milano, Regione Lombardia, City of Milan, Christopher D. Smithers Foundation and the Kins Group;

the crucial role of OCCAM, founder and main organizer of the Conference;

### Approving

The report submitted by OCCAM on the outcomes of the Infopoverity World Conference 2009, whose Final Declaration has been widely implemented in regards to:

*“The creation (item 1) of the Infopoverity network of ICT Villages and communities as scientific campuses of experimentation, where we can test and validate tools and practices to be shared and applied to UN aid programs, acting now in Countries such as: Bosnia, Brazil, Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, Peru, Philippines, Serbia, supported by the ville-village model (item 2) now operating with the city of Milan and Sao Manuel in Brazil and with Lodi and Mahobong in Lesotho.*

*“The realization of the pilots of the projects presented at the Conference” (item 3) such as e-services for development Ultrasound in emergency context; E-phytopathology; E-veterinary; Low cost broadband distribution; Community fountain*

### **The participants<sup>1</sup> in the X Infopoverity World Conference decide:**

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**To encourage** the full realization of the ICT village network and the scale up the e-services via broadband satellite platform, managed by OCCAM and Eutelsat to bring connectivity at low cost anywhere and especially in isolated communities, which constitute the key basis of the Infopoverty Programme

**To adopt** the following projects that were presented at the Conference:

- E-health project presented by Luciano Bresciani, Minister of Health of Regione Lombardia twinning Mahobong medical center (Lesotho) with the Hospital of Lodi (Italy) implementing the Use of ultrasound for maternal care;
- E-health project presented by the Representative of permanent mission of Mali to UN , for a new maternity clinic in Kenyero village, and the national campaign for a safe maternity, supported by Reborn International;
- Health domestic corner for elderly and disable people, presented by Studio Esperimento with Tatiana Foundation;
- Pilot project application on robotic distant surgery presented by Ottavio de Cobelli, European Institute of Oncology;
- E-agriculture project presented by the Minister of Agriculture of Lesotho and in partnership with the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Milan and supported by the City of Milan for potato cultivation in Lesotho assisted by e-phytopathology and parasitology techniques;
- Broadband long distance wireless terrestrial cluster application for the ICT Village network, presented by iXem Labs of the Polytechnic of Turin;
- Iside project for the satellite diffusion of film and distant learning application in Niger, Burkina Faso, Congo presented by CICT-UNESCO and Microcinema;
- Orphans e-adoption project, neoparental live communication via skype and facebook, to orphanages in India promoted by Sunflower Children;
- ACI-Helix model ICT village center projects in Zambia & Haiti proposed by David Neely
- The Innovative E-government project presented by the Ministry of technology of Colombia;
- Job creation activity promoted by Reborn Int. in disadvantaged communities;
- AidMatrix proposed by Scott McCallum, as a tool of interchange;
- Disable and disadvantaged people ICT applications presented by Internet Speech;
- Implementation through ICT of the campaign of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation;
- Diffusion of the Food for the Poor project proposed by Terri Hasdorff
- Infopoverty webforum for common activities through the U-Movement proposed by Emdad Khan, and the MDG Achievers proposed by Theo Cosmora;
- Implementation of the ICT-Millennium village of Sambaina, promoted by the Permanent Representative of Madagascar to United Nations

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- Creation of the Infopoverty Institutes at the Catholic University in the Dominican Republic and the Korea University in Seoul and the Ecuador State University in Quito and linkage to the parent Infopoverty Institute at the University of Oklahoma with parallel antennas.
- The resolution made by the parallel sessions in Italy in order to:
  - constitute a working group to include national stakeholders in the process to achieve the MDGs and to share the innovative ICT application in the policies of international cooperation
  - realize a project to support SMEs in Latin America with regards to remittances and e-commerce.

**To endorse and support** the proposals:

- made by H.E. Ghazi Jomaa, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the UN, as Chair of the 1st session, to maintain the link between the issue of Youth and ICTs by keeping it high on the agenda of the Infopoverty World Conference and all ICTs and poverty-related international events, especially in light of the celebration of the International Year of the Youth (start August 2010) and the organization of the International Conference for the Youth in 2011; to widen e-services application in the WSIS-ICT Village of Borj Touil and to include the Infopoverty World Conference and Programme in the follow up activities to the WSIS;
- made by H.E. Prof. Geoffrey Lungwangwa, Minister of Communications and Transport of Zambia, and others to enlarge and implement this conference in a worldwide Movement, in order to continue the process of driving the innovation to the social application and develop poor communities and welcome the offer to establish in Zambia the focus on Movement for Africa;
- made by H.E. Ramon Espinel, Minister of Agriculture of Ecuador, for a mayor integration between the Infopoverty Program and the Ecuador policy of development, with the creation of 2 ICT rural villages operating with the mentioned e-services;
- made by Prof. Vittorio Prodi, Member of the European Parliament, to use ICT innovations and actions also on environmental sustainability, taking into account the concept of "climate justice".

**To recommend to:**

- USAID to incorporate ICTs in the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review to be made public in July 2010 by the US Department of State in order to improve the areas of communication and information management as well as the transparency of actions in developing countries.
- The European Commission to further collaborate with the Infopoverty Program and invest on ICTs for Development through the three main areas mentioned by Jean Francois Soupizet, namely communication infrastructures, low cost technologies and well adapted technologies and, in cooperation with ITU, on harmonization and capacity building in the regulatory framework.
- The megalopolis government authorities, to adhere and adopt the integrated project of waste urban management, self-construction e-government process to eliminate slums and restore the urban poor communities, as presented by Studio Experimenta, SAVNO and Arca magazine.

**Finally, all participants consider crucial, in order to deliver on a wide scale the effective e-services of the Infopoverty Programme:**

**To develop** a multi-stakeholder **UN e-MDG's Consortium**, in cooperation with the United Nations, its specializing agencies and programs, for e-services delivery, managed by the user Countries and able to activate and distribute the e-services such as telemedicine, distance education, e-governance, e-agriculture (phytopathology, parasitology, veterinary, land registry), e-entrepreneurship to achieve the MDGs and **recommend** to the United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon, to the Members of the European Parliament and the Decision Makers to support this endeavor and include it in the Agenda 2010-2015 as a major instrument for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and Lisbon Agenda.

**To give mandate** to OCCAM to implement, with the collaboration of all stakeholders and organizations, the indications emerged in the present Conference promoting a mobilizing partnership between the participants also through the launch of the Movement, with specific actions campaigns, further requesting to prepare a report to the next XI Infopoverty World Conference, to be held at the UN Headquarters in the spring 2011, on progress achieved.