

VI Infopoverty World Conference
Fighting poverty to create prosperity for all

April 20th - 21st, 2006

Milan



Agenda

Thursday 20 April 2006

Politecnico di Milano, Milan

10.00am-12.00 noon Workshop

Build up: urban ict perspectives in the global village

Introductory remarks: Alberto Rovetta, Professor of Robotics, Politecnico di Milano

Chair: Cesare Maria Casati, coordinator, Build Up Scientific Committee

Adolfo Colombo, Commissario Straordinario di Governo per le Opere Strategiche

Giancarlo Ius, Vice Presidente, Unione Internazionale degli Architetti

Pier Paolo Maggiora, Architetto

Amedeo Schiattarella, Presidente, Ordine degli Architetti, Roma

Maurizio Vitta, Docente, Politecnico di Milano

Maurizio Vogliazzo, Direttore Laboratorio ALAD, Politecnico di Milano

Round up: Umberto Vattani, President, ICE*

3 pm - Opening

Giulio Ballio, Chancellor, Politecnico di Milano

Villaggio ICT - Un modello per lo sviluppo sostenibile

Co-Chaired by: Alberto Rovetta, Professor of Robotics, Politecnico di Milano

Luigi De Vecchis, CEO, Siemens Communications Italia

Marco Comastri, Country Manager, Microsoft Italia

Francesco Sicurello, President, AITIM

Agostino Faravelli, Patologi oltre Frontiera

Best practices per lo sviluppo

Giovanni Bisogni, President, FORMIT Foundation *One Dollar for Development*

Alfredo Ronchi, MEDICI Framework, European Commission

Renato Cortinovis, Rotary International

Gianluca di Pasquale, Ingegneri senza Frontiere, Milano

Stefano Scotti, METID

Mario Zanone Poma, President, Banca Intesa Mediocredito

Emilio Di Cristofaro, President, Water-b2b

United Nations, New York

Public private partnership: global connectivity and e-services for all

9.30 am – FIRST SESSION

H.E. Marcello Spatafora, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Italy to the UN

Jose Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary General, Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, UN

10. 00 am -11.45 am–Series I

ICT village - a model for sustainable development

Chaired by: H.E. Ambassador Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy, Permanent Representative, Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations

Michael Grossman, Acting Managing Director of Anglophone\Lusophone Africa, MCC

John Steffens, Executive Director, Infopoverty Institute

Brunella Pavesi, Head, International Institutions Projects, Telespazio

11.45 am -01.00 pm –Series II

Best practices for development

Chaired by: H. E. Erasmo Lara, Permanent Representative, Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations

Eric Cantor, Business Technology Manager, Acumen Fund - Drishtee

Sarbuland Khan, Director, ECOSOC Support and Coordination

01.00pm – 03.00 p.m. Lunch Series

Corporate social responsibility in the area of the ICTs

Chaired by: George Kell, Executive Director, Global Compact

Djankou Ndjonkou, Representative to the UN and Director, ILO Office for the UN

Richard Niemeyer, President, Youth Outreach International

Piergiacomo Ferrari, CEO, Fiera Milano

3.00 pm - 4.30 pm Second Session

New protagonists of the global challenge: indigenous peoples and local communities

Chaired by: Mr. Joe Shirley Jr., President, Navajo Nation

Najat Rochdi, Regional Coordinator in the Arab Region, UNDP

Lee Swepston, Senior Human Rights adviser, ILO

Gerardo Zepeda Bermudez, Vice President, OCCAM

4.30 - 6.00 pm Series I

Integrated technologies for sustainable development

Chaired by: Mack McCarter, Exec. Dir. Shreveport Bossier Community Renewal

Orville Schaefer, President, Heartland Water

Doug Reid-Green, BASF Tsunami response - housing and waste management

Richard Thomson, President, Caribbean Farms, Fish Farm Development

Owen Gwyn, World President elected, International Real Estate Federation

Marco Marinucci, Google BookSearch

Patrick Sandoval, Chief of Staff of the President's Office at the Navajo Nation

Adele Smithers Fornaci, President, The Christopher D. Smithers Foundation

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SAMBAINA, Madagascar

H.E. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

CONSTANZA, Dominican Republic

H.E. Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic

ARUSHA, Tanzania

Batilda Burian, Deputy Minister for Family, Tanzania

WINDOW ROCK, Navajo Nation

Ernest Franklin, Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission

Ervin Keeswood, Navajo Tribal Council

SAO PAULO, Brazil

Marcos Terena, President Inter-Tribal Council Indigenous People of Brazil

Roberto Pinto Martins, Secretary of Telecommunications of Brazil

Juan Zavattiero, ITU-Head of the Regional Office of the Americas

April, Friday 21st, 2006

Università Cattolica, Milan

11.00 am – 1.00 pm. European Series

ICT come strumento di integrazione dell'Europa allargata

Chaired by: Maria Grazia Cavenaghi Smith, Director, European Parliament Office in Milan

Pia Elda Locatelli, Member of the European Parliament

Cristiana Muscardini, Member of the European Parliament

Pierantonio Panzeri, Member of the European Parliament

03.30 pm

Gli obiettivi di sviluppo del millennio e le ICT: un nuovo approccio verso lo sviluppo per creare prosperità per tutti

Co-Chaired by: Pierantonio Panzeri, Member of the European Parliament

Maria Grazia Cavenaghi Smith, Director, European Parliament Office in Milan

Enrique Planas, Council on Social Communication, Holy See

Mercedes Bresso, President, Regione Piemonte

Giuseppe Viriglio, Director for EU and Industrial Policies, European Space Agency

Vincenzo Acquaro, CEO, FORMIT Servizi

Alberto Piatti, President, AVSI

Enrico Guicciardi, Ministero per gli Italiani nel Mondo*

Mario Virano, Architetto

Pierpaolo Celeste, Member of the Board, INAIL

United Nations, New York

10,00 am – 11.30 a.m. Third Session Parallel Sessions

Millennium Development Goals and the ICTs: a new approach towards development to create prosperity for all

Chaired by: Ms. Natasha Despotovic, Executive Director, FUNGLODE

Amir Dossal, Executive Director, United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

H.E. Ismael Abraao Gaspar Martins, Permanent Representative of Angola to the UN

H.E. Dawit Yohannes, Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the UN

Bruno Lanvin, Senior Advisor, e-strategies, the World Bank

11.30 am – 1.00 p.m. **Roundtable**

Outcomes and perspectives of the VI Infopoverty World Conference

Chaired by: Mr. Pierpaolo Saporito, President, Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication (OCCAM)

Rapporteur: Arthur Cole, University of Oklahoma

H.E. Ambassador Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Madagascar to the United Nations

H.E. Ambassador Francis Lorenzo, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations

George Kell, Executive Director, Global Compact

Joe Shirley Jr., President, Navajo Nation

Natasha Despotovic, Executive Director, FUNGLODE

FINAL DECLARATION

Parallel Session

BRUSSELS, EU

Viviane Reading, European Commissioner for Information Society and Media

LIMA, National Congress

H.E. Marcial Ayaipoma, President, Congress of Peru

H.E. Ambassador Allan Wagner, Secretary General, Andean Community

GENEVA, ITU

Pierre Gagne, Deputy Director, BDT, ITU

PARIS, UNESCO SEAT

Abdul W. Khan, Assistant Director General, UNESCO

Final Declaration

We the co-organizers and participants at The VI Infopoverty Conference

Conscious of the fact that digital revolution could transform societies in generating productive employment and decent work for all which is the theme of ECOSOC High Level Segment in July 2006;

Recalling the UN Millennium Summit Declaration of 2000 and the Summit Declaration of 2005 adopted by the Heads of States and Government to fulfill the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of Reducing global poverty by half by 2015;

Also recalling the Ministerial Declaration on Rural Development of the Economic and Social Council 58/3/Rev.1 of 3 July 2003. ECOSOC resolution, 2004/45 of 27 July 2005 on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development; ECOSOC resolution 2004/49 of 23 July 2004, and 2005/42 of 26 July 2005, on the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development; and General Assembly resolution 60/252 endorsing the outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);

Reaffirming the new forms of international assistance and support that provide opportunities to create a larger impact on the employment and living conditions of the rural populations living in the developing countries;

Recognizing the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) can become the engine of growth and greater employment, and that their diffusion should be accessible to all countries, particularly the low-income countries;

Convinced that contribution of all stakeholders – donor countries/agencies, UN system organizations, NGO/civil society and private sector – through ICT development can lead to greater job creation, decent work and sustainability for all peoples and countries;

Recognizing the importance, as a tool for self-sustainable development through ICTs, of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed during the Tunis WSIS by ITU, Navajo Nation and OCCAM;

Also Recognizing the role played by the Infopoverty Programme promoted by Observatory Cultural and Audiovisual (OCCAM) to pursue these objectives since 2001, for the creation of ICT Villages – according to the model certified during the Tunis phase of the World Summit on the Information Society 2005.

Emphasizing the importance of services provided in these ICT villages, including telemedicine, e-learning, e-commerce

– which contribute to the process of poverty eradication and improvement of living conditions particularly in low income countries, and for disadvantaged communities and indigenous people.

Youth Outreach International

The VI Infopoverty Conference:

Appreciates the continued patronage of the President of the Italian Republic for the realization of the series of the Infopoverty World Conferences;

Also appreciates the continued support of the European Parliament;

Congratulates the President of the Republic of Madagascar for the realization of the ICT Village of Sambaina and the President of the Dominican Republic for the realization of the ICT Village of Constanza, as the prototypes of implementation of country-wide projects that can be replicated worldwide in the developing countries, particularly low income and most disadvantaged communities;

Also congratulates the President of the Navajo Nation for the successful implementation of ICT system on all Navajo territories, under the concept of technology with tradition and preservation of values and culture; this could be a model to replicate in other parts of the world toward reaching self sustainable development;

Urges the creation of broadband satellite platform able to provide basic e-services for development such as telemedicine, e-learning, e-governance, and calling on stakeholders to undertake a feasibility study/plan that will then be submitted to relevant institutions;

Calls on governments and intergovernmental organizations to use both traditional and ICT methods to enable access to national and international markets, in order to stimulate the creation of decent work through the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises.

Encourages all stakeholders to support the following initiatives recommended by the VI Infopoverity Conference:

- *Converge and create **homogeneous bulk purchases*** by ICT users (NGOs, public and private institutions) in order to improve services according to their needs at lower costs;
- *Create a plan of **GRID-Centers of Excellence*** to research and develop innovative tools and services fit to the needs of developing and emerging countries and sharing results and best practices and ICT innovation through the Infopoverity Exhibition to be hosted by Build Up Expo at Fiera Milano
- *Invite institutions active in the field of international development assistance to devote a **significant percentage*** of their development assistance projects aimed at bridging the digital divide and that are to be used in accordance with shared standards and existing best practices;
- *Encourages ICT industries to **donate/sell*** at very low costs hardware, software and services in order to facilitate access to the digital revolution to the developing countries, particularly low-income countries;
- *Urges OCCAM to promote and diversify cooperation with the ECOSOC pilot countries of the UN Public Private Alliance for Rural Development and the Global Compact for building global partnership with all stakeholders;*
- *Encourages the advisory board of OCCAM to consider, that the Infopoverity Programme for the Years 2006-2008 should continue translating policies into practice and that OCCAM should focus on the implementation of the Plan of Action with the support of its Advisory Board;*
- *Invites OCCAM to prepare the VII Infopoverity World Conference in 2007, which would convene leaders at the highest level from countries that can share their experiences, success and challenges in the fight against poverty through connectivity;*
- *Invites OCCAM to prepare a report to the VII Infopoverity Conference on progress achieved in mobilizing support and its impact on the identified countries for partnership.*