

IV Infopoverty World Conference

New frontiers of the ICT:

services for development

April 29th -30th, 2004

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Agenda

Thursday 29th April 2004

First part. New Practices in Telemedicine: concrete help to disadvantaged communities

Opening Session

First Session: E-health for everybody

Second Session: How to help youth in disadvantaged communities

Second part. Which ITCs to fight poverty: how to connect villages and provide services for development

Welcome and Introductory remarks

Third Session: The space contribution to the infopoverty demand

Fourth session: Broadband services for development

Round up

Friday 30th April 2004

Third Part. Towards the information society: perspectives of the plan of action of the Summit of 2003

Opening session

Fifth session: European Institutions and civil society in the ICT for development

Sixth session: Strategies and actions of UN system towards WSIS 2005 Tunis

Fourth Part. Ethical markets for the development of emerging countries and the ICT industry

Seventh session: E-ethics as prerequisite for development

Eighth session: Digital opportunity in the globalization process

Ninth session: Round up and Final Declaration

Final Declaration

Considering that:

- fight to poverty is the primary goal of the Millennium Declaration approved in 2000 by United Nations;
- the declaration of the 2003 WSIS Summit underlines the necessity of linking all the communities of the earth by 2015;
- digital revolution is changing life parameters of entire populations, with the risk of increasing the severe imbalances that are already existing;
- these technologies can give a decisive contribution to effectively combat the poverty conditions that affects the majority of humankind and to help to reach the Millennium Development Goal.

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registered the participation of more than 100 institutions, connecting in multiconference 14 different locations with more than 150 rapporteurs, at the end of the work, within the **Infopoverity Program**, in which OCCAM plays the role of acting agency.

Undertakes to **support with special effort** the proposal to draft, during the next 2005 Summit in Tunisia, a project of excellence aimed at providing a Tunisian disadvantaged community of all those forefront ICT applications able to improve their social and economic conditions and to face the vulnerability of their positions. The goal is to submit to the present Delegations and to the international press the best solutions involving the most appropriate, effective and validated technologies, including satellite technologies, as everywhere replicable models and guaranteed to the absolute reliability and to the high skills of the services provided.

At the realization of this pilot project will be invited to contribute all the present institutions, coordinated in **Infopoverity Network**, operating within the conference since 2001.

Promote a wide coordination among the ongoing initiatives for the creation of a real society of the knowledge, through the institution of the Digital Focus in Lombardy (Italy), in order that new forms of sharing can develop technological, knowledge, resources and services platforms, in order to optimize costs and to accelerate the reach of the common goals.

Support the Infopoverity Institute, established at the university of Oklahoma, in order to facilitate the use of connectivity and to support the effective access and the use of information aimed at improving life conditions of the communities who need more help.

Recommends strengthening the spirit of **consensus** between all the stakeholders, to mobilize, with human, technological, economic resources, in order to reach the primary goals already indicated, specifically referring to Millennium Development Goals;

Promoting the **connectivity** field through global long term agreements between satellite operators and UN, in order to start changing policies compatible with development levels.

Leading product policies oriented to populations' real needs, respecting human rights and guaranteed to operational reliability (abolishing programmed obsolescence practices, ensuring safety from virus and spam) and to freeware and linguistic availability levels, in order to make use of ICTs open to all.

Invites Financial International Organizations, governments, NGOs and private sector to start initiatives that bring to "turnkey" realization of those **primary services** (eHealth, e-learning, e-governance, e-commerce) available immediately for the most disadvantaged communities, and at the same time to encourage them with microcredit activities.

On the basis of proposals emerged during the Conference, **supports** practical actions shown this year in order to exemplify the International Community's effort expressed during this Conference through its representatives, to reduce digital divide on a sustainable basis and on an approach that lies at the heart of any action the people.

Welcomes the enthusiasm and the seriousness of Tunisia, with which the country has committed itself in the preparatory work of the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society that will take place in Tunisia on November 2005, and **recommends** that all the partners (UN, ITU, European Union, Governments etc.) sustain Tunisia in order to ensure the success of the Summit.