

IX Infopoverty World Conference

ICTs Good Use, Abuse, Refuse towards the Millenium Development Goals

March 18th - 19th – 20th, 2009

New York, Milan, Paris, Brussels



Agenda

Wednesday 18 March, 2009 Plenary sessions

10.00 am Opening session

Rural Development and food security towards 2015 (videoconnected with the Sambaina Millennium Village)

European Parliament Office, Milan - Sala Pirelli - Palazzo delle Stelline - Corso Magenta, 59

Stefania Craxi, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, Italy*

Stefano Cacciaguerra, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Manfredi Palmeri, President of the City Council of Milan

Giampaolo Landi di Chiavenna, Councilor of Health, City of Milan

Maurizio Decina, Department of Electronics and Information, Politecnico di Milano

Andrea Ferrari, Councilor of Culture, City of Lodi

Eugenio Scanziani, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary, UniMI

Claudia Sorlini, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, UniMI

Paolo Cortesi, DiPSA, University of Milan

Costantino Bolis, Hospital of Lodi

Giuseppe Bonelli, Head, Schools of Lodi

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS - Room 8, UN Plaza 1, New York

H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas, President of ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg

Haiyan Qian, Director, UNDESA-DPADM, UN

Sarbuland Khan, Executive Director, UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development

H.E. Amb. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN*

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

10.30 am

Chaired by: **H.E. Ambassador Zina Andrianarivelo-Razafy**, Permanent Representative of Madagascar

Scott Dulchavsky, Project Coordinator, NASA, AIUM - WINFOCUS

Daniele Trincherio, iXemLabs, Department of Electronics, Politecnico di Torino

Cheryl Morden, Director, IFAD – New York Office*

2.30 pm - 6.00 pm Workshops

HEALTH, EDUCATION, CLIMATE CHANGES, AND FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES

Chaired by: **John E. Steffens**, Assistant Vice Provost, Emeritus, Infopoverty Institute

Stijn van der Krogt, Director, Country programmes, IICD

Joshua Silver, Director, Centre for Vision in the Developing World, University of Oxford

Mark Rogers, the Clapham Group

Terri Hasdorf, Director, Washington Office - Food for the Poor, USAID

Ramòn A. Alonso Beato, Dean, Universidad Católica Santo Domingo

Mack McCarter, Founder and Coordinator, Community Renewal international
Doug Reid-Green, BASF Corp
Adele Smithers, President, Smithers Foundation
Mr. Tariq Banuri, Director, UNDESA – Division for Sustainable Development
Larry Smith, Director Saddleback Nationwide Initiatives
Nasir Mogul, Founding Chairman DIEAH;
Lira Samykbaeva, Kyrgyzstan Telecenter e-Health Project;
Canan Sandikcioglu, Director International Projects, METU Technopolis;
Mario Bernardo Garnero, Vice President, Grupo Brasilinvest;
Julio Volotao, Director, Grupo Ecorodovias;
Frank Minaya y Willmore, President and CEO, Samana College/University Center, DR
David Neely, Leadership Baptist Global Respons
Dale Neill, President and CEO, ICCC Global Trade Centre.

Thursday 19 March, 2009 Plenary sessions

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS - Room 7, UN Plaza 1, New York

10.00 am Second Session *Global scenarios: Past and present challenges and obstacles of ICT4D projects*

Chaired by: Vice-President of ECOSOC: **H.E. Ambassador Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernandez**, El Salvador

Amir Dossal, Executive Director, UN Fund for Int'l Partnerships

Linda Stoddart, Chair, UN Working Group on Knowledge Management, Office of ICTs, UN*

Hodan Haji-Mahamud, Director, Division for UN Support and Partnerships, UNDP Africa

11.30 am Third Session *How Can Market and Research Create Demand-Driven ICTs in Developing Countries?*

Chaired by: Vice-President of ECOSOC: **H.E. Ambassador Tiina Intelmann**, Estonia*

Ralph Corey, Director of Connectivity programs, World Ahead INTEL

Raj Shah, Chief Marketing Officer, Ncomputing

Femida Gwadry-Sridhar, Lawson

Nasruddin Rupani, President, Rupani Foundation

Pansak Siriruchatapong, Executive Director, Nectec

Ezani Amir, Mimos

Sarat Dutt Lallah, CEO, Mauritius Telecom

Rodrigo Nunes, Carmelo Nunes, Guedes Nunes, Oliveira e Roquim Advogados

Erik G. Olsson, CEO, redtienda.com

2.30 pm Fourth Session *The role and contribution of the g@id and its initiatives*

Chaired by: Mr. Zainol Rahim Zainuddin, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN (Malaysia)

Moderator: **Sarbuland Khan**, GAID Executive Coordinator

Francesca Cesa Bianchi, Director of External Relations, Global Initiative for Inclusive Technologies (G3ICT)

Ms. Seema Hafeez, Global Coordinator, e/m-GKR, UNDESA
Dr. Paul Jhin, 500/12 Initiative
Mr. Kamran Elahian, Global Catalyst Partners

4.00 pm **Fifth Session** *A fresh start for digital development*

Chaired by: Vice-President of ECOSOC: **H.E. Ambassador Somduth Soborun**, Mauritius
Luciano Bresciani, Health Councillor, Regione Lombardia, Italy
Lamia Chaffai Sgaier, Secretary of State for IT, Tunisia
Ali Yahiaoui, Banque Africaine de Developpement
Batilda Burian, Deputy Minister for Family, Tanzania
Salomao Julio Manhiça, Director UTICT, Mozambique
Kamran Elahian, Chairman Global Catalyst Partners
Segopotso Moshapo, ESASTAP, South Africa

Parallel Sessions

3.00 pm **PARIS (UNESCO Seat)**

Abdul W. Khan, Deputy Director General, UNESCO
H.E. Amb. Inoussa Ousseini, Permanent Representative of Niger to UNESCO
Giorgio Parentela, ESA
Emmanuel de Lutz, Head of Group Microfinance, BNP Paribas
Jean-Luc Perron, General Delegate, Grameen Credit Agricole Microfinance Foundation,

4.30 pm

BRUSSELS (European Commission)

Jean Francois Soupizet, INFISO Directorate General, European Commission

SANTO DOMINGO (Dominican Republic)

H.E. Leonel Fernandez, President of the Dominican Republic*

TEGUCIGALPA (Honduras)

Myriam Elizabeth Mejía, Minister Delegate, COHCIT

Friday 20 March, 2009 Plenary Sessions

European Parliament Office, Milan - Sala Pirelli - Palazzo delle Stelline

3.00 pm *Europa, America: insieme per lo sviluppo*

Co-Chair: **Maria Grazia Cavenaghi-Smith**, Director, European Parliament Office in Milano
Report Italian Sessions: **Alberto Rovetta**, Professor of Robotica, Politecnico di Milano
Cristiana Muscardini, Vice Chairwoman, Committee on International Trade, European Parliament
Pier Antonio Panzeri, Delegation for relations with the United States, European Parliament
Guido Podestà, Chairman Delegation of Relations with Afghanistan, European Parliament*
Manfredi Palmeri, President, City Council of Milan
Irma Dioli, Councilor of International Cooperation, Province of Milan

10.00 am Sixth Session

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS - Room 7, UN Plaza 1, New York

Europe and America: which possible convergence for Development

Co-Chair: H.E. Ambassador Francis Lorenzo, Dominican Republic

George Laudato, Head, Middle East Bureau, USAID

Elizabeth Corley, Director of Communications, Development Gateway

Rodney Bent, Deputy Director, Millennium Challenge Corporation

Viviane Reding, Commissioner for the Information Society, European Commission
(videomessage from Brussels)

12.00 am Seventh Session FINAL ROUND TABLE

Chair: Pierpaolo Saporito, President, OCCAM and Founder of the Conference

Sarbuland Khan, GAID Executive Coordinator

John Steffens, Executive Director, Infopoverty Institute

Chairs of the previous sessions

APPROVAL OF THE FINAL DECLARATION 2009

Italian Sessions

Thursday, March 19th, 2009

Ufficio a Milano del Parlamento Europeo - Sala Pirelli- Palazzo delle Stelline - Corso Magenta, 59

9.30 am

Innovation for the local authorities, volunteering and NGOs

Moderator: Maria Grazia Cavenaghi Smith, Direttrice, Ufficio a Milano del Parlamento Europeo

Patrizia Toia, Commissione Industria, Ricerca ed Energia del Parlamento Europeo*

Sen. Roberto di Giovan Paolo, Segretario generale AICCRE

Lorenzo Guerini, Sindaco di Lodi; Presidente, ANCI Lombardia

Silvano Ambrosetti, President of Coop Lombardia

Don Virginio Colmegna, Casa della carità

Marco Granelli, President of CSV Net

Chiara d'Imporzano, President of Associazione Monserrate

Sergio Marelli, President of Associazione ONG italiane

Federico Minoli, Trustee, Riders for Health

11.30 am Italian ad European contribution to the fight against HIV/AIDS

Moderator: Angelo Inzoli, Specialista in Scienze delle Popolazioni e dello Sviluppo

Vittorio Agnoletto, European Parliamentarian, Co-founder of Lila (Italian League Against AIDS)*

Maria Cristina Cantù, General Director of ASL Milano

Barbara Ensoli, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Dirigente di Ricerca

Barbara Foglieni, Ricercatrice, Dipartimento di Medicina Trasfusionale ed Ematologia, A.O. A. Manzoni di Lecco

Massimo Galli, Professore Ordinario Malattie Infettive, Università degli Studi di Milano

Giovanni Maga, Sez. Enzimologia del DNA e Virologia Molecolare, Istituto di Genetica Molecolare, CNR

Michela Martini, Coordinatrice per il Mediterraneo e Balcani Migrazione e HIV/AIDS, OIM

Final Declaration

Aware that:

Future has its roots in the present and in a shared view of expectations, we affirm that the priority of ICT for Development has to be the fight against poverty and the improvement of social conditions of disadvantaged communities, in the spirit of the Millennium Development Goals

Appreciating:

- the continued patronage of the President of the Italian Republic, H.E. Giorgio Napolitano, for the realization of the series of the Infopoverty World Conferences;
- the presence of the President of ECOSOC, H.E. Sylvie Lucas, Permanent Representative of Luxemburg, and of the Vice Presidents of ECOSOC: H.E. Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernandez, Permanent Representative of El Salvador, H.E. Tiina Intelmann, Permanent Representative of Estonia, H.E. Somduth Soborun, Permanent Representative of Mauritius; the presence of H.E. Francis Lorenzo, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic, H.E. Zainol Rahim Zainuddin, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malaysia.
- the constant support of the European Parliament;
- the participation of the EU Commissioner for the Information Society Viviane Reding, that of European Members of Parliament Vittorio Agnoletto, Cristiana Muscardini, Pier Antonio Panzeri, and that of Jean Francois Soupizet, Information Society Directorate of the European Commission;
- the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development for facilitating the Conference and leading the whole process, making all stakeholders converge to achieve the Millennium Development Goals;
- the Infopoverty Institute at the University of Oklahoma for the organization of the workshops and the International Council of Film and Television at UNESCO for the organization of the Paris session;
- the patronage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and the support of Regione Lombardia, City of Milan, Development Gateway, Smithers Foundation and the Kins Group.

Considering:

1. The Conference underlines the need to individuate solutions to the abuse and refuse of ICTs in development strategies, so that the deadline of 2015 can be matched.
2. Reaffirm the call of international organizations, summits and all stakeholders to provide low cost connectivity and high level e-services to all disadvantaged communities of the world to promote their endogenous development and struggle against poverty in all its forms.
3. The successful outcomes of the Infopoverty World Conference 2008, whose Final Declaration, as per the report that was submitted by OCCAM – lead founder of the Infopoverty Programme and World Conference – has been widely implemented in regards to:
 - (i) The activities carried out within the UN Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development, which have led to the delivery of broadband connectivity to the ICT Millennium Village in Sambaina
 - (ii) The wider participation to the Community of Expertise “e-services for development” led by OCCAM within the UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development, which has allowed the provision of new services for development as well as high level low cost solutions for connectivity and WIMAX

(iii) The constitution of the Permanent Forum, where to converge all the stakeholders and the UN family to promote and facilitate the MGD results for EXPO 2015, created and presented in Milan on the occasion of the International Food Summit held in October 2008.

The participants in the IX Infopoverty World Conference Decide:

1. To create the Infopoverty network of villages and communities as scientific campus of experimentation, where we can test the different innovations, compare, unify, evaluate in terms of cost and efficiency, and interact with local population and validate them as usable tools and practices to be shared and applied to UN aid programs, allowing a wider range of affordable practices, and to create an ad hoc committee and fund for this purpose.

2. To encourage the wider application of the ville-village model and practice which allows closest links between communities towards shared sustainable and social development, as in the pilot project between Lodi and Sambaina, calling also for an in depth analysis and research on the use of ICTs in development strategies and programmes.

3. To support initiatives and projects presented at the Conference, including the 500/12 initiative; U-Movement; Electronic and Mobile Government Knowledge Repository (e/m-GKR); Global Initiative for Inclusive Technologies (G3ict); low cost broadband distribution by iXemLabs; e-phytopathology and e-veterinary by the University of Milan; Voice Internet access with any phone by InternetSpeech; the World Ahead Program by INTEL; the I-THINK Research by Lawson Health Research Institute; Desktop virtualization by NComputing; the Smithers Junior Award; IT Valley in Thailand by NECTEC; e-commerce initiatives by redtienda; the Integrated Safe Water System by Metropolitana Milanese; e-health by WINFOCUS; the Reborn Project; Community Renewal International initiatives; Telecenter e-Health Project by Kyrgyzstan; Samana College/University Centre; the Filarete Project; and all other initiatives carried out within the Infopoverty Community of Expertise.

Invite

4. All stakeholders, including partner organizations of the Infopoverty Programme (UNDESA-GAID, Development Gateway Foundation, UNESCO, etc.), United Nations agencies, business leaders, academic institutions and civil society organizations **to join in a web-based global movement** to raise awareness, mobilize resources and promote innovative solutions and entrepreneurship, built on local experiences and lessons learned from ICT4D projects and programmes for universal diffusion and application of ICT for accelerating progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

5. UN Member States **to support** the application of the Infopoverty Programme as International Governmental Organization.

6. OCCAM, with the collaboration of all stakeholders and organizations, **to prepare** – through a permanent consultation – a report to the X Infopoverty World Conference, on progress achieved in mobilizing support and its impact on the identified countries for partnership, while endorsing the Report submitted to this edition of the Infopoverty World Conference.

Approve

7. to hold the 10th edition of the Infopoverty World Conference in March 2010 at the UN Headquarters, on the following theme: *How technologies are reshaping the world and can defeat poverty*, enriched by an Exhibition on the same subject, where all stakeholders are invited to participate.