V Infopoverty World Conference

Actors and strategies for development:

digital technology to fight poverty

May 12th-13th, 2005

Milan, New York, Perù, Navajo Nation, Silicon Valley

Agenda

Thursday 12 May 2005

Opening Session

Guido Bertucci, Head, UNDESA
Pierpaolo Saporito, President, OCCAM
H.E. Ambassador Marcello Spatafora, Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN

Workshops

ICT services for alcoholism related health problems
Chaired by: Adele Smithers Fornaci, Smithers Foundation

Innovation in safe water for all
Chaired by: Orville Schaefer, President Emeritus, Schaefer Water Centers

New digital perspectives in fish farming
Chaired by: Richard Thomson, President, Caribbean Valley Farms

Renewing community
Chaired by: Mack McCarter, Executive Director, SBCR

All workshops will be co-chaired by: John Steffens, Executive Director, Infopoverty Institute

Politecnico di Milano

Opening Session
Giulio Ballio, Dean, Politecnico di Milano*
Giampio Bracchi, President, Fondazione Politecnico
Roberto Formigoni, President, Regione Lombardia*

Fighting the digital divide as constraint factor on development
Chaired by:Alberto Rovetta, Professor of Robotics, Politecnico di Milano
Renato Cortinovis, Rotary International
Alberto Colorni, METID, Politecnico di Milano
Fulvio Falcone, Former Director, Emergency Unit at Fatebenefratelli Hospital, Rotary International
Pierachille Lanfranchi, Member of the Board, ANCI Lombardy

Promoting digital opportunities as driving force for socialand economic growth
Co-Chaired by: Antonio Emmanueli, Italian Chapter, Infopoverty Network

Francesco Iarlori, ICT Advisor, OCCAM

Pierpaolo Celeste, Member of the Board, INAIL

Francesco Sicurello, Health specialist, Lombardy Region

Pasquale Pistorio, Vice President, Confindustria*

Giuseppe Perotti, Siemens Mobile

Round up
Stefano Cacciaguerra, Cooperation for Development, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Parallel Sessions

Baghdad, Iraq	**Wael Al-Rifa'i,** Chairman, University of Technology, Baghdad
	Mohammed Sadiq, President, University of Salahaddin, Arbil
Muhara, Rwanda	**Anastase Musafiri,** Responsible, Computer Lab, COL Project University of Mentouri, Constantine, Algeria
	Abdelouahab Zaatri, Professor, Mechanic DepartmentWindow Rock, Arizona, USA
	Joe Shirley Jr, President, Navajo Nation
	David Stephens, Chairman and CEO, OnSat
	Erwin Keeswood, Member, Navajo Tribal Council
	Ernest Franklin, Division of Economic and Social Development
	Gerardo Zepeda Bermudez, Vice President, OCCAM

*Videoconferences facilitated by **Roberto Rossi,** Spokesperson of the Conference, OCCAM*

Friday, 13th May 2005
United nations headquarters

ICT companies and financial strategies at the Service of the millennium development goals
Chaired by: H.E.Ambassador Prof. Klausw. Grewlich, High-level panel of Advisors to the UN ICT task force

World summit on the information society 2005 in Tunis
H.E. Ambassadorali Hachani, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the UN

UN strategies towards the WSIS 2005
Chaired by: Guido Bertucci, Director, DPEPA, UNDESA

Round up and final declaration
Chaired by: Pierpaolo Saporito, President, OCCAM
John Steffens, Executive Director, Infopoverty Institute

Patrizio Civili, Assistant Secretary-General, UN

Catholic University of Milan

New European Roles And Strategies In Fighting Poverty Through The ICT
Chaired By: Maria Grazia Cavenaghi Smith, Director, European Parliament Office in Milan

Mario Mauro, Vice-President, European Parliament

Cristiana Muscardini, European Parliament

Vittorio Agnoletto, European Parliament

Pierantonio Panzeri, European Parliament

Pia Locatelli, European Parliament

Guido Podestà, European Parliament

Mario Mantovani, European Parliament

The main stakeholders and ict strategies in emergencyand rescue efforts
Chaired By: Cristina Castelli Fusconi, Director, Master Emergenza, Catholic University of Milan
Hugh Peterken, Head, IT Department, IFRC Representative, Province of Milan
Alberto Piatti, Secretary-General, AVSI Representative, General Staff, Italian Army

ICT Companies' and financial strategies for the Millenium Development Goals
Agostino Fusconi, Director, Management Sciences, Catholic University of Milan
Mario Zanone Poma, President, Intesa Mediocredito Bank*
Federico Rajola, Director, Cetif

ICT Village Borj Touil for WSIS 2005

UN strategies for WSIS
Anton Mangstl, Director, Documentation System Division, FAO

Enrique Planas, Council on Social Communication, The Holy See

Giorgio Bosco, Plenipotentiary Minister, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Lorenzo Ornaghi, Dean, Catholic University of Milan

Hugh Peterken, Head, IT Department, IFRC

Parallel Sessions

Beijing
Giuseppe Viriglio, Director, EU And Industrial Policies, ESA, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris
Abdulw. Khan, Assistant Director General For Communication And Information, UNESCO
Jean-Michel Arnold, Vice-President, CICT-UNESCO
H.E. Ambassador Francesco Caruso, Permanent Representative of Italy to UNESCO

Tunisia   High Level Representative from Tunisia

Final Declaration

Considering that:

- Fighting poverty is a priority settled by the Millennium Development Goals;
- In the last 5 years, the Infopoverty Conference has provided solutions which demonstrates that the new technologies, if well employed, can play a pivotal role in solving educational, health, cultural and material community development problems;
- Cooperation between all the stakeholders of the Information Society is a key to distribute best practices and methodologies to optimize future actions;
- The current marketing and research activities still have rich and saturated markets as targets, whereas new products should meet the needs of developing States, often without electricity and connectivity;
- Bringing new products to poor people can give economic benefits to business, and at the same time to improve the social and economic conditions of the most disadvantaged communities;

Remembering that:

- The UN Secretary General Report named "Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development" (E/2003/51); the consequent High Level Segment Ministerial Declaration (E/2003/L.9); the UN General Assembly Resolution named "Towards Global Partnership" (A/RES/58/129); the UN Public-Private Global Alliance for Rural Development (E/2004/L.32).
- The participants of the 5th Infopoverty World Conference which includes more than 100 institutions, with about 150 speakers in ten different locations connected in videoconference,
- Decide to potentiate the global partnership support, and in this context to make efforts in particular to promote the UN Public-Private Global Alliance for Rural Development;
- Strongly support, in the context of the Infopoverty programme, the following actions for the 2005-2006 period
- Implementation of the Borj Touil ICT Village replicable model for the WSIS, as elaborated by an ad-hoc advisory board and presented at the PrepCom2, following the WSIS 2003 Action Plan guidelines, in particular reference to the achievement of the global connection with adequate services;
- Creation of a broadband digital platform, able to transform knowledge in effective and accessible services to fight poverty, activating adequate procedures to allow active participation of every stakeholder, as international organizations, NGOs and civil society;
- Advise and support the following initiatives presented during the Conference, aimed at

- Demonstrate the effectiveness of ICTs in fighting poverty promoting institutes in sectors as water-culture, drinkable water, health and prevention on the abuse of substances;
- Show how the use of ICTs is closely related with the improvement of life conditions of poor people all over the world, launching specific actions in developing countries such as Cameroon, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal and others;
- Bring politicians, experts and scholars, through the Infopoverty Institute, to share their common goals and to present effective results and best practices in the common interest of fighting poverty;

Turns to:

1. The World Summit on the Information Society, which will be held in Tunis at the end of 2005, and of which this Conference is a preliminary meeting, in order to include these actions in the WSIS Stocktaking activities database, as pointed out to reach the MDGs through ICTs. In that occasion, the Infopoverty Seminar will illustrate the results and follow up the activities of the 5th Infopoverty World Conference;

2. H.E. Zine el Abdin Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia, offering our congratulations to him and to the Tunisian government for their crucial activity in promoting ICTs for Development and thanking him for the granting of the ICT Village project approved during the 4th Infopoverty World Conference in 2004, making sure that the model can be replicable in other areas of Tunisia;

3. To the President of the Italian Republic, the Italian Prime Minister, the UN Secretary General, the UNESCO Director-General, the European Parliament and Commission Presidents, the ESA, FAO, IFAD, IRFC, ITU, UN-DESA, UNDP, World Bank Directors, thanking them for their support to the Conference and to the Infopoverty Programme;

4. Issue a writ to OCCAM, as acting agency of the Infopoverty Programme, to implement this declaration, and to be available with the interested institutions to work for the realization of these initiatives;

5. In the end, decide to summon the 6th Infopoverty World Conference on April 6-7, 2006, with the possible topic: Fighting poverty creating prosperity: ICTs at the service of MDG", promoted by an ad-hoc Committee.