PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE

The extraordinary acceleration now underway of Artificial Intelligence appears, alarmingly, to be increasingly geared toward enhancing military capabilities rather than benefiting humanity in achieving the SDGs, building peace, and promoting social justice. There is a great risk of repeating the history of the aftermath of the Industrial Revolution when concentration on military applications of technological advancement led to two devastating world wars. At this moment in history, the ability of the United Nations to fulfill its mission of preventing their recurrence in the future also depends on enhancing the Organization's capacity to harness the commitment of all actors – governments, civil society, the private sector – to orient AI and its many current and potential applications towards achieving this basic aim. The Pact for the Future, adopted by the General Assembly on September 22, 2024 (A/Res/70/1), and the Global Digital Compact, approved as an integral component of the Pact, testify to a renewed commitment by the international community to move decisively in this direction and to act to leverage digital innovations toward the fulfillment of the SDGs. The Infopoverty World Conference is committed to making a distinct contribution to this crucial effort.

Launched in 2001 at the dawn of the digital era, the Conference has sought to showcase the key contribution that new digital technologies could make to the implementation of the MDGs first and SDGs now. Drawing on the contribution of over 1000 eminent thought leaders and practitioners, over the years the Conference has served to bring to light and support the actual delivery of concrete, effective solutions addressing the key factors that underly poverty and cause its persistence. A consistent focus in this perspective has been on ICT applications that serve to expand access to essential services such as healthcare and food security. Among the Conference's early accomplishments was the realization of the "e-welfare4all" Project that was endorsed at the 2005 WSIS and served to launch the ICT Village model. First realized in Borj Touil (Tunisia), the model was replicated and optimized in Sambaina (Madagascar), proclaimed "UN Millenium Village" in 2007. The forthcoming 24th edition of the Conference will focus the unique contribution that AI can make to streamlining and accelerating project implementation processes and maximizing their cost-effectiveness, and to spreading their benefits and optimizing their governance. At this stage, the Conference aims to be an integral part of the important effort underway to engage governments, major corporations, and public and private institutions in a renewed effort to advance the UN vision for development and its Sustainable Development Goals, and to orient in that crucial sense the further development of AI, guided by the principles and actions embodied in the Global Digital Compact.

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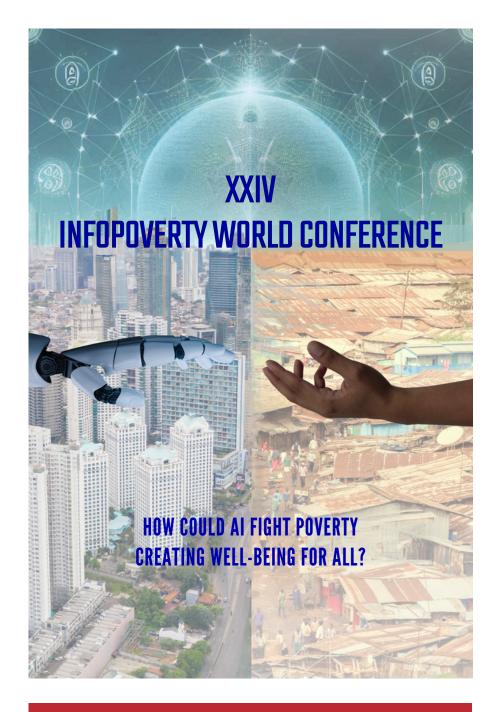## HOW COULD AI FIGHT POVERTY CREATING WELL-BEING FOR ALL?

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AGENDA

10:00 am (EDT) - Opening Session

Istitutional greetings

H.E. MAURIZIO MASSARI, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations

H.E. ALBERTO BARACHINI, Undersecretary of State, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy

General introduction

PIERPAOLO SAPORITO, President, OCCAM and Infopoverty Programme

10:30 am (EDT) - First Session
AI IS CHANGING ALL PARADIGMS: HOW CAN IT BE FOCUSED ON ACHIEVING THE SDGS?

Chair: **PATRIZIO CIVILI**, Special Advisor to the Director-General, IDLO, Former UN Assistant Secretary General, Italy

AMIR DOSSAL, President and CEO, Global Partnerships Forum, USA
ERNESTO R. OTTONE, Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO, France
H.E. STAN ODUMA SMITH, Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the UN
NICCOLÒ RINALDI, Head of Unit for Asia, Australia and New Zealand, European Parliament, Italy

11:30 am (EDT) - Second Session
BRIDGING RURAL-URBAN COMMUNITIES: HOW AI COULD ENSURE E-WELFARE4ALL

Chair: **MELCHIADE BUKURU**, Former Director, UNCCD Liaison Office in NY, USA

REMY SIETCHIPING, Chief Policy, Legislation and Governance Section, UN-HABITAT Nairobi, Kenya introduces:
Video reportage from rural villages:
Kenton Village, Nyandarua County & Muchorwi Village, Nakuru County (Kenya)
Tungan Mallam, Local Government Area: Paikoro & Labozhi, Local Government Area: Mokwa, Niger State (Nigeria)
RABEHARIZAFY HENINTSOA OLIVA, UN Millenium Village of Sambaina, Madagascar

GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR E-SERVICES WELFARE, presented by **Giovanni Zanoni** (OCCAM)

IVAN SHUMKOV, Founder & CEO, Build Academy, Adjunct Associate Professor, Columbia University, Bulgaria
EMMANUEL AMOS, Founder, Programos Foundation, Nigeria
H. SANI SANI, Director General, Nasarawa State Information Technology and Digital Economy Agency (NASITDEA), Nasarawa State Government, Nigeria
MOMO BERTRAND, Education Specialist, World Bank, USA

ANDREA A. GIACOMINI, CEO & **MARIAMA SAMAKE**, Institutional Relations and Public Affairs, Giacomini Spa, Italy
ANDREA BIGHINZOLI, Marketing Director, Giacomini Spa, Italy
PAOLO ARRIGONI, President, GSE

Dr. CHRISTABEL NGWASHI APHOLUNG, Health Specialist, World Bank, USA
KUDZAYI MUNYAKA, Data Privacy Specialist, IMF, USA.

2:00 pm (EDT) - Third Session
IMPLEMENTING TELEMEDICINE AROUND THE WORLD

Chair: **CLAUDIO AZZOLINI MD**, Founder of Eumeda Telemedicine Platform, Milano; Advisory Council of eHealth and Telemedicine, Insubria University, Varese-Como, Italy

DONALD J. D'AMICO MD, Professor and Chair, Israel Englander Department of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College; Ophthalmologist-in-Chief, New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, USA
FRANCESCO OGGIONNI ITS, Advisory Board Member, CDAOS.cat non-profit Data & Digital Health Innovation, Sanofi Global Data AI Platform & Application Services Lines Manager, Barcelona, Spain
ANDREA FALCO PEng, CEO, Alfa Design Studio, Milano, Italy
CLAUDE BOSCHER MD, Former Surgeon, Pôle Tête et Cou, Hôpital Américain de Paris, Neuilly sur Seine, France
SIMONE DONATI MD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Surgery, Insubria University, Varese-Como, Italy
ANTONIO CAPONE Jr MD FACS, Associated Retinal Consultants, Royal Oak, MI, USA
ANAT LOEWENSTEIN MD MHA, VP Ambulatory Services, Head of Retina Tel Aviv Medical Center, Sydney Fox Chair in Ophthalmology, Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Euretina President, Israel
ANTOINE GEISSBÜHLER MD, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Head of the division of eHealth and telemedicine, University Hospitals, Geneva, Switzerland
WALTER SANTAROSSA Attorney, Former Regional Council Member dealing with healthcare and President of INSIEL, ICT company for healthcare IT management, Trieste, Italy.

Plate received from the President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella celebrating the XVIII Infopoverty World Conference

Medal received from the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano celebrating the Infopoverty Programme

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3:30 pm (EDT) - Fourth Session
HOW CAN AI ACCELERATE THE REALIZATION OF A NATION'S MODERNIZATION?

Chair: **ALIYE ÇELIK**, Co-Chair & President, Consortium for Sustainable Development (CSU), USA

JUDE ELIE, President and CEO, Jude Elie Foundation, Haiti
JEAN NATHAN LETANG, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Haiti, Haiti
ELIZABETH JEANTY, Executive Director, Haitian American Historical Society, Inc, Haiti
GUY MELEANCE, President, Ayitek Corp, IT Expert, Haiti
JOSEPH GEORGE DUPERVAL, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, Haiti
ANDRE DZIKUS, Director, New York Office, UN-HABITAT, Germany
JULIA HAART, Entrepreneur, USA

BASUDEB PAL, Founder, AI Ethics Advisory Group, Chairman, Palif Foundation, USA
SUBIR SAHA, Chairman, National American & Indian Chamber Of Commerce –
TOSHIAKI MITAKE, President, Variety M-1 Inc, Japan
GLORIA STARR KINS, Editor in Chief & Publisher, Society Diplomatic Review, USA

5:00 pm (EDT) - Closing Session
NEW GLOBAL LANGUAGES: REBUILDING THE BABEL TOWER?

Chair: **PIERPAOLO SAPORITO**, as President a.i., International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication (CICT-ICFT) at UNESCO, Italy

RIZWAN AHAMD, Director, Instructional Media Centre – MANUU, India
KUJTIM ÇASHKU, Director, AKADEMIA FILMIT MULTIMEDIAS MARUBI, Albania
SALMANE TARIQ EL ALLAMI, University Professor, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Founder, ISCA Film School Founder, Morocco

CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY (1926-2026) OF THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CINEMATOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE AT THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, presented by **Martina Mihovska** (CICT Italian Committee)

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

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