



United Nations ICT Task Force

ICT Initiatives for Africa

The United Nations ICT Task Force is undertaking a number of ICT initiatives in support of Africa's development efforts, on its own and in collaboration with its partners. Some of these initiatives are listed below.

African Stakeholders Network (ASN)

UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

OBJECTIVE: To ensure that the United Nations-efforts to bridge the digital divide in Africa are better coordinated, more inclusive and reflective of the significant efforts already underway to develop an African Information Society.

WEBSITE: <http://unictaskforce.org/regional/africa/>

The Digital Diaspora Network for Africa (DDN-A)

OBJECTIVE: DDN-A has been launched to promote development in Africa with ICT applications through mobilizing the entrepreneurial, technological, and professional expertise and resources of the African Diaspora.

WEBSITE: <http://www.ddn-africa.org/>

Training in Information Technology— ICT Policy Seminars for Ambassadors

UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

OBJECTIVE: A new training program for diplomats, focusing on computer and Internet know-how, including hardware, software, e-mail, web surfing, web design and maintenance, had its first session today at United Nations headquarters.

WEBSITE: <http://www.un.int/UNITAR/PATIT>

Global Database

UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

OBJECTIVE: A global web-based database of government ICT policy makers, as well as private sector and NGO ICT leaders has been built. This initiative is a step towards strengthening the Task Force's outreach and facilitation of contacts with national decision makers.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unicttaskforce.org/globaldatabase/database.asp>

Working Groups Initiatives

ICT Policy and Governance

UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

OBJECTIVE: Focuses on ways to enhance the capacity of developing nation stakeholders to participate in global policymaking related to information and communication technologies (ICT) with a view to building a global ICT policy environment that would be conducive for the achievement of the potential of information technology by all countries.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unicttaskforce.org/groups/principal.asp>

National and Regional E-strategies

UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

OBJECTIVE: Act as a catalyst and champion for stimulating the early deployment of national and regional e-Strategies and not as an implementer or operational entity. Also, it should create synergies, linkages, cooperation and coordination among the many existing and emerging

initiatives on the ground, such as the World Bank, UNDP, UNECA, ITU, and others.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unicttaskforce.org/groups/principal.asp>

Human Resource Development and Capacity Building

UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

OBJECTIVE: The group is working closely with relevant United Nations agencies and other partners from the private and public sectors to promote the use of ICT for capacity-building and human resource development. A key priority of the Group is to harness ICT for education, with particular attention to overcoming existing disparities in educational and training opportunities and achievements between males and females.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unicttaskforce.org/groups/principal.asp>

Low Cost Connectivity Access

UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

OBJECTIVE: To facilitate a productive dialogue among potential partners to tackle these issues and to make considerable progress in this area.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unicttaskforce.org/groups/principal.asp>

Business Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

UN Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

OBJECTIVE: To find ways to combine the power of ICT tools with the spirit and enthusiasm of the entrepreneurs of the developing world. Working Group 5 is committed to inventing and applying sustainable information technology solutions that are appropriate in addressing the real issues and problems facing enterprises and entrepreneurs in the developing world.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unicttaskforce.org/groups/principal.asp>



ICT Initiatives for Africa

There are a growing number of Information and Communications Technologies initiatives in Africa, undertaken by a wide spectrum of individuals, organisations and institutions, in Africa and abroad. Following is a small selection of some of these initiatives. Where possible, a website address has been provided for each initiative. These websites quite often also provide information on other relevant initiatives via links to other websites.

3D technology and Multipurpose Community Telecentres (MTCs) in
Uganda
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
(UNESCO)

OBJECTIVE: To create a 3D and multimedia programme to help educate Ugandans about water sanitation.

WEBSITE: http://www.unesco.org/webworld/build_info/gct/bestpractices/virtual_reality.shtml

Acacia Initiative

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

OBJECTIVE: To provide developing countries, particularly in Africa, the voice to shape the Global Information Society and establish the potential of ICTs to empower poor African communities.

WEBSITE: <http://www.idrc.ca/acacia>

African Advisory Group on ICT (AAG-ICT)

OBJECTIVE: To provide confidential high-level advice to African Ministers of Information and Communications on strategic, policy and regulatory issues and to work in close liaison with the African Connection and the African Telecommunications Union.

WEBSITE: <http://www.doc.gov.za>

African Connection

African Telecommunications Union (ATU)

OBJECTIVE: To provide a platform for the promotion of regional markets; harmonise and co-ordinate ICT policies and develop common regulatory frameworks and drive the African efforts to make the region a full member of the global information society.

WEBSITE: <http://www.atu-uat.org/pdf/AfricanConnection.pdf>

African Cultural Conservation Fund (ACCF)

ICTs to protect cultural heritage

OBJECTIVE: To provide support to African communities that wish to implement cultural initiatives. Programmes include Banking on Culture, Ghanaian Weavers.

WEBSITE: <http://www.theculturebank.org>

African Development Bank

OBJECTIVE: To promote telecom infrastructure projects, electric power supply projects, act as a catalyst to mobilise private capital, finance studies (RASCOM), advisory services, and ICT to reach and interact with bank clients and stake holders.

WEBSITE: <http://www.afdb.org>

**African Information Society Initiative (AISI)—UNECA
National Information and Communication Infrastructure (NICI)
Partnership for Information and Communication Technologies in Africa
(PICTA)**

OBJECTIVE: To build Africa's ICT infrastructure by 2010.

WEBSITE: <http://www.uneca.org/aisi/>

**African Stakeholder Network (ASN) of the United Nations Information
and Communication Technologies Task Force (UN ICT TF)**

OBJECTIVE: To ensure that United Nations-efforts to bridge the digital divide in Africa are better coordinated, more inclusive and reflective of the significant efforts already underway to develop an African Information Society.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unicttaskforce.org/regional/africa/>

ALCATEL

OBJECTIVE: To promote field pilot-projects, Cyber-centres, E-government, and organise workshops on Internet awareness.

WEBSITE: www.alcatel.com

AOL Foundation

OBJECTIVE: To promote AOL Foundation's Digital Grant Initiative.

WEBSITE: <http://www.aolfoundation.org>

Bridges.org

OBJECTIVE: To provide public education about technology use, promote policy-making that removes barriers, and create a body of knowledge about digital divide issues.

WEBSITE: <http://www.bridges.org>

Building Digital Libraries in Africa

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and its intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP).

OBJECTIVE: To raise awareness among Africans of the availability of public information that can improve socio-economic positions as well as teach them the skills necessary to sustain the project over the long term.

WEBSITE: http://www.unesco.org/webworld/build_info/gct/bestpractices/anthologies.shtml

Business Endorsement of the New Partnership for Africa's Development World Economic Forum

OBJECTIVE: To develop best practice standards of corporate governance, help build human capital and productivity and support African governments in their efforts to achieve best practice standards of economic governance by sharing experiences.

WEBSITE: <http://www.weforum.org/>

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

PROGRAMS INCLUDE: Geographic Info System: Mozambique, and South African Info Techno Industry Knowledge for Development.

WEBSITE: <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/>

Carnegie Corporation of New York

PROGRAMS INCLUDE: International Development Program, Kenya National Library Service, Pan African Doc. & Information System, and African Research Centre for Technology.

Centre for Development Research (ZEF Bonn)

OBJECTIVE: To promote ICT in low-income countries research programme (households, enterprises, and institutions).

WEBSITE: <http://www.zef.de>

CEO Charter for Digital Development

World Economic Forum

OBJECTIVE: Participating CEOs agree to target at least 20% of their annual corporate citizenship and/or philanthropy budgets to support actions aimed at promoting social, economic and educational progress in disadvantaged communities through ICT.

WEBSITE: <http://www.weforum.org/>

Cisco Systems

Cisco's networking academies

OBJECTIVE: To develop human capacities in the developing world, while helping less developed countries to address the shortage of IT professionals.

WEBSITE: <http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/779/edu/academy/>

Community IT Foundation (CITF), Izibuko Project

OBJECTIVE: To provide schools with access to ICT infrastructure by refurbishing obsolete computers, providing relevant and empowering content through the development of a community portal, and providing appropriate training to educators and learnerships to newly qualified IT technicians. The pilot project involves the establishment of 8 fully equipped computer labs at schools in the Western Cape.

Cooperation Francaise

OBJECTIVE: To promote Francophone funds for networks. Programmes include African Network for distant learning.

WEBSITE: <http://www.cooperation.gouv.fr>

Creating Future Scientists

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

OBJECTIVE: To give students an opportunity to interact with scientists and students in other parts of the world, and to allow them to share their research in the Internet-based student data archive.

WEBSITE: <http://www.globe.gov>

Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA)

OBJECTIVE: To promote Danish assistance, is concentrated on promoting sustainable development through poverty-oriented economic growth. The Government has conducted a critical review in order to focus Danish development assistance and environmental assistance to the developing countries and to make the assistance more efficient.

WEBSITE: <http://www.um.dk/danida/>

Department For International Development (DFID)

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE: DFID e-business strategy; and the Imfundo project—a unique partnership between DFID, Cisco Systems, Marconi and Virgin—which aims to bridge the growing digital divide in African countries. The pilot project will explore how IT can improve education, through better teacher training, raising skills levels and sharing knowledge.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk>

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)

OBJECTIVE: To improve the living conditions and perspectives of people in developing and transition countries.

WEBSITE: <http://www.gtz.de>

Development Gateway/Foundation

World Bank

OBJECTIVE: To provide users access to information, resources and tools, into which they can contribute their own knowledge and experience.

WEBSITE: <http://www.developmentgateway.org/>

Devenir Foundation (Foundation de Devenir)

OBJECTIVE: To promote acquisition of IT for local development purposes in Africa, and ensure that collective knowledge is accessible through the Web.

WEBSITE: <http://www.devenir.org>

Digital Diaspora Network for Africa—DDNA

An initiative of the UN ICT Task Force in collaboration with Digital Partners, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP), and Gruppo CERFE.

OBJECTIVE: To explore ways in which the combined knowledge, experiences and resources of the public and private sectors can be harnessed to effect positive and sustainable change in Africa. To promote development

in Africa and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through mobilising the technological, entrepreneurial and professional expertise and resources of the African Diaspora.

WEBSITE: <http://www.ddn-africa.org/>

Digital Factory

OBJECTIVE: To create capacity in Africa for the development of software and applications at global standards to support the global ICT industry and market, as well as meet indigenous continental demand, to greatly enhance the prospects of Africa's ICT Development, not only in terms of training and capacity-building, but also in providing market opportunities for such expertise through out-sourcing, subcontracting and direct contracting with industry partners, development agencies and international organisations, and in partnership with Sun Microsystems and the Office of the Governor, State of California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency.

WEBSITE: <http://www.TelecomAfrica.org>

Digital Opportunity Initiative (DOI)

OBJECTIVE: To develop a methodology and toolkit that can be re-used and tailored to developing countries with diverse conditions and priorities.

WEBSITE: <http://www.opt-init.org/>

Digital Opportunity Task Force (DOT Force)

OBJECTIVE: A G8 initiative to enable global opportunities in ICT-K4D.

WEBSITE: <http://www.dotforce.org>

Digital Partnership South Africa

OBJECTIVE: To develop access to technology, training and the Internet for learning, enterprise and development in developing emerging market economies.

WEBSITE: www.digitalpartnership.org

Directorate for International Co-operation (DGIS) (The Netherlands)

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE: University Support Programme, International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD), and Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP).

WEBSITE: <http://www.minbuza.nl>

European Commission—Information Society

OBJECTIVE: To address the impact of the Information Society on citizenship, education, culture, business, and much more. Relevant European Commission programmes and initiatives, such as the Europe Action Plan, ISTweb, eContent, eSafety. eTen, IDA (Interchange of Data between Administrations), the Internet Action Plan; calls related to IS programmes and activities are published regularly; Public consultations to promote dialogue with citizens; Policy aspects and regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services; and international aspects of the information society.

WEBSITE: http://europa.eu.int/information_society

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE: Community Directory Server (CDS): data collection, FAO 3D World experience: education, and WAICENT.

WEBSITE: <http://www.fao.org>

Ford Foundation

OBJECTIVE: To promote ICT as a crosscutting theme for programming in South Africa. Programmes include the Project for Information Access & Connectivity (PIAC), in collaboration with Rockefeller Foundation.

WEBSITE: <http://www.fordfound.org>

Gauteng Online

OBJECTIVE: To provide every learner and educator in all public schools with Internet access, e-mail and electronic curriculum delivery as well as developing a model for large-scale implementation of ICT in schools.

WEBSITE: www.gautengonline.com

German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE: ISAT, SHARED, CRYSTAL, HealthNet, and URBANET.

WEBSITE: <http://www.bmz.de>

Global Business Dialogue on Electronic Commerce (GBDe)

OBJECTIVE: GBDe is a worldwide, CEO-led, business initiative, established in January 1999 to assist in the creation of a policy framework for the development of a global online economy.

WEBSITE: <http://www.gbde.org>

Global Development Network (GDN)

OBJECTIVE: To provide policy researchers in developing countries access to financial support and data resources, and help to strengthen collaboration with their counterparts throughout the globe. Products and services are being shaped to meet the demands of research institutes in developing countries, based on informal consultations, surveys and regular systematic feedback.

WEBSITE: <http://www.gdnet.org/>

GDN regional network for Africa

WEBSITE: <http://www.gdnet.org/africa/>

Global Development Learning Network (GDLN)

World Bank

OBJECTIVE: To provide decision-makers across the developing world with affordable and regular access to a global network of peers, experts and practitioners to share ideas and experiences to fight poverty.

WEBSITE: <http://www.gdln.org/>

Global Digital Divide Initiative (GDDI)

World Economic Forum

OBJECTIVE: To build partnerships between the public and private sector to bridge the divide and to make effective use of ICTs to improve lives.

WEBSITE: <http://www.weforum.org/>

Hewlett Packard Foundation

WEBSITE: <http://www.hp.com/>

High-tech weather services in Africa

United States Weather Service, and the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

OBJECTIVE: To create a cooperative weather observer network to help the countries of Africa better prepare for drastic climate changes and avert natural disasters.

WEBSITE: <http://www.wmo.ch>

INTEL

Innovation in Education

The Intel initiative “Innovation in Education” has programs that offer tools, resources and programs that aim at building communities and inspiring youth through technology.

WEBSITE: <http://www.intel.com/education>

Intel South Africa

Intel Teach to the Future

OBJECTIVE: To design an educator development program for pre and in-service Educators to integrate technology into learning and teaching. This is done by providing ICT equipment, software and curriculum support.

WEBSITE: http://www.intel.com/europe/sites/south_africa/

International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

OBJECTIVE: to help communities in the developing world find solutions to social, economic, and environmental problems through research. Initiatives in Africa are implemented in collaboration with Belanet and Communities and ICTs for Africa.

WEBSITE: <http://www.idrc.ca>

International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)

OBJECTIVE: To finance agricultural development projects primarily for food production in the developing countries. Programmes include FIDARique and Evaluation Knowledge System (EKSYST).

WEBSITE: <http://www.ifad.org>

International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD)

OBJECTIVE: To focus on knowledge sharing with local and international communities, empower local organisations in using ICTs, and help national institutions to become providers of local information and advisory services.

WEBSITE: <http://www.iicd.org>

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

OBJECTIVE: To promote and realise standards and fundamental principles and rights at work. Programmes include: ILOLRX and NATLEX.

WEBSITE: <http://www.ilo.org>

International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

OBJECTIVE: To provide machinery for cooperation among Governments in the field of governmental regulation and practices relating to technical matters affecting shipping engaged in international trade; to encourage and facilitate the general adoption of the highest practicable standards in matters concerning maritime safety, efficiency of navigation and prevention and control of marine pollution from ships.

WEBSITE: <http://www.imo.org>

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D)

OBJECTIVE: Organisation within the United Nations where governments and the private sector coordinate global telecom networks and services. Programmes include: Valetta Action Plan (VAP): Rural development, Technologies & applications, Telecom, Private sector partnership and Human Resources, WSIS.

WEBSITE: <http://www.itu.int>

ITU's Internet Training Centre Initiative

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

OBJECTIVE: To help people in underprivileged countries develop the skills to function in the global networked economy.

WEBSITE: <http://www.itu.int>

Learning Channel Campus, Learning Channel Online

OBJECTIVE: To provide an interactive educational website for learners and educators from grades 8 to 12.

WEBSITE: www.learn.co.za

Leland Initiative

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

OBJECTIVES: To create an enabling policy environment and a sustainable supply of Internet services and enhance Internet use for sustainable development.

WEBSITE: <http://www.usaid.gov/leland>

Love Life

OBJECTIVE: To promote use of ICTs for sexual health/HIV/AIDS education (Call and Youth Centres, Virtual Studios).

WEBSITE: <http://www.lovelife.org.za>

MacArthur Foundation

OBJECTIVE: To promote Global Security & System programming.

WEBSITE: <http://www.macfdn.org/index.htm>

Mandatory ICT exposure

World Bank; Ministry of Education, Science, Youth and Sports (MESYS); and a Portuguese development foundation, PROMEF.

OBJECTIVE: To evaluate and analyse ways in which ICTs can be used to improve the education and training systems in Cape Verde.

WEBSITE: <http://www.gov.cv/promef/contact.html>

WEBSITE: <http://www.governo.cv/>

Mapping Malaria Risk in Africa (MARA)

OBJECTIVE: To promote Geographic Information System-based Network.

WEBSITE: <http://www.mara.org.za>

Markle Foundation

Partner of the Digital Opportunity Initiative, Founding partner of the Global Network Readiness & Resource Initiative, sponsor Digital Opportunity Summits, and devote the Foundation only to the development of ICTs.

WEBSITE: <http://www.markle.org/index.html>

Microsoft Digital Bridge Programme

Microsoft

OBJECTIVE: To provide Microsoft software to all government schools in South Africa that give communities, schools, students and entrepreneurs the chance to develop their computer skills and take advantage of the power of the Internet.

WEBSITE: <http://www.microsoft.com/southafrica/community>

Microsoft, Microsoft Digital Villages

OBJECTIVE: To provide communities, schools, students and entrepreneurs the chance to develop their computer skills and take advantage of the power of the Internet.

WEBSITE: <http://www.microsoft.com/southafrica/press/press-403.htm>

MultiChoice Africa, MultiChoice Africa Foundation-Use of ICT for Professional Development of Educators

OBJECTIVE: To enhance educator development and provide greater access to quality education resources in the lesser-developed parts of South Africa, through the use of ICT.

WEBSITE: <http://www.multichoice.co.za/>

Multipurpose Community Telecentres (MCTs) in Uganda

International Telecommunication Union (ITU), International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

OBJECTIVE: To narrow the digital divide.

WEBSITE: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/cs/uganda/material/uganda.pdf>

MTN Foundation

Focuses on Education, Science and technology, and HIV/AIDS programs.

WEBSITE: http://www.m-cell.co.za/bus_socialinv.asp

NEPAD & IS PAD

New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) and Information Society Partnership for African Development (IS-PAD).

OBJECTIVE: To accelerate economic growth and development, foster regional integration and intra-regional trade, foster market conditions conducive to the provision of affordable and reliable communication services and achieve e-readiness for all countries in Africa.

WEBSITE: <http://www.africanrecovery.org>

WEBSITE: <http://www.uneca.org/nepad>

NITPA

OBJECTIVE: To promote networking among members to generate synergy & promote IT entrepreneurship, advocacy (government policy influence and infusion of ideas to key IT and Diaspora agenda), project opportunity, consulting opportunities, IT entrepreneurial and investment opportunities in Nigeria and the US, education, mentoring, mobilization of accessible IT human resources resident in the US for purposes of technology transfer to Nigerian institutions (including educational, commercial and Civic institutions), and excellence in IT application as a collective means for Nigerian national image-building.

WEBSITE: www.nitpa.org

Norwegian Agency for Development Co-operation (NORAD)

OBJECTIVE: To promote access & connection, education, empowerment in NGO programmes, and support of private sector.

WEBSITE: <http://www.norad.no>

Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA)

OBJECTIVE: To promote international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

WEBSITE: <http://www.oosa.unvienna.org>

Open Society Foundation,

Open Society Foundation Limpopo Component

OBJECTIVE: To focus on improving planning and communication between schools and districts through the deployment of ICTs.

WEBSITE: <http://www.osf.sk/>

Open Society Institute (OSI) (Soros Foundation)

OBJECTIVE: To promote Internet Media Program (OSI-IMP): connectivity, content, training.

WEBSITE: <http://www.soros.org>

PRIDE AFRICA

OBJECTIVE: To promote Virtual Network to link clients of a micro-finance programme.

WEBSITE: <http://www.prideafrica.com>

RANET Project

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the African Centre for Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD)

OBJECTIVE: To help marginalised communities in remote locations access and interpret hydro-meteorological and environmental information.

WEBSITE: <http://www.ranetproject.net>

Readiness for a Networked World: A Guide for Developing Countries
Centre for International Development Harvard University (support of IBM)

An *educational resource* that describes the determinants of a community's Readiness for the Networked World and a *diagnostic tool* that systematically examines those factors to assess a community's readiness.

WEBSITE: <http://www.readinessguide.org>

Mali Inter-Ministerial Communications Network

OBJECTIVE: To link all the 23 Mali Government Ministries to the Presidency and the Office of the Prime Minister, providing facilities for Point-to-Multipoint voice, data, Internet, and video-conferencing facilities. The project is being undertaken on behalf of the Department Of Informatics and New Information Technologies, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of Mali by Telecom Africa Corporation is collaborating with Hewlett Packard and Plessey.

WEBSITE: <http://www.telecomafrika.org>

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

OBJECTIVE: To improve quality & accessibility of basic education for children & adults in South Africa. Projects include the Ulwazi Educational Radio Project and the Distance Project for Teacher Development.

WEBSITE: <http://www.rbf.org/index.html>

SchoolNet SA

Global Teenager Project (2002)

OBJECTIVE: To promote collaboration amongst learners across the globe; train and support educators and learners to use ICT for curriculum, and provide educators with training in the Global teenager learning circles concept.

WEBSITE: <http://www.schoolnet.org.za>

Shuttleworth Foundation, SchoolTool

OBJECTIVE: To enhance admin and learner tracking, and facilitate communication between schools and DoE.

WEBSITE: <http://www.tsf.org.za/>

Steering Committee on Education—World Economic Forum

OBJECTIVE: To promote effective and innovative use of information technology for education and training in the developing world.

WEBSITE: <http://www.weforum.org/>

Steering Committee on Entrepreneurship—World Economic Forum

The Steering Committee is now concentrating upon two areas: conducting regional pilots to connect local entrepreneurs with organisations who can offer support and resources and creating an online resource to support entrepreneurs on the ground.

WEBSITE: <http://www.weforum.org/>

Steering Committee on Policies and Strategies—World Economic Forum

The Committee participated with 14 governments in Southern Africa on a policy exchange on the “how”, “what” and “why” of e-readiness.

WEBSITE: <http://www.weforum.org/>

Telecom Africa Corporation

Global Human Resource Survey of African Male and Female Expertise in ICT

OBJECTIVE: To quantify and qualify Africa’s existing globally diffused male and female ICT expertise as a strategic toolkit for driving Africa’s global development, transformation and competitiveness in the ICT sector, thereby creating a critical database for strategic decision-making policy and access to African cutting edge expertise, wherever it may be worldwide.

WEBSITE: <http://www.TelecomAfrica.org>

Telecom Africa Continental Internet Network

OBJECTIVE: To create a continental Internet ISP franchise throughout Africa.

WEBSITE: <http://www.TelecomAfrica.org>

Telecom Africa Continental Telecommunications Network

OBJECTIVE: To deliver direct access between countries for voice, data, Internet and multi-media capacity, as a satellite-based continental network, thereby eliminating the costly practice of transmitting intra-African traffic through overseas hubs.

WEBSITE: <http://www.TelecomAfrica.org>

Telecom Africa Virtual Research Laboratory

OBJECTIVE: To link, with the promise of support from UNESCO, African scientific and technological research experts around the world and their global counterparts with interest in African ICT development in a secure global Intranet, thereby mobilising Africa's global intellectual resource in ICT.

WEBSITE: <http://www.TelecomAfrica.org>

Telemedicine in LDCs

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

OBJECTIVE: To develop a link which allows doctors in each city to confer with each other and share medical records to ensure that patients in their respective cities get the best possible care.

WEBSITE: http://www.itu.int/newsarchive/wtdc2002/Internet_Health.html

Telkom Foundation, Telkom Internet Project (Supercentres)

OBJECTIVE: To provide ICT equipment, connectivity and an intensive educator development programme to 100 schools from the original 1000 Schools Project.

WEBSITE: www.telkom.co.za/

The SatCom Project

OBJECTIVE: To promote distance education, telemedicine, social, cultural and health development in Africa, to involve all aspects of satellite technology, as well as exploit compatible non-satellite communications technologies and applications, and to avoid becoming a vehicle for dumping obsolete technologies, equipment and applications in Africa, a practice that would further impoverish Africa as a graveyard of technological obsolescence. The SatCom Project was created primarily by the conference organisers, Terrapin, Ltd., the Telecom Africa Corporation, RASCOM, Hughes Network Systems, WorldSpace, Sentech, UNISA, the Global VSAT Forum and Mike Jensen Consulting, amongst others.

WEBSITE: <http://www.terrapinn.co.za>

The South African Universal Agency

OBJECTIVE: To promote the goals of universal service and access to telecommunications for all South Africans, which extends beyond access to basic telephony, and encompasses access to advanced services, including the Internet.

WEBSITE: <http://www.usa.org.za>

The World Project—World Bank

OBJECTIVE: To help new generations learn about world cultures, encourage school-to-school project collaboration, and serve as an information channel for teachers around the world.

WEBSITE: <http://www.worldbank.org/worldlinks/english/html/uganda.htm>

Thintana Communications, Thintana iLearn Project

OBJECTIVE: To equip schools with computer networks (computer lab with internet access) and to facilitate an educator development programme to support teaching and learning through ICTs.

WEBSITE: <http://www.transnationale.org>

Thintana Communications, Thintana MST Project

OBJECTIVE: To improve and support Maths, Science and technology education in previously disadvantaged schools in South Africa

WEBSITE: <http://www.transnationale.org>

TICAD: IT Initiative for Africa

OBJECTIVE: To contribute to the primary theme of the Tokyo Agenda for Action “poverty reductions through accelerated economic growth and sustainable development and effective integration of African economies into the global economy,” as well as emphasise South-South cooperation.

WEBSITE: <http://www.undp.org/ticad/process.html>

Uganda Connect

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

OBJECTIVE: To give students and teachers Internet access and connect rural communities through high-frequency (HF) radios.

WEBSITE: <http://www.uconnect.org>

United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS/Habitat)

OBJECTIVE: To promote sustainable urbanization through policy formulation, institutional reform, capacity-building, technical cooperation and advocacy, and to monitor and improve the state of human settlements worldwide.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unhabitat.org/>

United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)

OBJECTIVE: To promote every child with health, education, equality and protection. Programmes include Voice of the Youth project, Sara Project, Meena Communication Initiative, and Programme Knowledge Network.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unicef.org>

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

OBJECTIVE: To promote the development-friendly integration of developing countries into the world economy. Programmes include Global Trade Point Network, Debt Management and Financial Analysis System (DMFAS), Customs reform ASYCUDA, Trade Analysis Information System (TRAINS), and Advance Cargo Information System (ACIS).

WEBSITE: <http://www.unctad.org>

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

OBJECTIVE: To promote women's empowerment and gender equality. Programmes include WomenWatch, formal agreement UNDP/ITU, and strengthening of ICT initiatives.

WEBSITE: <http://www.undp.org/unifem>

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

UNDP provides a range of services to governments and to United Nations teams in the following practice areas: Democratic governance, poverty reduction, environment, ICT, Health. Programmes include Bureau for Development Policy-IT For Development Programme, Sustainable Development Networking Programme (SDNP), regional Bureau for Africa-Internet Initiative for Africa (IIA), Web Information for Development (WIDE), Sub-Regional Resource Facilities (SURF System), Netaid.org, UNDP Human Development Report 2001 dedicated to *Technology for Development*, and Digital Opportunity Initiative.

WEBSITE: <http://www.undp.org>

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Cisco Networking Academies

OBJECTIVE: To train students in 24 of the world's Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and provide skills necessary to build and maintain the Internet Infrastructure in those places.

WEBSITE: http://www.unssc.org/unssc1/programmefocus/p2/slow-connection/partnership_n2/knowledge_sharing/news/stories/un-business_partnerships/250101_UNDP_Cisco_internet.asp

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Initiative for Africa (IIA)**

OBJECTIVE: To assist 10 or more sub-Saharan African countries to strengthen their Internet infrastructures and services in order to accelerate socio-economic development.

WEBSITE: <http://www.sdnf.undp.org/docs/reports/maputo/rba.html>

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

OBJECTIVE: To support the economic and social development of its 53 member States, foster regional integration, and promote international cooperation for Africa's development. Programmes include Development Information Division (DISD), Harness IT for Development (HITD/SiA), African Information Society Initiative (AISII), Information Technology Centre for Africa (ITCA), African Development Forum (ADF), African Knowledge Networks Forum, and Electronic Info. Exchange Networks (SRDCs).

WEBSITE: <http://www.uneca.org>

United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)

OBJECTIVE: To promote free-flow of information, capacity-building in communication, information & informatics, development of local content, and telecentres. Programmes include Nakaseke Telecentres programme.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unesco.org/webworld/index.shtml>

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

OBJECTIVE: To provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of the future generations. Programmes include Global Resource Information Database (GRID), Environment and Nature Resource Information Networks (ENRIN), Environmental Information Systems (EIS), and INFOTERRIA.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unep.org>

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

OBJECTIVE: To promote refugee registration system database development to assist in family reunification.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unhcr.ch/business>

United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

OBJECTIVE: To lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Programmes include UNIDO Exchange.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unido.org>

United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force (UN ICT TF)

OBJECTIVE: To bring together representatives from governments, the private sector, non-profit organisations, and international organisations, representing both the developed and developing countries, in a cooperative effort to identify ways in which the digital revolution can benefit all the world's people, especially the poorest and most marginalised groups. Programs are included in the framework of the NEPAD Initiative. The Task Force has agreed to serve as a strategic partner in: supporting innovative ICT programmes and R&D in the field of ICT in Africa; harnessing synergies and linking the vast number of ICT initiatives both within Africa and between Africa and other continents; providing a framework for defining collaboration between NEPAD and the African Information Society Initiative.

WEBSITE: www.unicttaskforce.org

United Nations Information Technology Services (UNITeS)

OBJECTIVE: To channel the creative energies, skills and solidarity of volunteers around the world to collaborate with people in the South to improve their capacity to make practical use of information and communications technologies (ICT) in key fields like health, education, income generation, gender equity, environment or humanitarian aid.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unites.org>

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

OBJECTIVE: To promote awareness raising and capacity building activities and to assist developing countries to formulate coherent national ICT strategies and to encourage them to participate actively in the construction of the global information society.

WEBSITE: <http://www.unitar.org/ict/>

United Nations Millennium Development Goals

WEBSITE: <http://www.un.org/millennium/>

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA WEBSITE: http://www.developmentgoals.org/Sub-Saharan_Africa.htm

NORTH AFRICA WEBSITE: http://www.developmentgoals.org/Middle_East_&_North_Africa.htm

United Nations Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE: “First on the Ground” project (with Ericsson), and Integrated Regional Information Network (IRIN).

WEBSITE: http://www.reliefweb.int/ocha_ol/index.html

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

A guide to population information on UN system web sites to promote Population Information Network (POPIN).

WEBSITE: <http://www.undp.org/popin/>

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

OBJECTIVE: To carry out research on the social dimensions of contemporary problems affecting development. Programmes include INFOTECH (Information Technology and Social Development).

WEBSITE: <http://www.unrisd.org/infotech/>

Updating Ethiopia's education system

Ethiopian Department of Education (DoE), and USAID—Addis Ababa University (AAU), World Bank (under the World Bank's Africa Virtual University (AVU) programme.

OBJECTIVE: To provide training for teachers and aid in the reform of Ethiopia's primary schools as well as at university level.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

OBJECTIVE: To promote long-term and equitable economic growth and advance U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting economic growth, agriculture and trade, global health and, democracy, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance. Programmes include Africa Link, Leland Initiatives, South Africa Regional Telkom, Restructuring (RTR), Globe Initiative, RITE, and GHAI.

WEBSITE: <http://www.usaid.gov>

WHO's Health InterNetwork

World Health Organisation (WHO)

OBJECTIVE: To bridge the digital divide in health.

WEBSITE: <http://www.healthinternetwork.org>

Wind-up radios in Mozambique

Freeplay Foundation

OBJECTIVE: To use wind-up environment-friendly radios in order to help relay remote villages the information that could aid their safety and security.

WEBSITE:

<http://www7.itu.int/itudfg7/fg7/CaseLibrary/ShowSummary.asp?contrib=59>

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

OBJECTIVE: To help people help themselves through the practical application of knowledge and resources to improve their quality of life

and that of future generations. Programmes include Institute for Distance Education in South Africa and, in Botswana, to strengthen primary health care and nurse leadership.

WEBSITE: <http://www.wkkf.org>

World Bank

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE: InfoDev, Global Development Network (GDN), Global Development Gateway (GDG), World Programme, Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP), African Virtual University (AVU), Global Development Learning Network (GDLN), Telecommunications and Informatics Programme, Technology Network (TechNet), Softbank Emerging Markets to incubate internet-related business, and Africa Technology Forum WorldLinks for Development (WorLD).

WEBSITE: <http://www.worldbank.org>

World Food Programme (WFP)

WFP is the United Nations frontline agency in the fight against global hunger. Programmes include Vulnerability Analysis Mapping (VAM) to provide food security analysis.

WEBSITE: <http://www.wfp.org/index.htm>

World Health Organisation (WHO)

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE: WHO Library and Information Networks for Knowledge (LINK) and its WHOLIS database, and Health InterNetwork (with other partners).

WEBSITE: <http://www.who.org>

World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE: Digital Agenda (to broaden the participation of developing countries), WIPONET (to interconnect 332 intellectual property offices in 171 countries), WIPO World Wide Academy (distance learning programme to increase awareness of and promote understanding of, intellectual property).

WEBSITE: <http://www.wipo.org>

Worldview International Foundation (WIF)

OBJECTIVE: To promote constant application of new communication technology to endorse sustainable human development. Programmes include Smart Village, Knowledge on Demand Project, Participatory Communication for Democracy and Sustainable Development, and Mandate the Future.

WEBSITE: <http://www.wifoundation.org>

World Space Foundation

OBJECTIVE: To broadcast satellite audio and multimedia content to Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Europe. It was conceived of and built the first ever satellite radio infrastructure in the world. Programmes include Africa Learning Channel.

WEBSITE: <http://www.worldspace.com>

World Trade Organisation

OBJECTIVE: To assist with the rules of trade between nations. Programmes include Information Technology and Basic Telecoms agreements to help promote e-commerce.

WEBSITE: <http://www.wto.org>