

UNCTAD Expert Meeting

In support of the implementation and follow-up of WSIS: Using ICTs to achieve growth and development

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Programme: Day 1	
10:00-10:15	<p>Opening of the meeting:</p> <p>Ms. Anh-Nga Tran-Nguyen, Director, SITE, UNCTAD</p>
10:15-10:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Item 1 - Election of officers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Item 2 - Adoption of agenda</p> <p>Opening statements:</p> <p>Mr. Jaya Ratnam, Deputy Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, Geneva, Chairperson of the EM</p> <p>Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General, UNCTAD</p> <p>Mr. John Dryden, Deputy Director, STI, OECD</p> <p>Mr. Rashid Amjad, Director, Policy Planning, Employment Sector, ILO</p>
10:45-11:30	<p><i>Session 1 - Advancing the information economy</i></p> <p><i>During the high-level opening session, the representative of the Ministry of Communications of Ghana will present the progress his country has made to advance the information economy, the problems encountered in that process and support measures his country needs. The representatives of academia will discuss key issues of using ICTs in the economy and lessons that developing countries could derive from it.</i></p> <p>Keynotes:</p> <p>Mr. Kwaku Ofori-Adarkwa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Ghana</p> <p>Dr. Bart van Ark, Professor, University of Groningen</p> <p>Dr. Michael G. Jacobides, Professor, London Business School and Harvard University</p>
11:30-11:45	Discussions on advancing the information economy
11:45-12:45	<p><i>Session 2 - Impact of ICTs on productivity and growth</i></p> <p><i>The second session will focus on the relationship between ICTs and economic performance, its impact on productivity, growth and development, and hence on achieving the UN MDGs. In particular, it will address some salient features of the use of ICTs in developing and transition economies, linkages between ICTs and the MDGs, women and ICTs, the economic impact of broadband, and others.</i></p> <p>Mr. Manoo Ordeedolchest, Honorary President, ACTI, Thailand and ASOCIO</p> <p>Dr. Irene Mia, Senior Economist, World Economic Forum</p> <p>Mr. Tony Clayton, Director, Economic Analysis, ONS, UK</p> <p>Ms. Marina Larios, President, WiTEC and Director, Nova Consultancy, UK</p>
12:45-13:00	Discussions on ICT and economic performance
Lunch Break	
15:00-16:00	<p><i>Session 2 (continued) - Impact of ICTs on productivity and growth</i></p> <p>Ms. Sheridan Roberts, Consultant, STI, OECD</p> <p>Mr. Nanno Mulder, Economic Affairs Officer, ECLAC</p> <p>Mr. Mario Cimoli, Economic Affairs Officer, ECLAC</p> <p>Mr. Denis Gilhooly, Principal Advisor, UNFIP/UN Millennium Project</p>
16:00-16:30	Discussions on ICT and economic performance

16:30-17:30	<p>Session 3 - Impact of ICTs on business sectors</p> <p><i>The session will focus on the use of ICTs in business sectors such as oil, trade finance, and tourism and will try to assess its economic impact on those economic sectors.</i></p> <p>Mr. David Rose, Managing Director, Aupec, UK Mr. Joachim Bartels, Managing Director, Business Information Industry Association, Asia Pacific-Middle East Mr. Jens Jensen, Associate Professor, Roskilde University, Denmark Mr. William Usimaki, Sales Operations Manager for Africa, HP</p>
17:30-18:00	Discussions on the impact of ICTs on business sectors
18:15-19:30	Reception at the Palais des Nations, Restaurant des déléguées, 8th floor, "Salon de Lausanne"
Programme: Day 2	
10:00-11:00	<p>Session 4 - ICTs and international trade in goods and services</p> <p><i>The session will discuss international trade in ICT goods and ICT services, including outsourcing and offshoring, and the way these issues are addressed in WTO.</i></p> <p>Mr. Jacob Kirkegaard, Research Associate, IIE, Washington, USA Mr. Gaurav Singh, Senior Manager, NASSCOM, India Mr. Zhongzhou Li, WTO Lead Expert, EU China Trade Project, China Ms. Lee Tuthill, Senior Counsellor, Trade in Services Division, WTO Mr. Richard Bourassa, Director, E-Commerce Branch, Industry Canada Mr. Kenneth Schagrin, Director, Telecommunications and E-commerce Trade Policy, USTR</p>
11:00-11:30	Discussions on ICTs and trade issues
11:30-12:30	<p>Session 5 - ICTs, labour markets and employment, and society</p> <p><i>The session will address the impact of ICTs on the nature and structure of employment, and in particular issues such as: skill biased technological change; ICTs and the returns to general versus job-specific skills; ICTs, business outsourcing and its impact on different occupations; ICTs, employment and poverty reduction; ICTs and gender issues, and ICTs and other changes in society.</i></p> <p>Mr. Roberto Zachmann, Focal Point for ICTs, ILO Ms. Desirée van Welsum, STI, OECD Mr. Gerd Rohde, UNI, Nyon, Switzerland Mr. Pierre Montagnier, STI, OECD Mr. Dario Celaya Alvarez, Counsellor, Mission of Argentina, Geneva</p>
12:30-13:00	Discussions of ICTs and labour issues
Lunch Break	
15:00-16:30	<p>Session 6 - Discussion of the main topics of EM</p> <p>Mr. John Dryden, Deputy Director, STI, OECD Mr. Roberto Zachmann, Focal Point for ICTs, ILO Ms. Geneviève Feraud, Head, ICT & E-Business Branch, SITE, UNCTAD</p>
16:30-17:30	<p>Session 7 - Adoption of the Report</p> <p>Chairperson's summary and adoption of the Report</p>
17:30-18:00	Closing Session