Civil Society Working Group on Scientific Information
Civil Society Working Group on Patents, Copyrights & Trademarks
WSIS-SI – WSIS-PCT
http://www.wsis-si.org - http://www.wsis-pct.org

Geneva, 18 May 2006, V2

An informal proposal to the
Commission on Science & Technology for Development (CSTD) ECOSOC

International Event
"World Forum on Digital Solidarities" (**WFDS**)

Evénement international
"Forum Mondial des Solidarités Numériques"(**FMSN**)

The CSTD should be eager to stimulate the current energy, enthusiasm and momentum of all stakeholders towards implementing the WSIS recommendations by an event that gather most of the themes over which CSTD has been given the role of an overall coordinator, allowing for communication and coordination between efforts concerning one or several action lines.

The calendar of events presents such an opportunity. The **1st Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)** is scheduled from Monday 30 October to Thursday 2 November 2006, in Athens (Greece). The **ITU Plenipotentiary Conference** is scheduled from Monday 6 November – to

Friday, 24 November 2006, in nearby [Antalya](#), Turkey. It is expected that many governmental delegations and stakeholders are going to attend both events.   Therefore, it would be possible to propose a **one-day event on Friday 3 November** in Athens at no extra cost for attendees of the IGF meeting and the ITU meeting. It would be also possible to consider to kindly request the government of Greece that is graciously hosting the IGF meeting to extend their generous hospitality one more day to host the WDSF at the same location.

Brazil has offered to host the second edition of the IGF in 2007. The representative of Brazil has made us known informally that Brazil would be glad to host also, just after the IGF meeting, the second edition of the WDSF.

Under the name of "World Forum on Digital Solidarities", or any other name that the CSTD would find more appropriate, it is suggested to gather inclusively all forms of solidarities, whether financial or in kind. This would allow to cover, most, if not all, the WSIS themes over which the CSTD has an overall coordination role such as (non limitative list) :

Financial mechanisms : Digital Solidarity Fund, and other alternative financing schemes proposals
Network structures.
Open Access to scientific and educational content.
Free Software
Volunteers
Multi-stakeholder partnerships
e-employment, e-business
e-health,
disabilities,
etc...
with cross-cutting themes such as cultural and linguistic diversity.

other partners could work with the CSTD / UNCTAD to organize the WDSF, such as (non limitative list) : the DSF, the Global Alliance, Francophonie, ITU, UNESCO, ICV volunteers, etc...