

The WSIS Civil Society **Scientific Information WG** is pleased to inform you of the WSIS e-science facilitation meeting to be held within the framework of the **Cluster of WSIS-related events** ( 12-23 May 2008 Geneva ). The meeting is open to all stakeholders. [Online registration](#) is required.



Lead facilitator



Co-facilitator

## Consultation on facilitation of WSIS Action Line: "E-Science" (C7)

21 May 2008, 3-6 pm

Room K1, ITU

Geneva, Switzerland

### *Scientific Information, Dissemination and Access*

#### *Draft Agenda*

1. Opening and welcome address by UNESCO
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Introduction by the lead facilitator, UNESCO
4. Presentation of moderators of C7 E science

*Presentation of the [WFSI](#) proposal*

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5. Presentation by stakeholders
6. Brief overview of the theme "Scientific Information, Dissemination and Access"
7. WSIS stocktaking exercise ( ITU )
8. Presentation of a future online collaborative platform (UNESCO)
9. Misc & other business

# WSIS recommendations

## C7 22. E-science action line

- a) Promote affordable and reliable **high-speed Internet connection for all universities and research institutions** to support their critical role in information and knowledge production, education and training, and to support the establishment of partnerships, cooperation and networking between these institutions.
- b) Promote electronic publishing, differential pricing and **open access initiatives to make scientific information affordable and accessible in all countries** on an equitable basis.
- c) Promote the use of **peer-to-peer technology to share scientific knowledge** and pre-prints and reprints written by scientific authors who have waived their right to payment.
- d) Promote the long-term systematic and efficient **collection, dissemination and preservation of essential scientific digital data**, for example, population and meteorological data in all countries.
- e) Promote **principles and metadata standards** to facilitate cooperation and effective use of collected scientific information and data as appropriate to conduct scientific research.

Further information is available in the [Report](#) of the second meeting, on the [UNESCO & WSIS](#) page and on the page [C7 e-science](#) of the WSIS Civil Society [Scientific Information WG](#)