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Proposed list of speakers for Tunis

Dear friends,

Please find below the final list of recommended speakers from civil society for the WSIS summit in Tunis that has been transmitted to the ITU. This list is the result of wide consultations among the various civil society entities, caucuses and working groups involved in the WSIS, and attempts to balance the various issue areas, interests and concerns expressed by civil society in the process. The final list was drawn up by a selection committee composed of representatives of our regional caucuses as well as a member of the civil society Bureau and Content and Themes group.

Here is the breakdown:

Opening Ceremony: Gender: 1 woman and 1 man / Region: 1 Europe, 1 Latin America Caribbean

High Level Panel: Gender: 2 women, 3 men / Region: 3 Asia Pacific, 2 Africa

Roundtables: 5 women, 3 men / Region: 1 Latin America Caribbean, 1 North America, 3 Europe, 2 Africa, 1 Asia Pacific

Plenary: Gender: 11 women, 15 men / Region: 10 Africa, 6 Europe, 5 Asia, 4 North America, 1 Latin America

As we understand the process, the Secretary General of the WSIS, Mr. Utsumi, will recommend to the President of the WSIS the entire package of speakers to speak from the various stakeholders. The President of the WSIS will then make the final determination as to who will speak and when at the Summit.

In order to assist Mr. Utsumi and the President of the WSIS in determining the final speakers from civil society in Tunis, we suggest the following procedure:

1. All recommended speakers or their nominating entities should forward to the selection committee the CV or brief biography of the nominee as well as short summary (1 paragraph) of what the individual proposes to speak about. These should be sent to rik.panganiban@ngocongo.org by 1800 hours EST, Wednesday 12 October.
2. These CVs and summaries will be compiled into an annex to be transmitted to the ITU and made available to the CS Plenary.

3. The WSIS secretariat will make a final determination as to who will speak in Tunis, with the final approval of the President of the WSIS.

The WSIS executive secretariat will get back to us their initial feedback on this list, and any other specific information shortly. Thanks again to everyone for your assistance in this difficult process.

Regards,

Rik Panganiban
on behalf of the Selection Committee

Yoshio Utsumi
Secretary-General
World Summit on the Information Society

Dear Mr. Utsumi:

Please find attached to this letter the recommended list of speakers for the various speaking slots allotted to civil society during the World Summit on the Information Society from November 16-18, 2005 in Tunis, Tunisia.

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We will be happy to assist you in obtaining detailed CV's and suggested subject areas that each speaker would speak on if desired. Please note that in the few instances where an individual has been listed in more than one category, if that individual is chosen to speak for one slot that they be removed from consideration for the others.

We thank you for this opportunity to make the following recommendations, and trust

that it will receive your careful consideration. Please contact us if we can provide any further assistance or guidance.

Sincerely,

Rik Panganiban
On behalf of the Civil Society Selection Committee

**World Summit on the Information Society
Recommended Civil Society Speakers**

8 October 2005

<i>Name</i>	<i>Nominating Entity</i>	<i>Accredited Organization (title)</i>	<i>Country</i>
Opening Ceremony			
Bissio, Roberto	APC	Instituto del Tercer Mundo, Director	Uruguay
Renate Bloem	NGO Community Philanthropic Institutions	CONGO, President	Switzerland

High Level Panel			
Buntan, Monthian	Disability Caucus	(Thailand Association of the Blind, President)	Thailand
Diouf , Pape	Caucus Africain	Diaspora Africaine pour la Société de l'Information, President	Senegal
Etta , Florence	Telecentres Caucus	(Kenya ICT Policy Project)	Kenya
Garcia-Ramilo, Concepcion	Asia-Pacific Caucus	APC, Womens' Networking Support Programme, Global Coordinator	Philippines
Swaminathan, M S		M S Swaminatan Research Foundation, Chairman	India

Round Tables			
Bissio, Roberto	APC	Instituto del Tercer Mundo, Director	Uruguay
Corriero, Jennifer	Canadian Civil Society, North American / European Caucus	TakingITGlobal, co-founder	Canada
Davies, Simon	Privacy and Security WG	(Privacy International, director)	United Kingdom
Etta, Florence	Telecentres Caucus	(Kenya ICT Policy Project)	Kenya
Ershova , Tatiana	Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Family	Institute of the Information Society, Director General	Russian Federation
Esterhuysen, Anriette	IG Caucus	Association for Progressive Communications, Executive Director	South Africa
Gurumurthy, Anita	Gender Caucus	IT for Change, executive director	India
White, Aidan	Media Caucus	International Federation of Journalists, Secretary General	Ireland

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Plenary			
Barlow, John Perry	North American / European Caucus	Electronic Frontier Foundation, co-founder	USA
Barry, Boubacar	Caucus Africain	ENTIS, Executive Secretary	Guinea
Ben Jemaa, Tijani	Science and Technology	WFEO - World Federation of Engineering Organizations, Vice Chairman of CIC	Tunisia
Ben Marzouk, Mohamed Elyes	Caucus Arab	Organization Tunisienne de Jeunes Medecins sans Frontieres, President	Tunisia
Davies, Simon	CS Privacy and Security WG	(Privacy International, Director)	United Kingdom
de Kerckhove, Derrick	Canadian Network	McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology, Director	Canada
Esterhuysen, Anriette	IG Caucus	APC. Executive Director	South Africa
Etta, Florence	Telecentres Caucus	(Kenya ICT Policy Project)	Kenya
Faidutti, Bruna	Human Rights Caucus	World Association of United Nations Associations, Geneva Director	USA/Italy
Frau-Meigs, Divina	Education , Research and Academia	IAMCR - International Association for Media and Communication Research, Vice-president	France
Gauri, Latha	Grassroots Caucus	Oneworld International	India

Gross, Robin	North American / European Caucus	IP Justice, Executive Director	USA
Jeet Singh, Parminder	West-Asia Region	IT For Change, Executive Director	India
Khemakhem, Jameleddine	Child Rights Caucus	ATUDE - Association tunisienne des droits de l'enfant, Secretary General	Tunisia
Krebs, Viola	Volunteer Family & North American / European Caucus	ICV - International Conference Volunteers, Director	Switzerland
Lohento, Ken		(PANOS, NTIC Coordinator)	Nigeria
Muguet, Francis	Scientific Information WG	ENSTA	France
Nana, Delphine	Caucus Africain	Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement, Coordinatrice Générale	Cameroon
Njenga, Emmanuel	Caucus Africain	APC	Kenya
Pazello, Magaly	Gender Caucus	DAWN Network, WSIS focal point	Brazil
Sagun, Robert	Youth Caucus	SchoolNet Africa, WSIS Policy Coordinator	Philippines
Sarker, Partha	Asia Regional Caucus, Telecentres Caucus	(Bytes for All, co-founder) APC	Bangladesh
Shirley Jr., Joe	OCCAM, Navajo Nation	Navajo Nation, President	USA
Tahmasebi, Susan	West-Asia Region	Iranian Civil Society Organizations Training & Research Center	Iran
White, Aidan	Media Caucus	International Federation of Journalists, Secretary General	Ireland
Zulu, Brenda	Media Caucus	APC	Zambia