



## BUILDING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

### **Joint Facilitation Meeting on Action Lines C2, C4, C6: Information and Communication Infrastructure, Capacity Building, Enabling Environment**

*Open to all WSIS Stakeholders, including ITU membership*

ITU HQ, Geneva, 19-21 May 19, 9.30 – 18.00  
Rooms K, Montbrillant Building, ITU (2, Avenue Varembe)

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

Day One, Monday, 19 May 2008	
9:30 – 9:45	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Houlin Zhao, Deputy Secretary General, ITU</li><li>• UNESCO</li></ul>
9:45 – 11:15	<b>WSIS Action Line C2: Facilitation Process</b> Chair: Mr Emamgholi Behdad, Chief, Projects and Initiatives Department, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU
11.15 -11.30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Ambassadors Round Table on Financial Mechanisms for Infrastructure Development and Other ICT Initiatives</b> Chair: Mr Houlin Zhao, Deputy Secretary General, ITU <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E. Mr Sameh Shoukry, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Egypt</li><li>• H.E. Mr Swashpawan Singh, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative, India (TBC)</li><li>• H.E. Mrs. Venetia Sebudandi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative, Rwanda (TBC)</li><li>• H.E. Ms. Alexandra Segura, Chargé d'affaires a.i. Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the UN</li><li>• H.E. Pasquale d' Avino, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN</li></ul>
13:00 – 14:00.	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:45	<b>Round Table on the ICT Projects and Necessary Mechanisms for Successful Implementation</b> Chair: Mr Emamgholi Behdad, Chief, Project and Initiatives Department, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Mario Franco, Coordinator of Fund for Information Society, Ministry for Public Works, Transport and Communications, Portugal</li></ul>

- Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Spain
- Mr Cisse Kane, Project Manager, Digital Solidarity Fund
- Mr. Roger Mellet-Brossard, WebForce
- Mr. Francis Muguet, ENSTA
- François Magne, BluWan
- Open discussion

16:45 – 17:15

### **ITU Global View**

[ITU and Microsoft demonstration](#)

## **Day Two, Tuesday, 20 May 2008**

9:00 – 10:30

### **WSIS Action Line C6: Facilitation Process**

#### **Creating an enabling environment for ICT growth**

[Chair: Ms Radhika Lal, Policy Advisor, ICT for Poverty Reduction & MDGs, United Nations Development Programme](#)

- The changing regulatory environment: recent trends  
RME activities: overview  
Nancy Sundberg, Regulation and Market Environment Division, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), ITU
- Mongi Hamdi, Chief, Science and Technology Division for Services Infrastructure for Development and Trade Efficiency, UNCTAD
- Marcus Kummer, Executive Coordinator of the Internet Governance Forum's Secretariat, United Nations
- Open discussion

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

### **Enabling environment driving innovation : best practices**

[Chair: Ms Radhika Lal, Policy Advisor, ICT for Poverty Reduction & MDGs, United Nations Development Programme](#)

- Bogdan Dospinescu, Tariff Regulation and Universal Service Unit, National Regulatory Authority for Communications and Information Technology, Romania
- Mr. Thierry Albrand, Vice President, Digital Bridge, Alcatel-Lucent
- Mr. Miguel de la Rosa, Deputy Director General of Institutional Strategy for Latin America, Telefonica
- Mr. Dominic Vergine, Chief Executive, Aptivate
- Open discussion

12:30 – 14:00.

Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30

### **Infrastructure Sharing: extending ICT access to all on the national level**

[Chair: Mario Maniewicz, Chief, BDT Policies and Strategies Department International Telecommunication Union](#)

- Reducing the cost for network deployment: mobile and fiber sharing  
Susan Schorr, a.i. Head, Regulation and Market Environment Division, BDT, ITU
- India's experience with mobile sharing  
Mr. S.K. Gupta, Advisor (Converged Network), TRAI
- Open discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00

### **Infrastructure Sharing: extending ICT access to all on the international level**

[Chair: Mario Maniewicz, Chief, BDT Policies and Strategies Department](#)

#### International Telecommunication Union

- Sharing international capacities/ International gateway liberalization  
Vaiva Lazauskaite, Regulation and Market Environment Division, BDT, ITU
- India's experience with international gateway liberalization  
Mr. S.K. Gupta, Advisor (Converged Network), TRAI
- EASSy Cable Project
- Open discussion

*speaker to be confirmed\**

### Day three, Wednesday, 21 May 2008

	<b>WSIS Action Line C4: Facilitation Process</b>
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Challenges and New Approaches in Building Capacity</b> Chair: Ms Radhika Lal, Policy Advisor, ICT for Poverty Reduction & MDGs, UNDP
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:30	<b>Global Capacity Building Initiatives</b> Chair: Ms Radhika Lal, Policy Advisor, ICT for Poverty Reduction & MDGs, UNDP
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Way Forward</b> Chair: Ms Radhika Lal, Policy Advisor, ICT for Poverty Reduction & MDGs, UNDP