

World Summit on the Information Society Civil Society Speakers Nominations

30 September 2005

Dear Friends,

Please find below the list of suggested nominees to be delivered to the ITU for their consideration for the various speaking slots in Tunis, as compiled by the selection committee which met until very late last night. For your recollection, at the Plenary Session yesterday morning, you approved of a selection committee to narrow down the list of applicants composed of the following individuals:

- 1 representative from each regional group
- 1 representative of the CS Content and Themes
- 1 representative of the CS Bureau
- 1 representative of the WSIS Executive Secretariat in an advisory capacity

The Committee worked hard to achieve several “balances” including regional, gender, age, linguistic, and thematic. We also worked hard to make sure that all caucuses and working groups that proposed names had at least one of their nominations included. You see here the regional and gender breakdown of the nominees:

Opening Ceremony

- Gender: man (1) / woman (1)
- Geographical Balance: Europe (1): Germany; Africa (1): Mali

High Level Panel

- Geographical Balance: Africa (2): Kenya, Senegal; Asia (3): Thailand, Philippines, India
- Gender balance : Women (3) / Men (2)

Round Tables

- Geographical Balance: Africa (1) : Senegal; Asia (4) : India, Japan, Philippines (2); North America (1); Europe (4) : France, Germany (2), Russian Federation
- Gender balance : Women (4) / Men (6)

Plenary

- Geographical Balance: Africa (9): Cameroon (1); Guinea (1); Kenya (2); Nigeria (1) ; Tunisia (3); South Africa (1); Zambia (1); Americas (3): Brazil (1), United States (2); Asia (4): Bangladesh (1), India (1), Iran (1), Philippines (1); Europe (3): Ireland (1), France (2), United Kingdom (1)
- Gender balance : Women (10) / Men (12)

There were many wonderful nominations, and narrowing down the list was a very difficult and painful task. However we feel confident that the current list is a good one that we hope meets with your approval.

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Sincerely,

Rik Panganiban
On Behalf of the Selection Committee

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Name	Nominated by Caucus/WG/Family	Accredited Organization (title)	Country
Opening Ceremony			
Adama Samassekou	Youth Caucus, Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships Family, NGOs Community family, Scientific information WG		Mali
Renate Bloem	NGO Community Philanthropic Institutions	CONGO, President	Germany

High Level Panel			
Monthian Buntan	Disability Caucus	(President, Thailand Association of the Blind)	Thailand
Pape Diouf	Caucus Africain	DAPSI Diaspora Africaine pour la Société de l'Information (President)	Senegal
Florence Etta	Telecentres Caucus	(Kenya ICT Policy Project)	Kenya
Concepcion Garcia- Ramilo	Asia-Pacific Caucus	APC - Association for Progressive Communications (Global Coordinator, Womens' Networking Support Programme)	Philippines
Anita Gurumurthy	Gender Caucus	IT for Change (executive director, economist, phd)	India

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Izumi Aizu	Asia-Pacific Caucus	GLOCOM - Center for Global Communications (Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for HyperNetwork Society, International University of Japan)	Japan
Alan Alegre	Asia-Pacific Caucus	(Foundation for Media Alternatives)	Philippines
Kenneth Deer	Indigenous family	Indigenous World Association (Representative)	Canada
Bertrand de la Chapelle	NGO community family	Wsis-online.net (Director)	France
Pape Diouf	Cities and Local Authorities Caucus	DAPSI - Diaspora Africaine pour la Société de l'Information (President)	Senegal
Tatiana 4Ershova	Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Family	(Director General, Institute of the Information Society)	Russian Federation
Concepcion Garcia-Ramilo	Asia-Pacific Caucus	APC (Global Coordinator, Womens' Networking Support Programme)	Philippines
Anita Gurumurthy	Gender Caucus	IT for Change (executive director, economist, phd)	India
Jeanette Hofmann	NGO community family	Heinrich Boell Foundation (Researcher)	Germany
Wolfgang Kleinwaechter	Philanthropic Institutions	University of Aarhus (Professor, Intl Association for Media & Communications Research)	Germany