

Panel Discussion: "Information Society: New Perspectives for Post-WSIS Scenarios?"

Start: 05/07/2007 - 15:00

End: 05/07/2007 - 18:00

Location(s)

Palais des Nations

Palais des Nations Conference Room XXVI

Geneva

Switzerland

The panel will analyze the emerging trends and new perspectives in the growth of the Information Society. In particular, issues of innovation, social and human dimensions of the Information Society and the respective roles of stakeholders in building coalitions for the achievement of our common development goals will be discussed. Mr. **Hamadoun Touré**, Secretary-General of ITU, will deliver opening remarks. The panel will be moderated by Mr. **Philippe Mottaz** of World Radio Geneva. Mr. **Alain Clerc**, Executive Secretary of the Digital Solidarity Fund, will lead the discussions. The panelists will be Mr. **Talal Abu-Ghazaleh**, Chairman and CEO of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGOrg), Mr. **John Gage**, Chief Researcher and Vice-President of the Science Office, Sun Microsystems, Ambassador **Janis Karklins**, Vice-Chair of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, Mr. **Carlo Ottaviani**, President of the ST Microelectronics Foundation and Mr. **Supachai Panitchpakdi**, Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

It is expected that this event will yield fruitful options and alternatives for post-WSIS scenarios and contribute to the translation of ideas into policy and implementation.



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5 July 2007, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

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3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

DRAFT AGENDA

3:00 – 6:00 Welcome by **Mr. Sarbuland Khan**, Executive Coordinator of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development; and by **Ms. Anh-Nga Tran-Nguyen**, Director of SITE, UNCTAD

Opening Remarks

Mr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of ITU

Ambassador Munir Akram, Chairman Group of 77, New York

Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman and CEO, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAGO)

Moderator

Mr. Philippe Mottaz, World Radio Geneva

Lead discussant

Mr. Alain Clerc, Executive Secretary, Digital Solidarity Fund

Panelists

Mr. John Gage, Chief Researcher and Vice-President of the Science Office, Sun Microsystems

Ambassador Janis Karklins, Vice-Chair, United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Mr. Carlo Ottaviani, President, ST Microelectronics Foundation

Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Mr. Gerolf Weigel, Head of ICT4D Division, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Mr. Pierpaolo Saporito, President, OCCAM and Infopoverty Programme

Respondents:

Mr. William J. Drake, Director, Project on the Information Revolution and Global Governance, Graduate Institute for International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Ms. Salma Abbasi, President of e-Worldwide Group, Research Fellow King's College London