

Annual Meeting of the Global Alliance for ICT and Development
5-6 December 2010, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Agenda

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5th Annual GAID Global Forum

**Information and Communication Technologies for achieving the
Millennium Development Goals: Moving from Advocacy to Action**

8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 **OPENING SESSION**

- **Opening statement by GAID Chairman Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh**

- **Welcoming statements by UAE officials**

*H.E. Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Higher
Education and Scientific Research, UAE*

- **Statements by United Nations officials:**

Mr. **Sha Zukang**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
(delivered by Ms. Haiyan Qian, Director of the Division for Public
Administration and Development Management, UNDESA)

Mr. **Cheick Sidi Diarra**, Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser for
Africa, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries (delivered by
Mr. Patrick Hayford, Director of the Office of the Special Adviser)

9:30-10:15 **Introduction to Forum (key-note address): *ICT have great potential for
advancing development -but why have we not achieved more? What is missing?
How do we fill this gap and move decisively from advocacy to action?***

H.E. Sheikha Lubna Bint Khalid Al Qasimi, Minister for Foreign Trade, UAE

*Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on the
Millennium Development Goals (recorded video statement)*

10:15-11:45 **PLENARY DISCUSSION¹. Reality Check – Information and
Communication Technologies for Development: what is holding us back?**

¹ Both Plenary Discussions include 4-5 speakers and 1 moderator. Each speaker gives a 5-minute presentation, drawing from their personal experiences for their topic. Following the presentations, the moderator ties together the panel themes for 5-10 minutes, engaging the speakers where appropriate. The panel then opens to questions from the audience for about 30 minutes.

ICT have proven to be extremely useful in advancing development and progress in the areas of the eradication of poverty and hunger, education, health and sustainable development. Yet, we are failing collectively to fully tap this potential. Why? What is missing? What can we, the development community, do to help overcome whatever it is that is holding us back?

Moderator: Sarbuland Khan Senior Advisor to GAID Chairman
Panelists: Stephen Dukker Chairman and CEO, NComputing (USA)
Drupad Mathur Director, S.P. Jain Center of Management (UAE)
Ali AlMashat Chairman, SRCSAT (France)
Evelyn Oputu Managing Director, Bank of Industry (Nigeria)
Graciela Chichilnisky Professor, Columbia University (USA)
Allam Ahmed Department of Municipal Affairs (UAE)

11:45-12:00 **Presentation of the MDG eNabler: H.E. Ivo Ivanovski**, Minister of Information Society, Macedonia

12:00-13:30 **PLENARY DISCUSSION. MDG eNabler: A Call for Action – Share and Collaborate to Reach the MDGs**

- *Where are we now and what needs to happen next?*
- *What is the best/ most useful content for the Matrix? Where will it come from?*
- *How will the Planner be most useful for governments?*

Moderator: Ivo Ivanovski Minister of Information Society (Macedonia)
Panelists: Elham Ibrahim Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union
Mohamed Al-Qaed CEO, eGovernment Authority (Bahrain)
Jim Poisant Secretary-General, World Information Technology and Services Alliance (USA)
Linamara Battistella Secretary, State of Sao Paulo (Brazil)
George King CEO, Global Capacity (USA)
Sarah McCue, Founder and President, Blumail

13:30-14:30 **Networking Luncheon**

14:30-17:30 **SOLUTIONS SALONS**– *Participants will break into moderated interactive solution salons, led by various organizations and companies. Each session will work to identify the key issues/problems, design and present solutions to these issues/problems and collectively prepare a verbal presentation for all participants on the following day. Solution Salons will be held simultaneously and will be open to all participants.*

- ICT for Poverty Alleviation and Hunger
Lead: FAO (tbc)
- ICT for Entrepreneurship

Lead: Armen Orujyan, ATHGO International

- ICT for Education

Lead: John Davies, Intel and Janis Karklins, UNESCO

- ICT for Health

Lead: Najeeb Al-Shorbaji, WHO

- ICT for Gender Equality

Lead: Gloria Bonder, FLASCO (Argentina)

- ICT for Sustainable Development/Climate Change

Lead: Graciela Chichilnisky, Columbia University

- ICT for Disaster Relief/Post-Conflict Zones

Lead: Dag Nielsen, ICT4Peace Foundation

- ICT for Development and Youth

Lead: Mohammed Fathy, eLeaders

- ICT for Persons with Disabilities

Lead: Axel Leblois, G3ICT

- A Startup Strategy for Developing Countries to Harness Cloud Computing

Lead: Stehen Dukker, NComputing

- Reliance on ICT in governance: how much is too much?

Lead: Sebastian Muah, Liberia

- ICT for Financing Development and the MDGs

Lead: Barbara Samuels, Global Clearinghouse for Development

Finance

- Demonstration of the Computer-aided Strategic Planner

Prof. Amjad Umar

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9:00-11:00 Short **report-back presentations** from the Solution Salons.

11:00-12:00 **CLOSING SESSION**
Remarks by Mr. Al Mansoori, ADSIC
Closing remarks by GAID Chairman

Annual meetings of the Strategy Council and Board of Directors

12:30-14:30 **Board of Directors working luncheon** (closed session)

15:00-18:00 **Strategy Council meeting** (closed session)

Evening **Closing Gala** in collaboration with WSA (invitation only)