E

UNITED NATIONS

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN - ECLAC**

Distr.
GENERAL

LC/G.2207(CONF.91/4) */c.2*
9 June 2003

ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: SPANISH

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

(Bávaro, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 29-31 January 2003)

03-6-349

CONTENTS

A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1.   The Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the World Summit on the Information Society was held in Bávaro, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from 29 to 31 January 2003.

Attendance

2.   The meeting was attended by representatives of the following 33 States members of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

3.   The following four associate members of the Commission were also represented: Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands.

4.   Observers from the following States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission attended in an advisory capacity: Finland, Israel, Japan, Romania, Russian Federation, Switzerland and Tunisia.

5.   Also attending were observers from the following United Nations entities: Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Volunteers, United Nations Population Fund and United Nations Development Programme.

6.   Representatives of the following United Nations specialized agencies also attended: International Labour Organization, World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, International Telecommunication Union and Executive Secretariat of the World Summit on the Information Society.

7.   Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations were also present: Caribbean Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, European Commission, Andean Community, Caribbean Community, Andean Development Corporation, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, Organization of American States and International Telecommunications Satellite Organization.

8.   Representatives of the following non-governmental and private-sector organizations also attended: Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), ADORA, Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), AJEBA, Asociación Civil Grupo Redes, Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (ANATEL), ARRL National Emergency Response Committee (ANERCOM), Asociación Dominicana de Abogados Empresariales Inc., ASETA, Association des Femmes Soleil d'Haïti, Asociación de las Naciones Unidas de la República Dominicana, International Association of Broadcasting, Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica (ALER), Asociación Latinoamericana de TIC, Asociación de Medios Publicitarios Salvadoreños, Asociación para

el Desarrollo Económico y Social de Puntarenas de Costa Rica, Asociación para el Progreso de las Comunicaciones, Bibliomarketing, Caribbean Centre for Development Administration, Centre for International Services of the University of the West Indies, Centro Cultural de Intercambio Audio-Visual Inc. (CCIAV), Centro de Promoción y Estudios en Nutrición (CEPREN), Centro de Servicios de Cooperación para el Desarrollo (KEPA), Centro para el Desarrollo Urbano y Rural (CEPDUR), CIRT México, Cluster Tecnológico, Comunidad Alfa-Redi, Communication Rights in the Information Society (CRIS)-Bolivia, CRIS-Ecuador, CRIS-México, World Summit of Cities and Local Authorities on the Information Society, DAWN-Observatorio da Cidadania, Defensor del Pueblo, Education and Resource Network and the Network of Rural Women, Facultad de Salud Pública Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Federación de Organizaciones y Juntas Ambientalistas de Venezuela (FORJA), Fernández y Asociados, Fiscalidad Internacional y Comercio Exterior, FODEX, Fondation Réseau de Développement Durable d'Haïti (RDDH), Access Foundation, Fundación CIECC/Centro Internacional de Estudios de Ciencias de la Comunicación, Fundación de Desarrollo Humano Integral Causana, Frederich Ebert Foundation, Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), ICT for Development Foundation, Fundación Ideas, Omar Dengo Foundation, Vamos México Foundation, Networks and Development Foundation (FUNREDES), Global Forum-Global Metro City, Global Knowledge Partnership, Groupe Jérémie, IFRI, Instituto de Economía y Derecho (IDEA), Intermediate Technology Development Group, ITDG América Latina, KALALU, Lavaca Org., LUGUSAC, National Association of Nigerian Students, Oficina de Abogados Dr. Orlando Cruz Franco, Open-it, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Programa de Apoyo a Redes de Mujeres de APC, Red Científica Peruana, Red de Información para el Tercer Sector, Red de Información Tecnológica Latinoamericana, SOCIEDAD CIVIL, Inter-American Press Association (IAPA), Unión Radiodifusores de Nicaragua, Universidad APEC, Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña, Universidad URACCAN, World Press Freedom Committee (WPFC).

9.   The following individuals attended as special guests: Mr. Luis Di Benedetto, President, Hispanic-American Association of Research Centres and Telecommunication Companies (AHCIET); Ms. Karin Delgadillo, Executive President, Fundación ChasquiNet, Ecuador; Mr. Tadao Takahashi, Representative of the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force Latin American and Caribbean Regional Network (LACNET); Mr. Eladio Lárez, President, International Association of Broadcasting; Ms. Sally Burch, Coordination Committee, Campaign for Communication Rights in the Information Society; Mr. Ben Alfa Petrazzini, Chief Consultant, Institute for Connectivity in the Americas, Uruguay; Ms. Magaly Pazello, Representative, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) Network, Brazil; and Mr. Robert Guerra, Director, Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (CPSR).

Election of officers

10.   Representatives of the following countries were elected to serve as officers at the Conference:

Chairperson:	Dominican Republic
Vice-Chairpersons:	Mexico
	Chile
	Barbados
Rapporteur:	El Salvador

B. AGENDA

11.   The participants in the Conference adopted the following agenda:

1.   Election of officers
2.   Adoption of the agenda
3.   Opening meeting
4.   General policy statements
5.   Presentations by international organizations
6.   The transition to the information society
7.   Analysis of the characteristics of the regulatory frameworks necessary for the development of the information society in Latin America and the Caribbean
8.   Analysis of the existing stock of human capital and what is required in that regard to meet the challenges posed by the new information society
9.   Analysis of the type and amount of financing needed in order for the Latin American and Caribbean countries to join the information society
10. Presentation of the conclusions of the workshops
11. Submission of a proposed plan of action and set of principles to serve as guidelines for the development of an information society in the region
12. Adoption of the Bávaro Plan of Action and Principles

C. PROCEEDINGS

Opening meeting (agenda item 3)

12.   The opening meeting of the Conference was held on 29 January. On that occasion, statements were made by Mr. Orlando Jorge Mera, President of the Dominican Institute of Telecommunications (INDOTEL) and Secretary of State of the Dominican Republic; Mr. Yoshio Utsumi, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union; Mr. Adama Samassékou, President of the Preparatory Committee and Executive Secretary of the World Summit on the Information Society; Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary of ECLAC; and Mr. Hipólito Mejía Domínguez, President of the Dominican Republic.

13.   The President of the Dominican Institute of Telecommunications welcomed the participants and recalled that one of the objectives of the Regional Conference was to include Latin America and the Caribbean in the debate on policies concerning the information society, with a view to creating a fairer and better balanced world. The public's demand for information and knowledge was becoming more evident with each passing day; therefore, the greater the capacity of States and members of society to use and adopt information and communication technologies, the more opportunities would become available to the region for attaining wealth, empowerment and knowledge, which would certainly contribute to the human development of its inhabitants.

14.   The countries of the region should spare no effort to overcome the technological illiteracy that prevailed in most of them. He trusted that the Bávaro Declaration would be a valuable contribution to the preparatory process leading up to the World Summit and that it would help both to reduce existing socio-economic disparities in the region's societies and to open up new development opportunities for all the peoples of the Americas and the Caribbean.

15.   The Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union noted that information was a source of power and wealth but that, unfortunately, many people did not yet have access to information or to the instruments they needed to avail themselves of it. The World Summit was necessary for three basic reasons: to build awareness among political leaders of the impact of the information society and the new challenges it posed; to induce them to make a firm commitment to ending the injustice of the digital divide and to recognize access to information and communication technologies as a fundamental human right; and to give rise to a political commitment to developing the necessary legal and policy frameworks for cyberspace. In that regard, cyberspace was as yet a territory with no boundaries or laws, but it could no longer be regarded as a parallel universe, since it interacted with the physical world, posing numerous challenges to national authorities.

16.   Although many countries had started to adopt provisions on the information society, international standards on the issue were indispensable. A regional plan of action was essential if the Summit was to have a positive outcome. Projects and programmes should be developed with imagination and creativity to ensure that they made a truly significant contribution. Governments, the private sector and civil society must undertake to achieve realistic goals and take concrete measures. It was also necessary to mobilize resources. The conditions for achieving major advances on all of those fronts were already in place, and the Summit would provide an opportunity to give global reach to the interests of all. That was the only way to respond to challenges of such proportions.

17.   The President of the Preparatory Committee and Executive Secretary of the World Summit on the Information Society said that, in view of the challenges posed by the information society, the participants in the Summit should consider ways and means of placing the digital revolution at the service of human development —in other words, of overcoming not only the digital divide, but also the social divide. That would require the creation of conditions for transforming the divide into a series of opportunities, primarily for the vast majority of the population in countries of the South; speeding up the achievement of the Millennium Goals in terms of sustainable development; and protecting cultural and linguistic diversity, which was the birthright of peoples and a global public good par excellence.

18.   The Summit would be the first international conference devoted to the information society, a complex issue which encompassed a wide range of vital sub-items. Moreover, the fact that it was being held in two phases, which was not the usual practice in the United Nations system, could strengthen the coherence of the entire process taking place around it and help achieve the necessary synergy between the two phases. Another highly important point was that the Summit should mark the beginning of a new era in international relations in which competition would gradually give way to solidarity. All countries should try to ensure that the first summit of the third millennium helped to turn the information society, which was the product of the digital revolution, into a society of human communication and of shared information and knowledge that would pave the way for a new global dialogue based on peace and increased mutual respect.

19.   The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean said that the concept of the information society summed up the sweeping changes taking place in the world as

a result of the availability of digital technologies for generating and disseminating information. In addition to its effects in terms of information and communications, that process had resulted in new forms of social and productive organization.

20.   Information and communication technologies had helped countries make significant strides in terms of development, but had also given rise to a new form of exclusion, described as the "digital divide", which existed both within and between countries. At the national level, that situation had created a need to adopt measures to guarantee the whole population a baseline level of access to the relevant infrastructure and to consider such access a fundamental human right. At the international level, development strategies linked to the information society should be given high priority on the regional agenda. If the Latin American and Caribbean countries wished to join the information society without delay, and in such a way as to derive real benefits, they should formulate a broad-based strategy, which would give them a better bargaining position within the framework of the Summit. That event would offer the world community a unique opportunity to analyse and give shape to a common destiny at a time when interconnection had reached unprecedented levels. The Regional Conference was an excellent forum in which to devise a regional strategy of such vital importance and thus to adopt a common position in that sphere.

21.   The President of the Dominican Republic said that it was a great honour for his country to have been chosen to host the Regional Conference. Its selection represented an acknowledgement of its position in the forefront of the communications field. His Government recognized that, to enable the people to enjoy true well-being and development, it must democratize the use and promote the widespread application of information and communication technologies and facilitate access to them, since it considered them a modern instrument of production and progress that must be made available to society. It also recognized the need for clear and consistent policies to reduce the digital divide and the technological illiteracy that prevailed in most of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

22.   The technological revolution had occurred with such speed that it was creating an unfair imbalance between those who reaped the benefits of the information society and those who were still excluded from it. The success of the Dominican model was the fruit of a strategic alliance between the Government and the private sector, with civil-society participation, which had led to the establishment of one of the best telecommunications systems in the region. The Government's main role in that regard had been to lay down clear and transparent rules creating favourable conditions for private-sector operations and encouraging innovation and efficiency. In conclusion, he expressed the firm belief that the Conference would help to transform the information society into a society on a human scale in which knowledge and information were shared. It would also be an appropriate forum for strengthening the dialogue and concerted action that constituted the foundation for global development and peace.

General policy statements (agenda item 4)

23.   The representatives of States members of the Commission made general policy statements in which they outlined their Governments' views of the challenges and opportunities which the information society represented for each of them, both nationally and regionally, as well as the major programmes being carried out in that connection. The order of speakers was as follows: Mexico, Canada, Colombia, Argentina, Cuba, Peru, United States, Chile, Nicaragua, Bolivia, United States Virgin Islands, Venezuela, Guatemala, Jamaica, Brazil, Uruguay, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Suriname, Haiti, Barbados, Ecuador, Bahamas, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago and Honduras.

Presentations by international organizations (agenda item 5)

24.   Presentations were made under agenda item 5 by Mr. Jorge Katz, Director of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Mr. Abdul W. Khan, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); Mr. Ahmed Toumi, Director General of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT); Mr. Nicky Fabiancic, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Dominican Republic; Mr. Francisco Roberto Arias, Officer-in-Charge of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Country Representation in the Dominican Republic; and Mr. Ronald Scheman, Director General of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development of the Organization of American States (OAS).

25.   The Director of the ECLAC Division of Production, Productivity and Management referred to the salient points of the document "Road maps towards an information society in Latin America and the Caribbean", prepared specifically for the Conference by the ECLAC secretariat. The document outlined the analytical model used by ECLAC to study the structure and development of information and communication technologies, and looked at the current situation in that regard in the countries of the region. Lastly, it put forward a strategy for addressing different aspects of infrastructure, financing, regulation and human resources training.

26.   The Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information of UNESCO referred to the main activities being carried out to stimulate the development and consolidation of the information society in the areas of education and culture.

27.   The Director General of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization discussed the fundamental importance of physical telecommunications infrastructure for building the new society and the progress made in that area.

28.   The Resident Representative of UNDP in the Dominican Republic gave a detailed account of the activities being conducted by UNDP in preparation for the World Summit on the Information Society and of the national and regional technological development projects throughout the region that were receiving assistance from UNDP.

29.   The Officer-in-Charge of the FAO Country Representation in the Dominican Republic underscored the importance of promoting the management and dissemination of information and communication technologies, in view of the significant contribution they could make to the development of the agricultural sector and the fight against poverty and hunger.

30.   The Director General of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development of the Organization of American States reported on the Agency's major activities in the area of information and communication technology, specifically with respect to electronic governance.

The transition to the information society (agenda item 6)

31.   The meeting on agenda item 6 was moderated by Mr. Rogelio Pardo Evans, Minister of Science and Technology of Costa Rica. The participants included Mr. Andrés Guzmán, Chief of the Division for Promotion of the Information Society, Office of the Under-Secretary of Telecommunications, Ministry of

Transport and Telecommunications of Chile, who spoke on behalf of the Under-Secretary, Mr. Christian Nicolai; Ms. Isabel Téllez, Ambassador of Mexico to the Dominican Republic, who participated on behalf of Mr. Jorge Alvarez Hoth, Under-Secretary of Communications of Mexico; Mr. Luis Di Benedetto, President of the Hispanic-American Association of Research Centres and Telecommunication Companies; Ms. Karin Delgadillo, Executive President of Fundación ChasquiNet; and Mr. Tadao Takahashi, Representative of the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force Latin American and Caribbean Regional Network (LACNET).

32.   The participants referred to the needs arising at the current stage of transition to the information society, in particular the need to establish multidisciplinary teams and to develop a capacity for continuous learning to facilitate adjustment to the changes taking place. Several speakers agreed on the importance of providing universal access to the new society and protecting freedom of expression. They also underscored the need for the equitable distribution of opportunities and knowledge. Representatives of government entities and of civil-society organizations and the private sector all emphasized the importance of information and communication technologies as a means of achieving global integration, a source of employment and opportunities and a mechanism for facilitating management in all sectors of society. Those technologies could not bring genuine progress unless the public and private sectors, civil society, community organizations and academic institutions worked together to ensure that no one in the region was excluded from the ongoing process of change that affected all of humanity. The civil-society representative said that active user participation was imperative, since otherwise users would not receive the new benefits offered by the information society.

33.   The speakers taking part in the ensuing debate took the floor in the following order: Argentina, Honduras, Mexico, Communication Rights in the Information Society (CRIS-Bolivia) (whose representative read out a letter addressed to the organizers of the Conference), United Nations Volunteers, Venezuela, Barbados and Chile.

34.   At the end of the meeting, Mr. Marc Furrer, Director of the Federal Office of Communications of Switzerland, the host country for the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, described how his country was supporting the preparations for the Summit. Technical and economic measures to facilitate access to information and communication technologies should be supplemented with measures and actions to guarantee the freedom of information, since respect for ethical principles was the criterion that really determined the value of the new society.

Analysis of the characteristics of the regulatory frameworks necessary for the development of the information society in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 7)

35.   The meeting on agenda item 7 was moderated by Ms. María Paula Duque, Deputy Minister of Communications of Colombia. The participants included Mr. Héctor Miguel Dada Sánchez, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Integration and Economic Promotion of El Salvador; Mr. Carlos Trojan, head of the delegation of the European Commission to international organizations in Geneva; Mr. Emilio Nassar, First Vice-President of the International Association of Broadcasting; Ms. Jacqueline Wiltshire Forde, representative of the CARICOM secretariat; Ms. Sally Burch, Coordination Committee, Campaign for Communication Rights in the Information Society; and Mr. Ben Alfa Petrazzini, Chief Consultant, Institute for Connectivity in the Americas.

36.   The participants referred to two possible conceptual frameworks for the information society. The first, which could be defined as "digital", placed information and communication technologies at the

centre of the development model. The second, which was based on a social perspective, placed the individual at the centre of development, and regarded ICT as a foundation for knowledge and consumer protection and a means of increasing the opportunities available to society. Those two models revealed the need to identify clearly the type of information society countries wished to build. That would determine the role to be played by information and communication technologies, which could act either as mechanisms for inviting and encouraging citizen participation or as obstacles to such involvement. The speakers agreed that the information society should be conceived as one in which ICTs were routinely used as a modern-day tool of development, democratization and citizen participation; that such a society could only be built with the synergetic participation of the public and private sectors, including organizations of civil society, the business world and academic institutions; and that its viability hinged on the type of regulatory framework adopted.

37.   The participants highlighted the features such regulatory frameworks should have in order to foster the development and consolidation of the information society. The frameworks should be open and should promote competition, reduce legal or economic barriers to entry and guarantee the security of users and investors, while respecting the principles of legality and promotion of human rights and democratic values. With respect to that last criterion, freedom of expression and of information must be recognized as the basis for genuine democracy and respect for human rights. Moreover, it was vitally important to observe the principle of legality in spectrum management, among other areas.

38.   Such open frameworks should facilitate the efficient use of existing infrastructure and alternative technologies and, above all, should emphasize the regional dimension in decision-making on infrastructure development and on the social use of information and communication technologies. In that regard, attention was drawn to the progress being made by the Meso-American region —consisting of Mexico and the countries of the Central American isthmus— in developing infrastructure for high-capacity connectivity and in the social use of ICT as a tool for development within the framework of the Puebla-Panama Plan, through the Meso-American initiative for the integration of telecommunication services, which was a core component of the Plan.

39.   In the ensuing debate, statements were made by representatives of the following countries or entities, in the order listed: International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, Third World Information Network (Brazil), Venezuela, Cuba, Consumers International, International Association of Broadcasting, Gobierno Digital and Honduras.

Analysis of the existing stock of human capital and what is required in that regard to meet the challenges posed by the new information society (agenda item 8)

40.   The meeting on agenda item 8 was moderated by Mr. Gerardo García Cabrera, Director of Information Technology and Knowledge Management, Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba. The speakers included Ms. Milagros Ortiz Bosh, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic and Secretary of State for Education; Mr. Gustavo López, Director of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Communication and Information; Ms. Magaly Pazello, Representative, DAWN Network; Mr. Robert Guerra, Director, Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility; and Mr. Manuel Acevedo, Coordinator of the E-Volunteering Unit, United Nations Volunteers.

41.   Emphasis was placed on the need to develop a people-centred information society, applying the experience acquired ("lessons learned") and making use of the bridges that had been built, which would serve no purpose unless the inhabitants of the region could cross those bridges. The basic idea was to

give priority to the human dimension instead of concentrating exclusively on the market. Poverty was a problem not only of poor income distribution, but also of exclusion on the basis of culture, age, ethnicity or gender. The digital divide was purely and simply a reflection of the economic and social divide in the region. In that regard, the divide was not just digital, but emerged simultaneously at many levels, all of which must be taken into account in efforts to foster greater integration and participation. Therefore, in addition to disseminating the advances made thus far in the area of information and communication technologies, it was also necessary to exchange practical ideas within and between the Latin American and Caribbean countries. Special mention was also made of the situation of minorities, women, African Americans, indigenous peoples and the disabled, and of the concrete measures that should be adopted to cope with their needs and ensure their full integration into the information society.

42.   The representatives of Agence universitaire de la Francophonie, Argentina and Chile made statements in the ensuing debate.

Analysis of the type and amount of financing needed in order for the Latin American and Caribbean countries to join the information society (agenda item 9)

43.   The meeting on agenda item 9 was moderated by Mr. Franco Silva, General Manager of Operations of the National Telecommunications Commission of Venezuela. Participating in the first part, concerning national financing, were Mr. Carlos Méndez Pinhelo, Deputy Minister of Communications, Infrastructure and Housing of Guatemala; Mr. Benjamín Marticorena, President, National Science and Technology Council of Peru; and Ms. Camella Rhone, Director General of Information, Ministry of Commerce, Science and Technology of Jamaica.

44.   In the second part, concerning the analysis of international financing and foreign investment, the participants were Mr. Moisés Pineda, Representative of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in the Dominican Republic; Mr. Danilo Piaggesi, Chief of the Information Technology for Development Division, Sustainable Development Department, IDB; Mr. Carlos A. Primo Braga, Manager of the World Bank Information for Development Programme; Mr. Andrés Langebaek, Executive of the Andean Competitiveness Project, Andean Development Corporation; and Mr. Alan Slusher, Director of Economics and Programming, Caribbean Development Bank.

45.   In the presentations given in the first part, the speakers described the current stage their respective countries had reached in absorbing information and communication technologies, as well as the problems they had encountered in that process. There was a need for both national and international financing to strengthen the information society and to narrow or completely eliminate the divide existing at both levels.

46.   The country representatives also described the progress made in absorbing information and communication technologies and the problems they faced in that regard, with special reference to the national and international financing needed to consolidate the information society and to narrow or even close the divides existing both within and between countries. Since the public sector alone could not provide all the necessary resources to develop the information society in an equitable way, the countries needed contributions and active participation from the private sector and civil society, as well as the support of international financial institutions, in the form of loans granted on concessional terms.

47.   The participants described the programmes their countries had carried out to provide Internet connectivity and, in general, access to new information and communication technologies. The

programmes' coverage had been expanded for the benefit of minority and lower-income groups. In particular, reference was made to the use of the Internet in libraries and schools in marginalized neighbourhoods and by micro-enterprise owners with limited resources, who had thereby been able to offer their products to an expanded market while cutting out the middleman.

48.　　The representatives of international financial institutions presented detailed summaries of the activities their institutions carried out with a view to building the information society, as well as the projects they funded and the financing modalities. In most cases, the funding provided was for human resources training and the expansion of services and infrastructure.

49.　　The Manager of the World Bank Information for Development Programme discussed the Bank's information society strategy, which was aimed particularly at expanding access to infrastructure, supporting human resources training and developing new applications for information and communication technologies. He also reviewed the main projects being financed by the World Bank with a view to incorporating those technologies in the spheres of health, education, public administration and development of competitiveness. The region faced a number of different challenges in that field, especially with regard to investments in the sector and regulatory policies.

50.　　The representative of IDB urged the countries of the region to continue to strengthen the dialogue initiated in 1999 and deepened at the Second Consultative Meeting on Information and Communication Technology for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Washington, D.C., in November 2002. He reiterated the Bank's interest in continuing to provide support, in conjunction with ECLAC, for the preparatory activities for the Summit on which the countries of the region reached agreement at the Conference. He asked the participating delegations to ensure consistency between the conclusions of the Second Consultative Meeting and those of the current Conference, which would be transmitted to the forthcoming Preparatory Committee meeting (Geneva, February 2003). Lastly, he invited ECLAC to participate actively in the Third Consultative Meeting.

51.　　The representative of the Andean Development Corporation's Andean Competitiveness Project reported on the main results achieved by the Project, which emphasized the importance of new technologies as an essential element of competitiveness that was badly in need of development in the subregion, whose technological development index was low. The major activities supported by the Corporation included infrastructure development, human resources training, promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises, public policies and regulatory frameworks.

52.　　In the debate that followed, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, RDDH (the UNDP Sustainable Development Networking Programme (SDNP) project in Haiti), Argentina, Bolivia, the Asháninka indigenous community of Marankiari Bajo in the Central Amazon region of Peru, Red Científica Peruana (Peruvian Scientific Network), Nicaragua, Chile and the European Union. The speakers stressed the importance of private investment for boosting technological development in the region's countries and of joint activities that would make it possible to share knowledge and experience for the benefit of the countries least advanced in that field. Civil-society organizations, far from remaining uninvolved in efforts to join the world of advanced technologies, had helped to ensure the participation of various actors in that process.

Presentation of the conclusions of the workshops (agenda item 10)

53.   The conclusions of the civil-society workshop organized by Global Knowledge Partnership, held in Bávaro on 28 January 2003, and those of the workshop organized by the International Telecommunication Union, held in the framework of the Conference on 30 January 2003,[1] were presented at the Conference.

54.   The conclusions of the International Telecommunication Union workshop were presented by Mr. Juan Zavattiero, Chief of the ITU Regional Office. The workshop had been attended by Ms. Milagros Ortiz Bosh, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic; Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary of ECLAC; and Mr. Roberto Blois, Deputy Secretary-General of ITU. In the first panel discussion, the participants considered the issue of universal access; in the second, they analysed the application of information technologies. In addition, reports were given on the Educational Portal of the Americas project, created by the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development of the Organization of American States, and on the Ibero-American Network of Digital Cities project. The Deputy Minister of Communications of Peru discussed the outlook for digital cities in rural areas of that country, and a representative of ITU reported on the activities being conducted in multi-purpose community telecentres. The conclusions of the workshop had been drawn up jointly by the presenters and the participants.

55.   Ms. Clotilde Fonseca of the Omar Dengo Foundation of Costa Rica presented the conclusions of the Global Knowledge Partnership workshop entitled "ICT in the service of development: joint initiatives and experience gained". Among other conclusions, the participants had recognized the need to build the future without the constraints of the past, the importance of distinguishing between information and knowledge and the need to replace the technocentric view with a people-centred approach. Given that technology did not, in itself, guarantee the inclusion of the whole population in the development process, technological development must involve all members of society. Moreover, since competitiveness did not automatically increase income levels, it was urgently necessary to raise productivity by developing the population's cognitive capacity. Thus far, the stakeholders most conspicuously absent from the information society had been its potential users, both individual and community. Educational programmes would therefore have to be changed, with emphasis on a learning-based education model; in that regard, not only computer literacy, but also the mastery of new techniques, were very important. Lastly, as poverty was a multidimensional phenomenon, information and communication technologies could help to reduce it, but they were not a panacea.

56.   The conclusions of the private-sector round-table discussion were presented by Mr. Luis Di Benedetto of the Hispanic-American Association of Research Centres and Telecommunication Companies (AHCIET). Two of the recommendations formulated in those discussions were that States should undertake to strengthen private-sector participation in the development of the information society and that the private sector, in turn, should undertake to encourage the application of ICTs in government administration, business and education, among other spheres.

57.   States were urged to adopt strategies and policies to facilitate the use of information technologies to boost exports from firms in the region, especially small and medium-sized enterprises.

58.   Mr. Miguel Saravia, Manager of the ICT for Development Programme of the Intermediate Technology Development Group's Latin America office, gave a presentation on behalf of 19 civil-society

---

[1] The programme for this workshop is given in annex 2.

organizations. The new models of the information and communication society should reflect the linguistic, socio-economic, political, ethnic, ecological and cultural diversity of Latin America and the Caribbean and should be aimed at helping to build more participatory, equitable and sustainable societies. The lack of mechanisms for applying United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/183 both nationally and regionally was a cause for concern.

59.   Lastly, the delegation of Peru communicated its Government's offer to host, in 2004, the next Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, to be held in Tunis in 2005.

D. AGREEMENTS ADOPTED

Adoption of the Bávaro Plan of Action and Principles (agenda item 12)

60.   The meeting culminated in the adoption by consensus of the Bávaro Declaration, which is reproduced in annex 1 of the present report. The participants reiterated their thanks to ECLAC for its analytical contributions and to the Government of the host country for its excellent organization of the event.

Annex 1

BÁVARO DECLARATION

The countries represented at the Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the World Summit on the Information Society, held with the collaboration of ECLAC, understand that:

The information society is an economic and social system where knowledge and information constitute the fundamental sources of well-being and progress and that it represents an opportunity for our countries and societies, so long as it is understood that the development of that society within a global and local context requires a deeper appreciation of fundamental principles such as those of respect for human rights within the broader context of fundamental rights, democracy, environmental protection, the advancement of peace, the right to development, fundamental freedoms, economic progress and social equity. The countries of the region feel that the firm advocacy of their views and priorities in world forums, including the World Summit on the Information Society (2003-2005), should be a key component of the region's strategy on the information society.

Our countries, aware of the need to generate equal opportunities for access and use of information and communication technologies, are committed to taking action to overcome the digital divide, which both reflects and is a factor in the differences that exist between and within countries in terms of economic, social and cultural aspects, education, health and access to knowledge.

We believe that access to information technologies and their appropriate use should be a fundamental concern of our countries which will help to foster ties of friendship based on the principle of equal rights.

The countries of the region represented at the Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the World Summit on the Information Society, bearing in mind the Millennium Declaration and resolution 56/183 as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session,

1.   Adopt the following guiding principles:

(a)   The social and economic progress of the countries and the well-being of persons and communities shall occupy a central place in activities aimed at building an information society. The use and benefit of information and communication technologies (ICTs) are in order to satisfy the needs of individuals, communities and society in general;

(b)   The information society shall be oriented towards eliminating existing socio-economic differences in our societies, averting the emergence of new forms of exclusion and becoming a positive force for all of the world's people by helping to reduce the disparity between developed and developing countries, as well as within countries;

(c)   The information society should serve the public interest and the aim of social well-being by contributing to the eradication of poverty, the creation of wealth, the promotion and enhancement of social development, democratic participation, linguistic diversity and

cultural identity, while at the same time ensuring equal opportunities for gaining access to information and communication technologies and at all times upholding the principle of legality to ensure its efficient and orderly use;

(d)   Universal access to information and communication technologies shall be an objective of all the stakeholders involved in building the information society, in accordance with the legal framework in force in each country;

(e)   The effort to build an information society shall encompass access to information and communication technologies, the utilization of these technologies through the articulation of local, regional and global actions, and their use for public and social purposes in such areas as government, health care and learning;

(f)   The integration of all socially vulnerable sectors, including, but not limited to, older adults, children, rural communities, indigenous peoples, differently abled persons, the unemployed, displaced persons and migrants shall be a priority objective in building the information society. To that end, barriers to participation, such as illiteracy, the lack of user training, cultural and linguistic constraints and particular conditions of access to the relevant technology, shall be overcome;

(g)   Information and communication technologies foster the flow and exchange of information, encourage the transfer of knowledge and stimulate innovation and human capital formation while helping to ensure that a free flow of information coexists with respect for life, private property, privacy, intellectual property, confidentiality and security;

(h)   The transition to the information society shall be led by the Governments in close coordination with private enterprise and civil society. An integral approach shall be taken that provides for an open and participatory dialogue with the whole of society in order to incorporate all stakeholders involved in the process of building a common vision for the development of an information society in the region;

(i)   The information society is intrinsically global in nature. Thus, a policy dialogue based on global trends in the information society should take place at the world, regional and subregional levels in order to facilitate:

- The provision of technical assistance aimed at national and regional capacity-building for the maintenance and reinforcement of regional and international cooperation;
- The sharing of best practices;
- The sharing of knowledge; and
- The development of compatible regulations and standards that respect national characteristics and concerns.

(j)   Access to information and communication technologies shall be secured in accordance with international law, bearing in mind that some countries are affected by unilateral measures which are not compatible with it and which create obstacles for international trade;[*]

---

[*] See the end of this document for the reservations that have been entered concerning this paragraph.

(k)   The existence of independent and free communication media, in accordance with the legal system of each country, is an essential requirement for freedom of expression and a guarantee of the plurality of information. Unhindered access by individuals and communication media to information sources shall be ensured and strengthened in order to promote the existence of vigorous public opinion as a pillar of civil responsibility in accordance with article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international and regional instruments dealing with human rights;

(l)   Access by countries to the benefits of the digital revolution requires adherence to the universally accepted principles of non-discrimination within the framework of negotiations based on a spirit of justice and equity.

2.   Also adopt the following priority issues:

(a)   Promoting and strengthening national programmes for the development of the information society based on proactive national strategies. The main stakeholders in the information society shall be identified and encouraged to participate in national activities. In addition, the role, responsibilities and goals of such activities must be clearly defined. With support at the highest political level, it is essential that steps be taken to foster close collaboration among public agencies and programmes while also ensuring that non-governmental organizations, the private sector, civil society and academic institutions make a significant contribution to the process and the continuity of such initiatives;

(b)   Promoting the build-out of information and communication technology infrastructure and technological innovation. Universal access policies shall promote the best possible level of connectivity at a reasonable cost for under-served areas. Technological convergence must be monitored with a view to integrating traditional and new ICTs in order to create alternative forms of access that can help narrow the digital divide. The creation and provision of low-cost access equipment and multi-purpose community access points shall be an integral part of the agenda for reducing the digital divide. The digital transition in the radio broadcasting sector shall take into account the possibilities of each country so as to permit the adoption of compatible systems that can coexist with analog transmission, as well as type approval of common standards;

(c)   Improving access services. The provision of access to telecommunications infrastructure at a reasonable cost, including broadband systems, the strengthening of the national software and services industry, the adjustment of international agencies' policies on tenders in order to permit the participation of qualified local industries, and development strategies are key elements in reducing the digital divide. The application of information and communication technologies in organizational units of interest to society, such as universities and research institutions, hospitals and clinics, small and medium-sized enterprises, schools, municipalities and other institutions shall, in view of the role they perform in society, be placed at the top of the connectivity agenda;

(d)   Guaranteeing that human rights, including the right to development, are protected and promoted in the information society. All persons have the right to freedom of thought and

expression; this right includes the freedom to maintain opinions without interference and to seek out, receive and share information and ideas through any communication media, subject to national laws and international agreements. The exercise of this right will be facilitated by educational opportunities for all;

(e) Managing the radioelectric spectrum in the public and general interest and in accordance with the basic principle of legality, with full observance of national laws and regulations and international agreements governing the management of frequencies;

(f) Adopting suitable regulatory frameworks that provide for the existence of sound, independent regulatory agencies that will ensure access to terminal equipment, networks, services and software markets under conditions of competitiveness, quality, diversity and state-of-the-art technologies. Competition shall be promoted as the best way to drive down prices and to ensure the ongoing modernization of networks and services. Given the importance of technical standards in the development of the information society, the countries of the region shall regularly carry out in-depth economic and technical analyses to make sure that the regional information society is neither locked out of global trends nor locked into particular technological solutions. Consideration shall be given to open source-code standards, services and models;

(g) Establishing appropriate national legislative frameworks that safeguard the public and general interest and intellectual property and that foster electronic communications and transactions. Protection from civil and criminal offences ("cybercrime"), settlement and clearance issues, network security and assurance of the confidentiality of personal information are essential in order to build trust in information networks. Multilateral, transparent and democratic Internet governance should form part of this effort, taking into account the needs of the public and private sectors, as well as those of civil society;

(h) Fostering the efficient use of infrastructure. The optimization of connections among major information networks should be promoted through the creation of regional traffic hubs to reduce interconnection costs and allow the penetration of access networks to be broadened. Fees for the use of networks and infrastructure shall be set on the basis of objective, non-discriminatory parameters;

(i) Seeking out ways of financing activities directed towards building an information society within a national development context. Proactive policies should be aimed at encouraging private and public investment in connectivity and ICT services. It is necessary to secure the participation of business enterprises in the development and implementation of national and regional development priorities and projects in order to create a virtuous circle that will not only attract and retain business enterprises in the region, but also boost local activity having a greater technological content. The public sector should explore innovative ways to correct market failures and bring the information society to all sectors of the economy and society, especially to those living in poverty. Legislation and domestic, regional and international financing mechanisms can provide the foundations for setting up new high-technology firms and enabling small and medium-sized enterprises to finance, on a competitive basis, the capital-intensive process of introducing information and communication systems into their organizational structures. National financing mechanisms can be strengthened if, by legitimate means, developing countries generate

their own resources by placing their export products on all markets, free of protectionist barriers to international trade. Structural adjustment programmes should not jeopardize the development of the information society;

(j) Reinforcing the development of a sufficient supply of qualified human capital. It is essential to disseminate information regarding the potential of new technologies through the exchange of information on best practices, campaigns, pilot projects, demonstrations and public discussions. "E-literacy" courses should be aimed at training the population in the use of information and communication technologies, and these courses should provide ICT users with the skills they need to utilize and produce useful and socially meaningful content for the benefit of all socio-economic levels. The formation and maintenance of a workforce to act as a pillar of the information society shall be undertaken in close cooperation with the private sector and civil society in general;

(k) Emphasizing the education of key users of information and communication technologies, including but not limited to teachers, civil servants, physicians, nurses and community leaders. Incentives shall be created to encourage adaptation to new forms of communication and interaction. The countries must endeavour to minimize the common problem of skill mismatches by actively seeking out suitable professional profiles and constantly updating textbooks;

(l) Promoting the development of high-quality local material and the local utilization of existing global material while respecting intellectual property rights. Solutions that address national needs can ensure the participation of the whole of society, provide opportunities for sensitization and local capacity-building and make the voice of the region heard in the information society. Steps should be taken to promote broad-based, inclusive access to the information society for the population, not only as consumers or users, but also as stakeholders or full-fledged participants, that is to say, as suppliers, innovators, creators and originators of content and applications. The creation and preservation of indigenous, local and traditional knowledge and the promotion of multilingualism in cyberspace are fundamental. To these ends, the best possible use must be made of resources by sharing socially useful software applications and content;

(m) Encouraging the development of businesses based on information and communication technologies and, in particular, e-commerce. Priority shall be placed on strengthening local microenterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises through their integration into the digital economy. Public policies must foster innovation and entrepreneurship. The development of technology-based firms shall be encouraged through such mechanisms as venture capital funds, technology parks and business incubators, together with the participation of academic institutions and research networks. In addition, special mechanisms shall be put in place to encourage the banking sector to develop secure and reliable applications to facilitate online transactions. Measures are needed that will encompass a broad array of instruments, including the use of information technologies in customs systems, management systems and transport optimization, in order to facilitate, streamline and harmonize e-commerce, which must be accompanied, as an essential component, by improved market access opportunities for developing countries. The modernization of physical infrastructure and regulatory frameworks and the training of

human resources can contribute to a substantial increase in commercial efficiency and create a climate of trust through the adoption of effective consumer protection legislation;

(n) Enhancing public-sector performance through the adoption of e-government tools for the sector's modernization and good governance. The steps taken to this end shall reflect an approach that combines electronic information-based services for citizens (e-government) and the provision of online services for the public with the reinforcement of participatory elements (e-democracy). It is necessary to find avenues for the integration and linkage of the various public-sector authorities that will permit the establishment of a one-stop user window to provide citizen-oriented e-government services. It is also necessary to emphasize the importance of citizen access to information on public administration for citizen participation, transparency and accountability in government activities. Special e-government applications shall be designed and used to serve as a catalyst in encouraging firms and individuals to prefer online transactions;

(o) Incorporating the use of information and communication technologies on a mass scale in the field of health care with a view to improving resource use, patient satisfaction, personalized care, and the coordination of public health-care systems, private institutions and the academic sector. Innovative solutions and options must be devised for providing health services to under-served areas. Another e-health priority shall be the prevention, treatment and control of the spread of diseases;

(p) Developing and implementing networks, progress performance measures and innovative e-learning mechanisms. The introduction and development of ICTs in various schools and other learning institutions shall be supported through the establishment and maintenance of a human resources network that institutionalizes the ongoing training of teachers and instructors, who are the backbone of innovation. Advantage shall be taken of best practices to create high-quality, readily accessible teaching material from all over the world to deal with the problem of information overload and facilitate knowledge transfer to the national level. The development of a capacity for critical analysis of material available in cyberspace shall form part of this effort. Special attention shall be devoted to multilingual training and to the use and development of translation software. Priority shall be placed on expanding the networking capabilities of regional research institutions by consolidating advanced academic networks and reinforcing national innovation systems through digital networks;

(q) Strengthening the multimedia sector in the countries. This sector performs a very valuable economic, social, cultural and political function in the information society. The reinforcement and expansion of the countries' culture industries are of great importance for the region's presence and visibility in the global information society and for the reaffirmation of the region's multicultural identity;

(r) Reinforcing international cooperation in all the above-mentioned areas. Close international cooperation among national authorities, stakeholders and international organizations in all aspects of the information society is more vital today than ever and, to this end, advantage shall be taken of the opportunities offered by regional financial institutions. The international community is called upon to provide technical and financial cooperation at both the multilateral and bilateral levels. The countries represented at the Conference

reaffirm the need for the developed countries to make available the official development assistance (ODA) commitments which they announced at the International Conference on Financing for Development. It is necessary for all countries to comply with all aspects of the consensus reached at that conference. The countries represented at the Conference call upon those developed countries that have not already done so to make concrete efforts to reach the target level of 0.7% of their GNP as official development assistance;

(s)   Establishing regional and subregional working groups on specific topics can allow for a smoother, more coherent and harmonious transition to the information society, permit the deployment of regional integration efforts and help to increase bargaining power at the international level. The Latin American and Caribbean countries are committed, as a matter of priority, to more active participation in global forums as well as in existing regional and subregional institutions. They are also committed to the formation of new and transformation of existing international partnerships through, inter alia, the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Network (LacNet) of the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force. In this regard, the countries of the region call upon the international community to adopt appropriate, creative mechanisms to ensure the full participation and representation of the region in these forums in order to guarantee the widest possible contribution to the process of configuring the global information society;

(t)   Invoking the use of ICTs as a tool for environmental preservation and sustainability and, in that regard, promoting their use for disaster mitigation and prevention, bearing in mind the vulnerability of the entire region, particularly small island States with fragile ecosystems;

(u)   Furthering and promoting the development and establishment of performance evaluation and dissemination systems and mechanisms that include community measures and indicators that reflect the efforts and progress made by the countries of the region in establishing facilities for ICT access and use within a community context;

(v)   Devoting special attention to the adoption of strategies and policies to facilitate the penetration of information technologies for the promotion of exports and investment in the region.

The aforementioned principles and priority issues shall be presented as the region's contribution to the preparatory process for the World Summit on the Information Society and its follow-up and may assist the Governments to shape policies and take the necessary steps to build the information society.

The participants in the Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the World Summit on the Information Society, held with the collaboration of ECLAC, are grateful to the Government of the Dominican Republic for having organized the Conference and invite it to present this Declaration as a contribution to the preparatory process for the World Summit on the Information Society and to the first phase of the Summit, to be held in December 2003.

Finally, the International Telecommunication Union, other relevant agencies and, particularly at the regional level, ECLAC are asked to support the countries in following up on the agreements adopted in this Declaration and in implementing the conclusions and recommendations of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Reservations concerning paragraph 1.j:

Statement of the United States: "The United States of America reserves on the text of paragraph 1j and submits its objection to the language, which is inappropriate and is inconsistent with the purpose of the Conference."

Statement of Canada: "Canada appreciates the efforts of the Host Government and other Governments to achieve a consensus text for paragraph 1j. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, Canada cannot associate itself with the final text of that paragraph."

Annex 2

**WORKSHOP ON UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES HELD
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE REGIONAL PREPARATORY MINISTERIAL
CONFERENCE OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR THE
WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

(Joint INDOTEL/ITU/ECLAC event)

The aim of this event is to provide, through an interactive dialogue between representatives of government sectors, the private sector and civil society, a summary of issues concerning universal service at the national, regional and global levels. The main objective is to contribute to the World Summit on the Information Society 2003 by supporting countries in their efforts to reduce the digital divide and achieve effective globalization, using tools and projects relating to information and communication technology infrastructure.

Tuesday, 30 January

9 a.m. - 9.40 a.m.	**Opening meeting**
	Mr. José Antonio Ocampo Executive Secretary of ECLAC Globalization and Development
	Mr. Roberto Blois Deputy Secretary-General of ITU Universal Access: Reducing the Digital Divide in the Americas
	Panel I: Universal Access Moderator: Representative of INDOTEL
9.45 a.m. - 10.05 a.m.	Universal Access: the vision of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) Mr. Clovis Baptista Executive Secretary of CITEL and Representative of the Chairman of the CITEL Permanent Executive Committee
10.05 a.m. - 10.25 a.m.	Digital Inclusion Model Mr. Santiago Reyes Borda Department of Industry, Canada
10.25 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Discussion
11 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	Coffee break

11.30 a.m.	**Panel II-Application of Information Technologies** This panel will identify the different mechanisms for involving local communities in project design and implementation
	Moderator: Representative of INDOTEL
11.30 a.m. - 11.50 a.m.	The Educational Portal of the Americas Mr. Carlos Paldao Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development of OAS
11.50 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Discussion
12.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m.	**Continuation of Panel II**
2.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	Ibero-American Network of Digital Cities Mr. Francisco Gómez Alamillo Secretary-General of AHCIET
2.45 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Projects of the Ibero-American Network of Digital Cities Mr. Andrés Guzmán Tascón Under-Secretary of Telecommunications of Chile
3 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.	Outlook for Digital Cities in Rural Areas of Peru Mr. Carlos Romero Deputy Minister of Communications of Peru
3.15 p.m. - 3.35 p.m.	Multi-purpose Community Telecentres Mr. Roberto Bastidas ITU Area Representative
3.35 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.	Continuation of discussion
4.30 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.	Coffee break
4.45 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Continuation of discussion
5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	Identification of the Workshop's recommendations to the Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference Moderator: Representative of INDOTEL Rapporteurs: Representatives of ITU, with support from ECLAC

Annex 3

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A. Estados miembros de la Comisión
Member States of the Commission

ANTIGUA Y BARBUDA/ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Representante/Representative:
- William Daniel Henry, Assistant Telecommunications Officer, Ministry of Public Works and Communication

ARGENTINA

Representante/Representative:
- Ileana Di Giovan Battista, Embajadora, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Carlos A. Sosa, Subsecretario de la Gestión Pública
- Pablo Rodríguez Gauna, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto
- Cristián Jensen, Coordinador Programa Nacional para la Sociedad de la Información
- Osvaldo Degdeg, Cónsul, Embajada de Argentina en la República Dominicana
- Gonzalo Soler, Asistente, Programa Nacional para la Sociedad de la Información
- Guillermo Mayer, Subdirector del Centro Nacional de Organizaciones Comunitarias (CENOC)
- Jorge Cassino, Presidente, Cámara de Softare y Servicios Informáticos
- Luis Perazo, Presidente de Cámara de Comunicaciones de la República Argentina
- Fernando Silveira Galbán, Cámara de Base de Datos de la República Argentina y Cámara de Exportadores de la República Argentina
- Omar Arancibia, Coordinador Tecnología Educativa, Universidad Nacional de Cuyo
- Ciro Novelli, Director Centro de Informática y Comunicaciones de la Universidad Nacional de Cuyo
- Pablo Aristizábal, Director, Asociación de Entidades de Educación a Distancia y Tecnologías Educativas de la República Argentina (EDUTIC)
- Luis Humberto Tarsitano, Presidente de Comisión de Libertad de Prensa e Información de Asociación de Entidades Periodísticas Argentinas (ADEPA) y Vicepresidente de Asociación Internacional de Radiodifusión (AIR)
- Saturnino Herrero Mitjans, Diario Clarín
- Antonio Ambrosini, Presidente Comisión EmpresariaL de Medios de Comunicación Independientes

BAHAMAS

Representante/Representative:
- Michael Halkitis, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Wayde Watson, Deputy, Coordinator for Information Technology, Ministry of Finance
- Antonio Stubbs, Vicepresident Planning, Bahamas Telecommunications Ltd
- Franklyn Winder, Manager Sales, Bahamas Telecommunications Ltd.

BARBADOS

Representante/Representative:
- Phillip Goddard, Special Envoy to the Prime Minister of Barbados for Technology, Trade and Investment

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Ruth Blackman, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Transformation
- Juliette Agard, Development Officer, Data Processing Department
- Shelly Bend, Foreign Service Officer II, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

BELICE/BELIZE

Representante/Representative:
- Roslyn González, Asistente Embajada de Belice en República Dominicana

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Rhowa Faxas, Asistente, Embajada de Belice en República Dominicana

BOLIVIA

Representante/Representative:
- Orlando Donoso A., Viceministro de Comunicación, Ministerio de Desarrollo Económico

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Rodolfo Castillo, Director Ejecutivo, Agencia para el Desarrollo de la Sociedad de la Información de Bolivia, Vicepresidencia de la República
- Horacio Bazoberry, Director General de Asuntos Multilaterales, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto
- José Manuel Loza Oblitas, Miembro del Consejo Consultivo, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto
- Javier Tapia Gutiérrez, Intendente, Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones

BRASIL/BRAZIL

Representante/Representative:
- Cristiano Berbert, Diplomático, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Antonio Carlos Valente da Silva, Presidente Foro Latinoamericano de Entes Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones (REGULATEL), Vicepresidente Agência Nacional de Telecomunicaçoes (ANATEL)

- Teodomiro Brasilino Filho, Administrador Postal, Jefe de la División de Correos, Correos y Telégrafos
- Paulo Machado Carvalho, Presidente de ABETT
- Andrea Grippa, Asesora Internacional, Agência Nacional de Telecomunicaçoes (ANATEL)
- Carmen Soriano-Puig, Asesora del Ministro de Ciencia y Tecnología, Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología

CANADÁ/CANADA

Representante/Representative:
- Adam Blackwell, Embajador de Canadá en República Dominicana

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Helene Cholette-Lacasse, Director, International Telecommunications Policy and Coordination
- Susan Margles, Director General, Information Highways Applications Branch
- William Graham, Senior Advisor, Latin America, International Telecommunications Policy and Coordination
- Mark McDowell, Deputy Director, Global Affairs Bureau, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Santiago Reyes Borda, Senior Advisor, Information Highways Applications Branch Office of International Partnerships
- Michael Tiger, Senior Policy Advisor, International Telecommunications Policy and Coordination
- Marie O'Shea, Senior Policy Advisor, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

CHILE

Representante/Representative:
- Christian Nicolai, Subsecretario de Telecomunicaciones, Ministerio de Transporte y Telecomunicaciones

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Ovid Harasich, Embajador, Dirección de Política Especial, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
- Patricio Pradel, Consejero, Misión Permanente de Chile ante Naciones Unidas en Ginebra
- Andrés Guzmán, Jefe de División Promoción de la Sociedad de la Información, Subsecretaría de Telecomunicaciones
- Patricio Gutiérrez, Coordinador Gobierno Electrónico, Ministerio Secretaría General de la Presidencia
- Jaime Gré, Jefe, Tecnología de Información, Ministerio de Economía

COLOMBIA

Representante/Representative:
- María Paula Duque, Viceministra de Comunicaciones, Ministerio de Comunicaciones

COSTA RICA

Representante/Representative:
- Rogelio Pardo Evans, Ministro de Ciencia y Tecnología

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Claudio Bermúdez, Director de Planificación y Mercadeo, Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad (Sector Telecomunicaciones)
- Ms. Clotilde Fonseca, Directora Ejecutiva, Fundación Omar Dengo
- Luis Adrián Salazar, Director Nacional Gobierno Digital, Presidencia de la República
- Aracelly Pacheco Salazar, Directora, Autoridad Reguladora de los Servicios Públicos
- Randall Quiroz, Viceministro de Gobernación y Policía

CUBA

Representante/Representative:
- Roberto del Puerto Alonso, Representante Personal del Ministro de la Informática y las Comunicaciones

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Gerardo García Cabrera, Director Nacional, Dirección de Tecnología de la Información y Gestión del Conocimiento, Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología y Medio Ambiente
- Rodolfo Reyes Rodríguez, Sub-director de Asuntos Multilaterales, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
- Lydia González, Funcionaria del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
- Francisco Hartman Soler, Vicedirector de la Informatización de la Sociedad
- Juan Fernández González, Miembro Cubano de la Fuerza de Tareas sobre Tecnologías de la Información y la Comunicación (TIC) de las Naciones Unidas
- Olga Rosa Salomón Zaldívar, Gerente Sistemas Informáticos, Empresa de Telecomunicaciones de Cuba (ETECSA), Ministerio de la Informática y Telecomunicaciones

ECUADOR

Representante/Representative:
- Oscar Williams Altamirano, Coordinador, Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (CONATEL)

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Mario José Benítez Vasconez, Director General de Gestión Internacional (e), Consejo Nacional de Telecomunicaciones

EL SALVADOR

Representante/Representative:
- Héctor Miguel Dada Sánchez, Viceministro de Relaciones Exteriores

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Ana María Urrutia de Lara, Comisión Nacional Sociedad de la Información, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
- José Luis Trigueros, Superintendente General de Electricidad y Telecomunicaciones, Superintendencia General de Electricidad y Telecomunicaciones
- Jorge Alberto Umaña García, Dirección General de Promoción Económica, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
- Antonio Saca, Comisión Nacional de la Sociedad de la Información

ESPAÑA/SPAIN

Representante/Representative:
- María Jesús Figa López Palop, Embajadora de España en República Dominicana

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Beatriz Velasco, Vocal Asesor del Gabinete del Secretario de Estado de Telecomunicaciones y para la Sociedad de la Información del Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología
- Estefanía Chereguini, Consejero Técnico, Dirección General para el desarrollo de la Sociedad de la Información del Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología
- José Luis Sanz Benito, Consejero Técnico, Vicesecretaría Técnica para Asuntos de Comercio y Turismo, Ministerio de Economía

ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA/UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Representante/Representative:
- David A. Cross, Ambassador, United States Coordinator, International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Richard C. Beaird, Senior Deputy Coordinator, International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State
- Fiona Alexander, Office of International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce
- Michael Meigs, Economic Counselor, United States Mission in Geneva
- Thomas Pierce, Economic Officer, United States Embassy, Santo Domingo
- Sally Shipman, International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State

FRANCIA/FRANCE

Representante/Representative:
- Michel Peissik, Ambassadeur, Ministère des Affaires étrangères

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Isabelle de Fraysinet, Primera Consejera, Embajada de Francia en República Dominicana
- Pierre Alain Muet, Deputy Mayor of Lyon

GUATEMALA

Representante/Representative:
- Carlos A. Méndez Pinelo, Viceministro de Comunicaciones, Infraestructura y Vivienda

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Rodrigo Robles, Coordinador de Asuntos Internacionales, Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones

GUYANA

Representante/Representative:
- Ronald Case, Advisory Committee on Broadcasting

HAITI

Representante/Representative:
- Jean Ary Céant, Directeur General du Conseil National de Télécommunications

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Jean David Rodney, Directeur de Communications
- Jean Marie Maignan, Directeur de Communications
- Schiller Jean Baptiste, Conseiller Chargé de Technologie de l'information, Cabinet du Ministre de la Culture et de la Communication
- Phillippe Belot, Supervisor, Télécommunication d'Haïti
- Placide Delimon, Directeur, Télécommunication d'Haïti
- Alfredo Estriplet, Chef, Service Gestion de Fréquences
- Joses Jean Baptiste, Directeur Technique
- Jean Francois Roosevelt, Réseau de l'Information économique
- Jean-Jaunasse Elysée

HONDURAS

Representante/Representative:
- Marlon Ramses Tabora, Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Roberto Argueta, Comisionado de Telecomunicaciones, Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones
- Ana Alcerro, Encargada de Negocios a.i., Embajada de Honduras en República Dominicana
- Jorge Canahuati, Representante del Sector Privado
- Joaquín Donato Alcerro, Especialista Sectorial TIC, Comisión Presidencia de Modernización del Estado
- Edgardo Dumas Rodríguez, Representante del Sector Privado
- Jesús Mejía, Asesor TIC, Presidencia de la República

JAMAICA

Representante/Representative:
- Camella Rhone, Director General, Ministry of Commerce, Science and Technology

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Emerson O. St. G. Bryan, Records and Information Manager, Ministry of Land and Environment
- Jo-Anne Archibald, Legal Officer, Information Division, Office of the Prime Minister

MEXICO

Representante/Representative:
- Isabel Téllez, Embajadora en República Dominicana

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Pablo Macedo, Representante Permanente Alterno de México ante Organismos Internacionales, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores
- Julio César Margaín y Campean, Coordinador General del Sistema Nacional e-México
- Columba Calvo Vargas, Directora General Adjunta de Negociaciones Internacionales, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores
- Rodrigo de la Parra, Director General de Cooperación Internacional, Comisión Federal de Telecomunicaciones
- Carlos Merchan, Director de Asuntos Internacionales, Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes
- Alejandro Ludlow, Director de Estudios Especiales, Sistema Nacional e-México

NICARAGUA

Representante/Representative:
- Salvador Stadthagen, Vice-Ministro, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Leopoldo Ramírez Eva, Embajador de Nicaragua en República Dominicana
- Víctor Manuel García Talavera, Director de Telecomunicaciones, Dirección General de Telecomunicaciones y Correos (TELCOR)
- Ana Nubia Alegría Treminio, Subdirectora General del Ente Regulador de Nicaragua

PANAMA

Representante/Representative:
- Alex Arroyo, Director Presidente Ente Regulador de los Servicios Públicos

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Emma Escalona, Secretaria General Ente Regulador de los Servicios Públicos
- David Bósquez, Director Nacional de Tecnología de Información y Comunicaciones

PARAGUAY

Representante/Representative:
- Osvaldo Bergonzi, Presidente, Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Teresita Palacios, Secretaria General, Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones
- María Mercedes Taniguchi, Directora, Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones

PERU

Representante/Representative:
- José Luis Pérez Sánchez-Cerro, Embajador, Subsecretario de Asuntos Multilaterales del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Jaime Reyes, Secretario General, Presidencia del Consejo de Ministros
- Benjamín Marticorena, Presidente del Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología CONCYTEC
- Carlos Romero, Asesor en Asuntos Internacionales del Viceministerio de Comunicaciones
- Hugo Guerra, Asesor Legal, Consejo de la Prensa Peruana

REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Representantes/Representatives:
- Su Excelencia Sr. Hipólito Mejía, Presidente de la República Dominicana
- Milagros Ortiz Bosch,Vicepresidenta de la República Dominicana
- Orlando Jorge Mera, Secretario de Estado, Presidente, Instituto Dominicano de las Telecomunicaciones (INDOTEL)

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Rafael Calderón, Secretario Técnico de la Presidencia y Presidente de la Comisión Nacional de la Sociedad de la Información
- Rubén Núñez, Embajador Representante Permanente de la República Dominicana ante las Oficinas de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales en Ginebra
- Porfirio García, Rector Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD)
- Magali Pineda, Representante de las Organizaciones de la Sociedad Civil por el Comité Nacional de la Sociedad de la Información
- Príamo Rodríguez, Presidente de la Asociación de Universidades Privadas
- Rafael Molina Morillo, Presidente de la Comisión de Libertad de Prensa e Informacióin de la Sociedad Interamericana de Prensa
- Elena Viyella de Paliza, Presidente de la Asociación Nacional de la Empresa Privada (CONEP)
- Sergio Grullón, Director, Instituto Tecnológico de las Américas (ITLA)

Consejo Directivo del Instituto Dominicano de Telecomunicaciones
- Margarita Cordero, Miembro del Consejo Directivo
- Sabrina de la Cruz, Miembro del Consejo Directivo
- José Delio Ares, Director Ejecutivo

Autoridades del Gobierno de la República Dominicana
- Andrés Reyes, Secretario de Estado de Educación Superior, Ciencia y Tecnología
- Osvaldo Mendieta, Subsecretario Técnico de la Presidencia
- Pedro Dajer, Subsecretario de Estado de Educación
- Pablo Rodríguez, Subsecretario de Educación Superior, Ciencia y Tecnología
- Jesús María Hernández, Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores
- Edwin Espinal, Director Oficina Nacional de Derecho de Autor
- Johnny Camilo López, Director General, Oficina Nacional de Propiedad Industrial
- Rosendo Alvarez, Vicepresidente Ejecutivo, Parque Cibernético de Santo Domingo

- Antonio Almonte Reynoso, Director, Instituto Dominicano de Tecnología (INDOTEC)
- Carlos Miranda, Secretaría de Estado de Educación

Invitados Especiales del Gobierno de República Dominicana
- Santiago Tejada Escoboza, Subsecretario de Estado de Relaciones Exteriores
- Ayalivis García, Consultora Jurídica, Oficina Nacional Propiedad Industrial
- Cecilia Medina de Holguín, Encargada de Biblioteca, Secretaría de Estado de Relaciones Exteriores
- Ana Hilda Novas Rivas, Ayudante Fiscal D.N. Departamento de Propiedad Intelectual
- Rosina de la Cruz, Abogada
- Oriolis Camilo, Encargado Unidad de Internet de la Presidencia de la República
- Roberto Alonso Tineo, Subencargado Unidad de Internet de la Presidencia de la República
- Pedro Julio Santana, Director General de Informática
- Paulino Ogando, Director General Departamento de Informática Educativa
- Gabriel Sánchez, Consultor
- Gina Majluta, Técnico Administrativo, Secretaría de Estado de Educación
- Judith Santos, Abogada
- Carmen Chevalier, Ayudante Fiscal, Propiedad Intelectual, Fiscalía Distrito Nacional
- Darwin Muñoz, Director Informática, Suprema Corte de Justicia
- Jocelyn Cuello, Asistente Web Master, Suprema Corte de Justicia

Instituto Dominicano de Telecomunicaciones (INDOTEL)
- Príamo Ramírez, Secretario del Consejo Directivo
- Saizka Subero, Asesora Legal del Consejo Directivo
- Marie Laure Aristy, Gerente Políticas Regulatorias
- Fabricio Gómez, Gerente de Concesiones y Licencias
- Janis Santaella, Gerente Fondo de Desarrollo de las Telecomunicaciones
- Edgar Victoria, Gerente Banco Mundial
- Mariangela Villamán, Relaciones Internacionales
- Neil Checo, Encargado de Logística
- Pavel de Camps, Informática
- Leovigildo Gómez, Informática
- Trinidad Rufino, Protocolo
- Chabela Fernández, Protocolo
- Jorge Herrera, Comunicación
- Hazim Terrero, Comunicación

SANTA LUCÍA/SAINT LUCIA

Representante/Representative:
- Jerome Jules, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Works, Transport and Public Utilities

SURINAME

Representante/Representative:
- Guno Castelen, Minister, Ministry of Transport, Communication and Tourism

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Thea Smith, Deputy Permanent Secretary on Communication and Tourism, Ministry of Transport, Communication and Tourism

TRINIDAD Y TABAGO/TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Representante/Representative:
- Dennis Francis, High-Commissioner to Jamaica and Ambassador-Designate to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Cuba

URUGUAY

Representante/Representative:
- Pamela Vivas, Subdirectora de la División de Asuntos Multilaterales, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

VENEZUELA

Representante/Representative:
- Franco Javier Silva Avila, Gerente General de Operaciones, Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (CONATEL)

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Antonio José Delgado, Ingeniero, Gerencia de Gestión Internacional CONATEL
- César Ramos-Cedeño, Director General de la Oficina Nacional de Tecnologías de Información, Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología

B. Miembros Asociados
Associate Members

ANTILLAS NEERLANDESAS/NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Representante/Representative:
- Russell Voges, Minister of Constitutional and Interior Affairs

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Bernadina John E., Delegada

ISLAS VÍRGENES DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS/UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

Representante/Representative:
- Carlyle Corbin, Ministry of State for External Affairs

MONTSERRAT

Representante/Representative:
- Zephaniah Joseph, Telecommunications Officer, Ministry of Communications

PUERTO RICO

Representante/Representative:
- Sergio Marxuach, Ayudante Especial del Director, Oficina de Gerencia y Presupuesto

C. Estados miembros de las Naciones Unidas que no lo son de la Comisión y participan con carácter consultivo
Member States of the United Nations not members of the Commission and participating in a consultative capacity

FEDERACIÓN RUSA/RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Representante/Representative:
- Dmitry Cherkesov, Head of Department, State Radio Research and Development Institute

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Pavel Fadeev, Principal Researcher, Ministry for Telecommunication and Informatization/NIIR

FINLANDIA/FINLAND

Representante/Representative:
- Asko Numminen, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

ISRAEL

Representante/Representative:
- Eliahu López, Embajador en República Dominicana

JAPÓN/JAPAN

- Otashiro Mio, Tercer Secretario, Embajada de Japón en República Dominicana

RUMANIA/ROMANIA

Representante/Representative:
- Ganciu Olguta, Deputy General Director, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Nedelcu Cornel, Counselor, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
- Laurentiu Mocanu, General Director, General Inspectorate for Communications and IT
- Cristina Suma, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- Tudor Tarabasanu, Deputy General Director, General Inspectorate for Communications and IT

SUIZA/SWITZERLAND

Representante/Representative:
- Marc Furrer, Director General, Oficina Federal para las Comunicaciones

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Daniel Stauffacher, Ambassador in Dominican Republic
- Anja Prodoehl, Programme Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Thomas Schneider, Responsible for Communication of WSIS, Swiss Federal Office of Communications

TÚNEZ/TUNISIA

Representante/Representative:
- Boutheina Labidi, Counselor, Embassy of Tunisia in Washington, D.C.

D. Secretaría de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas
United Nations Secretariat

Departamento de Asuntos Economicos y Sociales/Department of Economic and Social Affaire DESA
Stephen Ronaghan, Asesor en materias políticas

Voluntarios de Naciones Unidas/United Nations Volunteers
- Manuel Acevedo, Coordinador de la Unidad

E. Organismos de las Naciones Unidas
United Nations bodies

Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD)/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Niky Fabiancic, Representante Residente en República Dominicana
- Enrique Morales, Asesor de Informática
- Eva Otero, Oficial de Programa
- Stephane M. Bruno, Experto Nacional (Proyecto RDDH-PNUD)
- Jean Marie Noel, Coordinador Nacional (Proyecto RDDH-PNUD)

Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Población (FNUAP)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Gilka Melendez, Representante Adjunta

F. Organismos especializados
Specialized agencies

Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT)/International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Roberto Zachman, Coordinador Tecnologías de la Información

Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Agricultura y la Alimentación (FAO)/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Anton Mangstl, Director División de Biblioteca y Sistema de Documentos

Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura (UNESCO)/United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Abdul Waheed Khan, Subdirector General de Comunicación e Información
- Gustavo López, Subdirector General
- Alejandro Alfonzo, Consejero de Comunicaciones para América Latina y el Caribe
- Isidro Fernández Aballi, Asesor de Comunicación e Información
- Andrew Radolf, Consejero Regional
- Luis Tiburcio, Representante en República Dominicana
- Claudio Menezes, Asesor Regional de Comunicación e Información
- Maritza Hee Houng, Consultor
- Jocelyn Josiah, Asesor Regional de Comunicación e Información

Organización Mundial de la Salud (OPS)/World Health Organization (WHO)
- Socorro Gross Galiano, Representante de OPS en República Dominicana

Banco Mundial - Banco Internacional de Reconstrucción y Fomento (BIRF)
- Carlos A. Primo Braga, Director, Information Solution Group
- David Gray, Director de Gestión de la Información para América Latina y el Caribe
- Eloy Vidal, Ingeniero Principal de Telecomunicaciones
- Juan Navas-Sabater, Especialista en Telecomunicaciones

Unión Internacional de Telecomunicaciones (UIT)/International Telecommunications Union (ITU)
- Yoshio Utsumi, Secretario General
- Roberto Blois, Vicesecretario General
- Juan Zavattiero, Jefe Oficina Regional de la UIT para las Américas
- Philip Cross, Representante de Area UIT Barbados
- Roberto Bastidas, Representante de Area, UIT Honduras
- Melissa Arditto, Experto Asociado
- Charlotte Sgier de Cerf, Ayudante del Presidente

Secretaría de la Cumbre Mundial sobre la Sociedad de la Información (CMSI)/World Summit on the Information Society Secretariat (WSIS)
- Adama Samassékou, Presidente del Comité Ejecutivo y Secretario Ejecutivo de la CMSI
- Yves Courrier, Asesor Superior del Programa, Secretaría Ejecutiva de la CMSI
- Juan Luis Castro Rey, Secretaría Ejecutiva de la CMSI
- Pierre Gagné, Director Ejecutivo de la CMSI
- Guy-Oliver Segond, Embajador Especial de la CMSI

G. Otras organizaciones intergubernamentales
Other intergovernmental organizations

Banco de Desarrollo del Caribe/Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
- Alan Slusher, Director

Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID)/Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Danilo Piaggesi, Jefe, División de Información y Tecnología para el Desarrollo, Departamento de Desarrollo Sostenible
- Moisés Pineda, Representante del BID en República Dominicana

Comisión Europea/European Commission
- Carlo Trojan, Jefe de la Delegación Permanente ante las Organizaciones Internacionales en Ginebra
- Jean-Francois Soupizet, Jefe de Unidad Adjunto, Dirección General de la Sociedad de la Información
- Amos Tiucani, Consejero Principal, Dirección General de Desarrollo
- Regine Roy, Administradora Principal en la Dirección General de Asuntos Exteriores/America Latina
- Massimiliano Dragoni, Coordinador Area ICT y Desarrollo
- Antonio López P., Encargado de Negocios en la República Dominicana

Comunidad Andina/Andean Community
- Jose Gustavo Ribero, Coordinador de la Comunidad Andina

Comunidad del Caribe (CARICOM)/Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Jacqueline Wiltshire Forde, Director

Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF)/Andean Development Corporation (CAF)
- Andrés Langebaek, Ejecutivo, Programa Andino de Competitividad

Organización de Estados del Caribe Oriental (OECO)/Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
- Armelle Chatelier, Ayudante Técnico TIC

Organización de los Estados Americanos (OEA)/Organization of American States (OAS)
- Ronald Scheman, Secretario Ejecutivo para el Desarrollo Integral y Director General de la Agencia de Cooperación de la OEA
- John Wood, Representante Residente en República Dominicana
- Carlos Paldao, Director, Tecnologia de Informacion y Becas
- María P. Ruiz, Coordinadora, Instituto de Estudios Avanzados para las Américas, OEA/ Universidad Estatal a Distancia (UNED)
- Sheila Donovan, Director, Department of Programme Development
- Orlando Mason, Jefe de Unidad de Mejores Practicas Gubernamentales
- Clovis Baptista, Secretario Ejecutivo, Conferencia Interamericana de Telecomunicaciones (CITEL)

Organización Internacional de Telecomunicaciones Satelitales/International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO)
- Ahmed Toumi, Director General

H. Sociedad civil
Civil society

ACURIL
- Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Presidenta

ADORA
- José Lluberes, Presidente
- Adriana de Lluberes
- Gerardo Vargas, Director Radio CIMA

AUF (Agence Universitaire Francophonie)
- Salifou Abdoulaye, Director E-Campus

AJEBA
- Benjamin Bajoi, Presidente

Asociación Civil Grupo Redes
- Rubén Ibáñez, Investigador

AHCIET
- Francisco Gómez Alamillo, Secretario General
- Birgit Gocht, Directora, Relaciones Institucionales
- Manuel Bonilla, Vice-Presidente

ANATEL - Brasil
- Elizabeth Braz Pereira Gomes, Asesor Técnico

ANERCOM
- Alberto García, Presidente
- Constantino Carlo, Vocal

Asociación Dominicana de Abogados Empresariales Inc.
- Marcos Peña, Presidente

ASETA
- Marcelo López Arjona, Secretario General
- Jairo Gómez, Director

Asociación de Mujeres Sol de Haití
- Jean Paul Edmond, Consejero
- Elvire Eugene

Asociación de las Naciones Unidas de la República Dominicana
- Natasha Despotovich, Vicepresidenta
- John Gagain, Vicepresidente Ejecutivo
- Francis Lorenzo, Vicepresidente

Asociación Internacional de Radiodifusión
- Luis Ajenjo, Vicepresidente
- Rafael Peñaloza, Presidente del Comité Jurídico
- Alexandre Jobim, Asesor Jurídico
- Lenín Andrade,
- Antonio Guerrero Gómez, Consejero
- Elías Antonio Saca, Presidente Comité Libertad de Expresión
- Alfonso Ruiz de Assin, Vicepresidente
- Rolando Archila Dehesa
- Juan Ortiz , Presidente Tele-once S.A.
- Mario Valderramos, Camara de Radiodifusión Guatemala
- Andrés García Lavín, Presidente de Honor
- César Hernández Espejo
- Casio Carlos Narváez
- Emilio Nassar, Vicepresidente
- Eduardo Sánchez Hernández
- Javier Tejado
- Ernesto Vidal
- Anselmo Alvarez
- Calazam Omar Cepeda
- Roberto Lama
- América Francisco Martínez
- José Enrique McGougal
- Francisco Michelli
- Carmen Muñoz de Alvarez
- José Reyes Gómez
- Juan Francisco Santos
- Johannes Streese, Delegado
- Roberto Vargas
- Héctor Oscar Amengual, Director General
- Santiago Del Pino, Jefe de Oficina Central
- Elías Bitar
- Eladio Larez, Presidente
- Oswaldo Quintana, Cámara Nacional de Radio

Asociación Latinoamericana de Educación Radiofónica (ALER)
- Víctor Van Oeyen,

Asociación Latinoamericana de TIC
- Jorge A. Cassino

Asociación de Medios Publicitarios Salvadoreños
- Pedro L. Moreno

Asociación para el Desarrollo Económico y Social de Puntarenas, Costa Rica
- Walter Farah, Director Proyecto

Asociación para el Progreso de las Comunicaciones
- Valeria Betancourt, Socióloga

Bibliomarketing
- Pedro Andrés Taveras, Mercadólogo

Caribbean Centre for Development Administration
- Angela Skeete, Coordinador Regional del Programa

Centre for International Services of the University of West Indies
- Roderick Sanatan

Centro Cultural de Intercambio Audio-Visual, Inc. (CCIAV)
- Yoe Francis Santos Graciano, Director Ejecutivo

Centro de Promoción y Estudios de Nutrición (CEPREN)
- Nair Carrasco Sanez

Centro de Servicios de Cooperación para el Desarrollo (KEPA)
- Kent Wilska, Oficial de Enlace e Información

Centro para el Desarrollo Urbano y Rural (CEPDUR)
- Martha Pro

CIRT México
- Francisco Ibarra, Vicepresidente

Cluster Tecnológico
- Javier Carranza Torres, Investigador

Comunidad Alfa-Redi
- Reick Iriarte Ahon, Director General

Consumers International
- Antonino Serra Cambaceres, Coordinador Legal
- Joaquín Luciano

Communications Rights in Information Society (CRIS) – Bolivia
- Julia Simona Velasco Parisaca, Representante

CRIS - Ecuador
- Sally Burch, Miembro del Comité Directivo

CRIS - México
- Jurgen Moritz

Cumbre Mundial de las Ciudades y de las Autoridades Locales
- Véronique Kleck, Director

DAWN - Observatorio da Cidadania
- Magaly Pérez Pazello, Representante

Defensor del Pueblo
- Ana Benavides, Periodista

Education and Resource Network and the Network of Rural Women
- Gia Gaspard Taylor, Coordinador Nacional

Facultad de Salud Pública, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
- María Elena Planas, Profesora Asociada

Federación de Organizaciones y Juntas Ambientalistas de Venezuela (FORJA)
- José Moya, Coordinador de Comunicación y Relaciones Internacionales

Fernández y Asociados
- Margarita Cedeño, Socia/Administradora

Fiscalidad Internacional y Comercio Exterior
- Talia Pina, Abogada

FODEX
- Luzolo Ngoma, Animador

Fondation Réseau de Développement Durable d'Haïti (RDDH)
- Dominique Boisson, Presidente del Consejo de Administración

Fundación Acceso
- Cristina Nogues, Directora Ejecutiva
- Erika Valverde, Programa de Comunicaciones Estratégicas
- Kemly Camacho, Investigadora

Fundación Chasquinet
- Klaus Stoll, Director Ejecutivo

Fundación CIECC/Centro Internacional de Estudios de Ciencias de la Comunicación
- Edgardo Martínez, Director

Fundación de Desarrollo Humano Integral Causana
- Patricio Brabomalo, Director

Fundación Friedrich Ebert
- Joachim Wilhelm Knoop, Desk Officer in Mexico
- Marco Navas Alvear, Consultor Regional

Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE)
- Eddy Martínez, Director, Ciencia y Tecnología
- Domingo Tavares, Director, Comunicaciones

Fundación ICT para el Desarrollo
- Gustavo Osegueda, Director Ejecutivo

Fundación Ideas
- Rubén Araya Tagle, Coordinador Ejecutivo de la Sociedad Civil

Fundación Omar Dengo
- Clotilde Fonseca, Directora Ejecutiva

Fundación Vamos México
- Miguel Angel Perez, Gerente de Formación Profesional

FUNREDES
- Daniel Pimienta, Presidente
- Senaida Jansen, Tesorera del Consejo Directivo
- Luis Germán Rodríguez

Global Forum – Global Metro City
- Alberto Nardelli
- Alice Pillia

Global Knowledge Partnership
- Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Director Ejecutivo
- Kwan Liow, Director Ejecutivo Adjunto
- Eusebio Armando Castro, Jefe Tribu Indígena de Perú

Groupe Jeremie
- Justin Mubalama, Encargado de la Misión

IFRI
- Bertrand de La Chapelle

Instituto de Economía y Derecho (IDEA)
- Marta Ferrara, Socióloga

Intermediate Technology Development Group
- Miguel Saravia López de Castilla, Gerente, Programa TIC para el Desarrollo

KALALU
- Yacine Kheiladi

Lavaca Org
- Claudia Acuña, Directora

LUGUSAC
- Julio González, Fundador

National Association of Nigerian Students
- Stephen Olowu, Director de movilización

Oficina de Abogados Dr. Orlando Cruz Franco
- Rosina de la Cruz de Alvarado, Directora

Open-it
- Michael Glondu, Presidente

Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra
- Clara Collado Vilorio, Directora Informática
- Dulce María Núñez de Taveras, Directora, Sistemas Bibliotecas

Programa de Apoyo a Redes de Mujeres de APC
- Diana Andrade Lara, Comunicadora

Red Científica Peruana
- Eduardo Santoyo, Gerente General

Red de Información para el Tercer Sector
- Carlos A. Afonso, Director de Tecnología
- Graciela Baroni Selaimen, Coordinadora de Información

Red de Información Tecnológica Latinoamericana
- Alvaro Albuquerque, Director Ejecutivo

SOCIEDAD CIVIL
- Felipe Isa Castillo

Sociedad Interamericana de Prensa (SIP)
- Saturnino Herrero Mitjans, Presidente de la Comisión Sociedad de la Información de SIP
- Bartolomé Mitre, Miembro de la Comisión Sociedad de la Información de SIP
- Ricardo Trotti, Coordinador de Libertad de Prensa
- Andrés García, Presidente
- Carlos Salinas, Director General El Diario de Coahuila
- Alejandro Miró Quesada
- Rafael Molina, Presidente de la Comisión Libertad de Prensa e Información
- Ruddy L. Gonzalez, Miembro

Unión Radiodifusores de Nicaragua
- Jesús Blandón, Presidente

Universidad APEC
- Justo Pedro Castellanos Khourt, Vice-Rector Académico

Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña
- Carmen Iris Olivo, Directora Biblioteca

Universidad URACCAN
- Ada Villarreal Alemán

World Press Freedom Committee (WPFC)
- Danilo Arbilla

I. Invitados especiales
Special guests

- Luis Di Benedetto, Presidente, Asociación Hispanoamericana de Centros de Investigación y Empresas de Telecomunicaciones (AHCIET)
- Karin Delgadillo, Presidenta Ejecutiva, Fundación ChasquiNet, Ecuador
- Tadao Takahashi, Representante de la Red Regional para América Latina y el Caribe del Grupo de Trabajo de las Naciones Unidas sobre Tecnología de la Información y las Comunicaciones (LACNET)
- Eladio Lárez, Presidente, Asociación Internacional de Radiodifusores
- Sally Burch, Comité de Coordinación, Campaña por los Derechos Humanos de Comunicaciones en la Sociedad de la Información
- Ben Alfa Petrazzini, Asesor Principal, Instituto para la Conectividad en las Américas, Uruguay
- Magally Pazello, Representante, Red DAWN, Brasil
- Robert Guerra, Director, Profesionales en Computación para la Responsabilidad Social

J. Otros invitados
Other guests

ABRAFIX
- Jonas Oliveira Junior, Ingeniero

Asociación de Bibliotecas Universitarias de Investigación e Institucionales del Caribe (ACURIL)
- Luisa Vigo-Cepeda

Asociación de Medios Publicitarios
- Pedro Leonel Moreno, Presidente

Biblioteca Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña (UNPHU)
- Pablo Antonio Brito, Encargado de Redes

Cámara de Comercio y Producción de Sto. Domingo
- Diomaris Muñoz, Gerente Promoción

Cámara e-net/Cámara Brasileña de Comercio Electrónico
- Eduardo D. Goncalves, Representante

Cámara Nacional de Radio de Costa Rica
- Hernán Azofeifa

Centennial Dominicana
- Ernesto Selman, Vicepresidente Administración

Coordinating Committee of Business Interlocutors (CCBI)
- Paulo Manoel L.C. Protasio

CODETEL
- Jorge Iván Ramírez, Presidente
- Fabiola Medina, Vice-presidenta Legal
- Robinson Peña, Gerente Interconexión
- Yudith Castillo, Consultora Legal
- Soraida Soto, Directora, Mercadeo
- Sandra Nogue
- Eliana Peña
- Pedro Ramírez
- Marjorie Ramírez
- Carlo Santos, Gerente de Planificación y Desarrollo
- Soraida Soto, Directora Mercadeo
- Patricia Zorrilla
- Sarah Thompson
- Lorenzo García, Consultor
- Sabrina Pou, Ingeniero Asesor

Convenio GTZ, Dirección General de Información Agraria, Ministerio de Agricultura de Perú
- Juan Fernando Bassio, Asesor

Diario El Expreso
- Ruddy Leonel

Fundación AGRECOL Andes
- Anne Piepenstock, Directora

Gobierno Digital
- Juan Carlos Solines

Haiti E-Commerce
- Lyonel Dussuau

Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas y Censos (INEC) Perú
- Luz S. Bayona O., Asesor ENTIC, Dirección Técnica de Normatividad

La Tribuna
- Edgardo Dumas-Rodríguez

Listin Diario
- Miguel Franjul Bucarelly, Director

McConnell International
- Roslyn Docktor, Vice-Presidente

Meliá Caribe Tropical
- José Luis Rijo González, Gerente de Sistemas

Orange Dominicana S.A.
- Natalie Gosset, Directora

Programa de Apoyo a la Reforma y Modernización del Estado
- Julián García
- Leonel Martínez

Radiant Holdings
- Diana Daniels, Manager Latin American and Caribbean

REGULATEL
- Gustavo Peña Quiñones, Secretario General

TRICOM
- Marcos Juan Troncoso, Vicepresidente Ejecutivo

TURITEL S.A.
- Carlos R. Aquino, Presidente Ejecutivo

Universidad Católica de Santo Domingo
- Angelo Macilletti Genuise,

Universidad de Educación y Distancia
- José María Antón, Director, Centro UNED en Miami

Universidad Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC)
- Altagracia López, Rectora

Oficina Nacional de la Propiedad Intelectual (ONAPI)
- Johnny Camilo López, Director General
- Ayalivis García Medrano, Consultora Jurídica

Oficina Nacional de Derecho de Autor (ONDA)
- Edwin Rafael Espinal Hernández, Director

K. Secretaría
Secretariat

Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL)/Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

- José Antonio Ocampo, Secretario Ejecutivo
- Daniel S. Blanchard, Secretario de la Comisión
- Jorge Katz, Director, División de Desarrollo Productivo y Empresarial
- Laura López, Directora, División de Documentos y Publicaciones
- María Elisa Bernal, Asistente Especial de la Secretaría de la Comisión
- Luis Fidel Yáñez, Asesor Legal
- Martin Hilbert, Ayudante de Investigación