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In the job market? The Development Executive Group provides a comprehensive listing of international development jobs free-of-charge. You can also post your CV at no charge - more than 40,000 international development professionals have done so already - and receive job leads delivered to you by e-mail. You can find these job leads and post your CV at <http://www.developmentex.com>. We'd like to thank the Development Executive Group, whose financial support helped make our Special Report on Foreign Investment possible. See the report at:

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/special/foreigninvestment?intcmp=800>

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AID MANAGEMENT PLATFORM ADDRESSING NEED FOR HARMONIZATION - In collaboration with the Government of Ethiopia and other partners, the Development Gateway is developing a web-based tool to better harmonize the planning, monitoring, and reporting of aid and development activities at the country level - called the Aid Management Platform (AMP). The AMP concept, which could be tailored to different country needs, was presented at the recent High-Level Forum on "Joint Progress Toward Enhanced Development and Effectiveness: Harmonization, Alignment, and Results" in Paris.

For information on the AMP please email: [AMP@dgfoundation.org](mailto:AMP@dgfoundation.org)

For information on the High-Level Forum in Paris visit: <http://www.aidharmonization.org/?intcmp=800>

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HEWLETT FOUNDATION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS -

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has made a \$235,000 grant to the Development Gateway Foundation to expand developing countries' access to educational course materials by launching a web-based collection of resources dedicated to their needs. The new website will be hosted on the Development Gateway's global portal of development information.

For more information, please visit:

<http://home.developmentgateway.org/aboutus/rc/filedownload.do~itemId=1032518?intcmp=800>

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#### DISTINGUISHED JURORS TO DECIDE 2005 DEVELOPMENT GATEWAY AWARD -

An international panel of jurors has been selected to decide the recipient of the 2005 Development Gateway Award, recognizing outstanding achievement in the use of ICT to improve people's lives in developing nations. Danilo Piaggese, Chief of Information Technology for Development at the Inter-American Development Bank, will be the panel chairman. Other jurors include: Vallampadugai Arunachalam, Vice Chairman, State Planning Commission, State of Tamil Nadu, India, and Distinguished Service Professor, Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University, United States; Lydia Brito, Assistant Professor, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique; Vinton G. Cerf, Senior Vice President of Technology Strategy, MCI, United States; Hisham El-Sherif, Chairman, IT Ventures, Egypt; Miriam Meckel, State Secretary for Europe, International Affairs and Media of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany; Ning Jiajun, Chief Technology Officer, State Information Center, and Member, Advisory Committee for State Informatization, China; Mary O'Kane, Executive Chairman, Mary O'Kane & Associates Pty. Ltd., Australia; and Geert van der Linden, Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank. The Award will be announced in June at the Development Gateway Forum in Beijing.

For more information on the Development Gateway Award, go to:

<http://home.developmentgateway.org/award?intcmp=800>

To read more about the jurors and last year's honorees, go to:

<http://home.developmentgateway.org/ict/highlights/viewHighlight.do~activeHighlightId=104060?intcmp=800>

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#### NANOTECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT: NEW AFFILIATED TOPIC PAGE -

Nanotechnology is an emerging field with the potential to be the next "transformative technology" in our society - implying major impact on developing and developed countries alike. Find out what this could mean for everything from water purification to healthcare to manufacturing processes, by visiting our new Nanotechnology Affiliated Topic Page. The content on this page is not managed by the Development Gateway but has been created thanks to the collaboration of AcrossWorld Communications, Inc. and the International Cooperation for Advancement and Commercialization of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology for Developing Countries. These partners are dedicated to providing a development-related focus on nano-issues and spreading the word using the Development Gateway platform.

Visit <http://topics.developmentgateway.org/nanotechnology?intcmp=800>

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#### SOUTH-SOUTH LIAISONS: COUNTRY GATEWAYS BUILD LOCAL CAPACITY -

A group of 20 web technicians working in the Rwandan ICT sector recently benefited from the experience of the Morocco Development Gateway (also known as Tanmia). Tanmia sent a representative to Kigali, in cooperation with the Rwanda Development Gateway and the National University of Rwanda, for a training session focused on dynamic web development and content management systems. The trainees learned how to automatically update websites using SPIP software. Tanmia is offering fee-based guidance on SPIP within the Country Gateway Network, in addition to serving its Moroccan clientele.

Visit the Country Gateways at: <http://www.developmentgateway.org/node/137849/?intcmp=800>

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#### ICT, HEALTHCARE, AND HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA: JOINT FORUM -

Presentations on the use of ICT to improve healthcare delivery with respect to HIV/AIDS in Africa are now available via our portal from a forum convened earlier this month in Washington, DC, by the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) and the Development Gateway, in collaboration with Voxiva, BroadReach Healthcare and Bridges.org. Over 60 participants shared experiences and focused on sustainable response in the use of ICT to address fundamental healthcare needs in the context of the global response to HIV/AIDS. Participating organizations included: Oracle, Computer Frontiers, AllAfrica Global Media, I-LINX, Satelife, Bearing Point, Merck, Botswana's National Antiretroviral Program, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USAID, The World Bank, Family Health International, John Snow Inc. and others from the public, private, and NGO sectors engaged in healthcare delivery in Africa.

Access the presentations made at the forum:

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/hiv/rc/ItemDetail.do~1033829?intcmp=800>

Visit the Corporate Council on Africa at <http://www.africacncl.org>

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#### INNOVATIVE BUSINESS MODELS FOR ICT AND HEALTH ADDED TO SPECIAL REPORT -

The CCA/Development Gateway forum on ICT and healthcare, mentioned above, also considered innovative business models for the development and marketing of ICT products and services to improve the virtual healthcare infrastructure in Africa. New potential business models addressing developing country needs are a feature of our current "Special Report on Foreign Investment and Development: Who Gains?" Access the forum presentations via the "Promising Business Models in Developing Countries" section at:

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/special/foreigninvestment?intcmp=800>

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#### ERADICATING POVERTY THROUGH PROFIT: WRI CONFERENCE SUMMARIES -

Session summaries from the World Resources Institute's "Eradicating Poverty Through Profit" conference have also been added to our current Special Report. These include Consumer Products, Partnering Strategies, The Policy Dimension, Asset-Building Among the Poor, Effective Strategies in the US and Developing World Markets, and Capital Investment.

Access the WRI summaries in the "Eradicating Poverty Through Profit?" section of our "Special Report on Foreign Investment and Development: Who Gains?" at:

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/special/foreigninvestment?intcmp=800>

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#### UPCOMING SPECIAL REPORT: PUBLIC SECTOR TRANSPARENCY -

Our planned "Special Report on Public Sector Transparency: What Works?" will be available in April and will focus on trends in transparency across different countries and regions, how transparency is being promoted and monitored, and the role of civic engagement. It will contain a multitude of interviews, information resources, and tools from around the world and will be accessible from our home page. The current "Special Report on Foreign Investment and Development: Who Gains?" will continue to be available on our site. Thank you to all who contributed.

Starting April 11, read the Special Report at:

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/special/transparency?intcmp=800>

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#### NEW PARTNERS: NAYAC, SEWA, AND ACCENTURE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS -

We are pleased to welcome three additional partners who will help contribute and manage content on our Topic Pages: the Network of African Youths Against Corruption (NAYACAfrica) for the Youth page, the Self-Employed Women's Association Academy (SEWA) for the Gender page, and Accenture Development Partnerships (ADP) for the Business Environment page and the "Special Report on Foreign Investment and Development: Who Gains?"

Find information about becoming a partner at:

<http://home.developmentgateway.org/aboutus/partnership.do?intcmp=800>

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#### RSS CAN KEEP YOU ON TOP OF THE HEADLINES -

Real Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds are now an option for visitors to the Topic Pages. RSS makes it easy for you to know when new content is added to the pages of interest to you. If you already have an RSS reader, look for the orange XML box on each Topic Page to set up your desired RSS feed. If you are new to RSS then learn more via the link below. Anyone may use RSS to receive instant headlines, but registered members of the Development Gateway portal enjoy the further benefits of: topic-specific newsletters; the ability to post information on the site; and the ability to participate in discussions and directly network with peers.

To learn more about RSS, please visit:

<http://topics.developmentgateway.org/rc/showRSSFeeds.do?intcmp=800>

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#### OECD FORUM/05 - DISCOUNT FOR DEVELOPMENT GATEWAY MEMBERS -

Development Gateway members are entitled to a 75% registration discount at the upcoming OECD Forum on May 2-3, 2005, in Paris. The OECD Forum is a "civil society summit" which brings together business and labor leaders, civil society personalities, government ministers and leaders of international organizations to discuss the key issues of the 21st century. Development, energy and globalization issues will be at the top of the agenda, and participants will help shape the outcome of the annual OECD ministerial summit, to be held later in the same week, on May 3-4. Göran Persson, Prime Minister of Sweden and chairman of the OECD's 2005 Ministerial summit, will make a keynote address to Forum 2005.

For further information on the Forum, please visit <http://www.oecd.org/Forum2005/> .

To take advantage of the special offer for Development Gateway members, contact Ileana Epszajn, OECD Forum Participants Registration Manager at [ileana.epsztajn@oecd.org](mailto:ileana.epsztajn@oecd.org) with "Development Gateway Special Offer" in the subject line.

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#### WHAT THE DEVELOPMENT GATEWAY COMMUNITY IS READING -

The most popular resource accessed in February was a section of the International Labor Organization's (ILO) Employment Trends Analysis "Poverty, Income, and Working Poor." This page links to a series of publications focused on the poor and employment issues, as well as other analyses on labor and poverty.

Read more about the most popular resources and the Development Gateway Community at dgLife:

<http://home.developmentgateway.org/aboutus/dglife.do?intcmp=800>

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#### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT GATEWAY -

"The Internet has led to a breakthrough in bringing scientists and Viet Nam's farmers closer together to boost farming development," wrote Thu Phuong in a recent article in "Viet Nam News" about the Vietnam Development Gateway. "Although Dinh has been using the Internet for only half a year, the farmer in the rural Nui Voi Commune in Tinh Bien District said he had found lots of valuable information on farming, health care, and legal policies."

To read the full article visit: <http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/showarticle.php?num=01EDU260205>

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