

**Expert Meeting**  
**"In support of the implementation and follow-up of WSIS:**  
**Using ICTs to achieve growth and development"**

Jointly organized by UNCTAD, OECD and ILO  
Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva  
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<b>Programme: Day 1</b>	
10:00-10:30	<p><b><i>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</i></b></p> <p><b>Mr. Jaya Ratnam, Deputy Permanent Representative of Singapore, to the United Nations, Geneva, Chairperson of the EM</b>  <b>Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General, UNCTAD</b>  <b>Mr. John Dryden, Deputy Director, STI, OECD</b>  <b>Mr. Rashid Amjad, Director, Policy Planning, Employment Sector, ILO</b></p>
10:30-11:15	<p><b><i>Session 1 - Advancing the information economy</i></b>  <i>During the high-level opening session, the Minister of Communications of Ghana will present the progress his country made to advance the information economy, the problems encountered in that process and support measures his country needs. The representatives of academia will discuss the key issues of using ICTs in the economy and lessons that developing countries could derive from it.</i></p> <p><b>Keynotes:</b>  <b>H.E. Prof. Mike A. Oquaye, Minister of Communications, Ghana</b>  <b>Dr. Bart van Ark, Professor, University of Groningen</b>  <b>Dr. Michael G. Jacobides, Professor, London Business School and Harvard University</b></p>
11:15-11:30	Discussions on advancing the information economy
11:30-12:30	<p><b><i>Session 2 - Impact of ICTs on productivity and growth</i></b>  <i>The second session will focus on the relationship between ICTs and economic performance, its impact on productivity, growth and development, and hence on achieving MDGs. In particular, it will address some salient features of the use of ICTs in developing and transition economies, linkages between ICTs and the MDGs, women and ICTs, the economic impact of broadband, and others.</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Manoo Ordeedolchest, Honorary President, ACTI, Thailand and ASOCIO</b>  <b>Dr. Irene Mia, Senior Economist, World Economic Forum</b>  <b>Mr. Tony Clayton, Director, Economic Analysis, ONS, UK</b>  <b>Ms. Marina Larios, President, WiTEC and Director, Nova Consultancy, UK</b></p>
12:30-13:00	Discussions on ICT and economic performance
<b>Lunch Break</b>	
15:00-16:00	<p><b><i>Session 2 (continued) - Impact of ICTs on productivity and growth</i></b></p> <p><b>Ms. Sheridan Roberts, Consultant, STI, OECD</b>  <b>Mr. Nanno Mulder, Economic Affairs Officer, ECLAC</b>  <b>Mr. Mario Cimoli, Economic Affairs Officer, ECLAC</b>  <b>Mr. Denis Gilhooly, Principal Advisor, UNFIP/UN Millennium Project</b></p>
16:00-16:30	Discussions on ICT and economic performance

16:30-17:30	<p><b><i>Session 3 - Impact of ICTs on business sectors</i></b>  <i>The session will focus on the use of ICTs in business sectors such as oil, trade finance, and tourism and will try to assess its economic impact on those economic sectors.</i></p> <p><b>Mr. David Rose, Managing Director, Aupec, UK</b>  <b>Mr. Joachim Bartels, Managing Director, Business Information Industry Association, Asia Pacific-Middle East</b>  <b>Mr. Jens Jensen, Associate Professor, Roskilde University, Denmark</b>  <b>Mr. William Usimaki, Sales Operations Manager for Africa, HP</b></p>
17:30-18:00	Discussions on the impact of ICTs on business sectors
18:00-19:30	Reception
<b>Programme: Day 2</b>	
10:00-11:00	<p><b><i>Session 4 - ICTs and international trade in goods and services</i></b>  <i>The session will discuss international trade in ICT goods and ICT services, including outsourcing and offshoring, and the way these issues are addressed in WTO</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Jacob Kirkegaard, Research Associate, IIE, Washington, USA</b>  <b>Mr. Gaurav Singh, Senior Manager, NASSCOM, India</b>  <b>Mr. Zhongzhou Li, WTO Lead Expert, EU China Trade Project, China</b>  <b>Ms. Lee Tuthill, Senior Counsellor, Trade in Services Division, WTO</b>  <b>Mr. Richard Bourassa, Director, E-Commerce Branch, Industry Canada</b>  <b>Mr. Kenneth Schagrin, Director, Telecommunications and E-commerce Trade Policy, USTR</b></p>
11:00-11:30	Discussions on ICTs and trade issues
11:30-12:30	<p><b><i>Session 5 - ICTs, labour markets and employment, and society</i></b>  <i>The session will address the impact of ICTs on the nature and structure of employment, and in particular issues such as: skill biased technological change; ICTs and the returns to general versus job-specific skills; ICTs, business outsourcing and its impact on different occupations; ICTs, employment and poverty reduction; ICTs and gender issues, and ICTs and other changes in society</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Roberto Zachmann, Focal Point for ICTs, ILO</b>  <b>Ms. Desirée van Welsum, STI, OECD</b>  <b>Mr. Gerd Rohde, UNI, Nyon, Switzerland</b>  <b>Mr. Pierre Montagnier, STI, OECD</b>  <b>Mr. Dario Celaya Alvarez, Counsellor, Mission of Argentina, Geneva</b></p>
12:30-13:00	Discussions of ICTs and labour issues
<b>Lunch Break</b>	
15:00-16:30	<p><b><i>Session 6 - Discussion of the main topics of EM</i></b></p> <p><b>Mr. John Dryden, Deputy Director, STI, OECD</b>  <b>Mr. Roberto Zachmann, Focal Point for ICTs, ILO</b>  <b>Ms. Geneviève Feraud, Head, ICT &amp; E-Business Branch, SITE, UNCTAD</b></p>
16:30-17:30	<p><b><i>Session 7 - Adoption of the Report</i></b>  <b>Chairperson's summary and the adoption of the Report</b></p>
17:30-18:00	<b><i>Closing Session</i></b>