

BCO Reporting

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Organisation: Association for Progressive Communications

Purpose of the BCO Alliance is to investigate, mobilise & support key ICT4D opportunities that impact poverty.

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<p>ICD has been main-streamed in development sectors</p>	<p>POLICY ADVOCACY: INTEGRATING DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES INTO ICT POLICY ADVOCACY, DIALOGUE, MONITORING AND RESEARCH</p> <p>A. GLOBAL WSIS Implementation Activities: IGF consultations, 13 Feb 2007, Geneva Launched Global Info Society Watch, 22 May 2007, Geneva APC made interventions at WSIS-follow up events, 14–25 May 2007, Geneva. http://www.itu.int/wsisis/implementation/cluster.asp?year=2007&month=0&type=alf&subtype=0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting on Action Lines C2 infrastructure, C4 capacity building & C6 enabling environment • Consultation with ITU & CS on participation of stakeholders • The Info Society, from Declaration to Implementation: What UN Economic Commissions are doing • Tenth Session of the Commission on Science & Technology for Development • 2nd meeting on Action Line C3: Access to info & knowledge • CS Internet Governance Caucus in connection with the IGF consultation of agenda & program for its Rio meeting • 2nd meeting on Action Line C8: Cultural diversity & identity, linguistic diversity & local content • 2nd Action Lines Facilitators Meeting: All Action Lines 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Global public policy spaces are in transition after WSIS. Some policy arenas like the WSIS Action Lines may not add up to anything while others like the IGF & possibly GK3 are critical sites for CS engagement. 2. APC learned a lot from the CATIA national ICT policy processes regarding multi-stakeholder coalitions as drivers of change & is looking at how to take national policy processes further with regard to 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The production & launch of the 2006/7 Global Information Society Watch was a great success responding to both the need for mechanisms & leadership in animating global CS active in the post-WSIS phase & that of monitoring implementation of government commitments. 2. APC has successfully maintained its focus on access at the IGF, securing 1 of 3 plenary workshops on access at the IGF's 2nd meeting in Rio de Janeiro in Nov 2007. The IGF policy arena is an important space for ICT4D in reaching 	<p>APC members</p> <p>WSIS CS Internet Governance Caucus, ISOC, DIPLOFoundation, NRO (AFRNIC, APNIC, LACNIC), BASIS/ICC, IISD, UNECE, EuroISPA, AfrISPA ITeM, HIVOS,</p> <p>DFID, Ekowisa, CIPESA, LINK Centre, OSIWA, UNDP, ITU, WOUUNET, BFES, IT for Change, PANOS, Bytes for all, ALER, IDRC, IICD, AMARC LAC, WALC, EED, Ford Foundation, SDC, DGIS, CRASA</p>	<p>GLOBAL ICT POLICY ADVOCACY, CAPACITY BUILDING & MONITORING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IGF open consultation (Sep 07) • CS advocacy at OECD Future of the Internet ICCP meeting (Oct 07) • IFEX AGM, Uruguay (Nov 07) • Public event on equitable local access (with BCO partners), Rio, Nov 07 • Workshops & stand at 2nd IGF, Rio De Janeiro (Nov 07) & at GK3 – with BCO partners (Dec 07) • "Environment For Europe: The Sixth Ministerial Conference (APC side event on Oct

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	<p>Internet Governance Forum, Rio Nov 2007 http://info.intgovforum.org/wsl2.php?listy=OTH Submitted 7 workshop proposals as lead or co-sponsor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Frameworks for Critical Internet Resources • Regulatory frameworks for improving access • Access to info & public participation in democratic governance • Towards a development agenda for internet governance • Fulfilling the mandate of the IGF • The role & responsibility of government in content regulation • Multi-stakeholder partnerships influencing national ICT policy processes. <p>Interventions At Int. Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community of Expertise on ICT Policy & Finance for Social, Community & Public Entrepreneurship presented at the GAID meeting in Santa Clara, February 2007 http://www.un-gaid.org/ • POLIS Conference on Development, Governance & the Media: "Media & new technology: The role of the media in building African society", 22 March 2007 at the London School of Economics. APC submitted formal response in session on "Media & new technology: can the digital revolution boost the impact of Africa Media on development & governance?" • Development in the Info Society: Exploring a Social Policy Framework Organised by IT for Change, Bangalore, 18-20 Jan 2007. APC input on ICT policy requirements for a New Development Paradigm. http://www.itforchange.net/advocacy/events_organized_by_itfc/development.html/ • Seminar on 'CS Intervention in the Reform of Global Public 	<p>poverty reduction strategies & the MDGs & in reform of the regulatory frameworks governing local access in developing countries.</p> <p>3. At the regional level, the APC focus on regulatory associations in Africa & the eLAC2007 action planning process has a long way to go. Regional processes are very dispersed, which make them difficult to influence.</p>	<p>the internet community, the private sector & governments on ICT for development issues</p> <p>3. Some of the national advocacy processes like KICTANet & Alternatives-DRC have managed to sustain their activities on their own beyond the CATIA framework of support, Alternatives has recently published its report on the feasibility of an internet backbone network in DRC: "Etude de faisabilité pour une dorsale Internet ouverte en République démocratique du Congo," June 2007</p>		<p>11th), Belgrade, Serbia</p> <p>Research & publications targeting development community</p> <p>Partner meeting & pre-production phase of 2007/2008 edition of GISW</p> <p>Issues papers on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • municipal networks • business models • local access: policy & regulation • local access: tools & technologies • local access: people, networks & capacity <p>Publication of "SAT-3/WASC Post-Implementation Audit: Country Case Studies"</p> <p>NATIONAL ICT POLICY ADVOCACY, CAPACITY BUILDING & MONITORING / RESEARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ekowisa ICT Policy

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	<p>Policy' - Ford Foundation & the Institute for a New Reflection on Governance, Paris, 17-19 April 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A2K2 Conference at Yale University from 27-29 April 2007 Presentation on wireless broadband in Africa. • IAMCR workshop Paris July 2007 • Info Technology for Environmental Sustainability (ITES): development of a plan to build a web portal <p>B. NATIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National ICD advocacy within BCO framework: Uganda (WOUGNET), Bangladesh (BFES) , India (IT for Change), Pakistan (Bytes for All) & Zimbabwe (CS coalition) • CATIA Activities: Ongoing national ICT policy advocacy processes in DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal till Feb 2007 • Collaboration with IICD on national policy advocacy capacity building in Ecuador & Bolivia • National ICT policy portals in 17 countries within EED framework. http://rights.apc.org/policy_sites_list.shtml • IICD-APC ICT4D Workshop in Cape Town from 12 – 14 Feb 2007 • APC, FLACSO (the Social Sciences Latin American Faculty), IICD & Infodesarrollo.ec collaboration on ICT policies in Ecuador from Apr to Dec 2007 <p>C. REGIONAL</p> <p>Africa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa ICT Policy Monitor http://africa.rights.apc.org/ http://afrique.droits.apc.org/ • SAT3 implementation audit: APC Research Project: "SAT-3/WASC Post-Implementation Audit: Country Case Studies" work in progress 				<p>workshop, Harare, Oct 07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFES ICT Policy workshop, Dhaka, Oct 07 <p>REGIONAL ICT POLICY ADVOCACY, CAPACITY BUILDING & MONITORING / RESEARCH</p> <p>Africa: Hosting workshops in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECOWAS/WATRon SAT 3 research (Abuja, Sep 07) • Highway Africa, Grahamstown, Sep 07 • AfriNic on open policy (Durban Sep 07) • ITU/GAID-Connect Africa Kigali, Oct 07 <p>LAC: Hosting workshops in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECLAC2007 coordination meeting (Sep 07) • LAC Ministerial meeting on the IS (Oct 07)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation & workshop presentations at the CRASA meeting, Namibia, March 2007 • 2 editions of *Chakula* #16 'Opening access to Africa' February & #17 Africa Country Reports, GISWATCH, July 2007 • CIPESA developed content on fibre networks in East Africa & disseminated info through fibreforafrica.net • Attended Joint AFNOG'2007, AfriNIC-6 & ISOC INET Africa meeting, April 23 to May 4, 2007; Abuja, NIGERIA, http://www.afrinic.net/meeting/afrinic-6/ & http://www.isoc.org/isoc/conferences/inet/07/ <p>LAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC ICT Policy Monitor http://lac.derechos.apc.org/ • Participation in eLAC2007 working groups as CS participants from Ecuador • Two editions LAC Boletin No 19 <u>El Foro de Gobernanza en Internet – Logros que imponen desafíos</u>, January & N0 20 GISWatch, June 2007 . http://lac.derechos.apc.org/es-newsletter.shtml?x=5064410 • Joined <u>Vit@lis</u>: platform for EU & LAC collaboration on IS dev't . www.alis-online.org/Members/iamici/alisdav28 • AMARC – APC research 'Effective access in equal conditions to broadcasting by rural communities: key strategy for digital inclusion': • ALER-APC regional workshop 'ICT policies & the popular/community radio in LAC', June 2007 • Public forum 'Communication for the constituent process in Ecuador', in collaboration with ALER, FENAPE (National Federation of Journalists of Ecuador), & FACSO (Faculty of Social Communication of the Central University of Ecuador), June 2007 				

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	<p>D. BUILDING GENDER INTO ICTS AND ICTS INTO GENDER</p> <p>Outreach to development sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INPADES (Patagonian Institute for Social Development) March 15-17, gender ICT workshop for rural producers' orgs. in Patagonia. www.genderit.org/esp/index.shtml?w=a&x=95170blog.apc.org/es/index.shtml?x=5058938 • Provided ICT policy training at National Encounter of Women Mayors & Local Councillors on ICTs for better local governance, April 19-20, Buenos Aires There are 185 women mayors in Argentina, mainly in small cities & towns. www.manossolidariasac.org.ar/Mujeres/2Enc/talleres.htm • Institute of Rights, Activism & Development (IRAD): a week-long, annual training with development & grassroots orgs in South Asia. IRAD focuses on social movements, rights and development practice & in South Asia. APC conducted a session on a gender perspective on ICTs. web.creaworld.org/irad.asp • Trained leaders of fishermen's orgs from small-scale fisheries sector & women fish sellers' orgs in resource mobilisation, and using communication & ICTs for policy advocacy. Congo Sustainable Fisheries Livelihoods Program, 19-20 Feb 2007, Pointe-Noire. www.sflp.org/ • Women into IT project with IBM: WNSP Europe held training sessions for high school girls, aged 17/18 years of age on April & May in Prague. www.zkusit.cz/projekt/ • Coordinated a session on communications, gender & public policies June 24-29 at the APC-ALER Training workshop on Communications & Public Policies, Quito. • GenderIT.Org Editions: 1) Regulation & Censorship 2) Access , Infrastructure & gender www.genderit.org 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building capacity in strategic use of ICD & integration of gender is essential in mainstreaming of ICD in development sectors. It involves building capacity for various development actors from local orgs, local govt officials, women's rights activists, & the private sector. 2. Content with focus on gender analysis of policy issues is very important to keeping ICT policy inclusive of gender equality goals. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have made the most of opportunities to strengthen the gender ICT agenda because of extensive partnerships, its connection with orgs working on the ground & its presence (both staff & members in various locations). 2. Much of the gender content in global, regional & national policy remains at a general & meta level. There is a need to research & evaluate models & experiences for effective policy programming. 	<p>APC members, regional women's orgs like CREA, local orgs in Argentina & Congo and, local government units.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post WSIS Strategy planning workshop among gender & ICD advocacy network in Oct. • Focusing on content reg & censorship issues at IGF in Nov 2007 • Expanding APC WNSP's campaign on women's rights through focusing on the intersections of Violence Against Women & ICT with a highlight on the Take Back the Tech Campaign from Nov 25 – Dec 10. www.takebackthetech.org

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	<p>E. PUBLICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Whose Summit? Whose Info Society? Developing countries & CS at WSIS' by David Souter, May 2007 • Global Information Society Watch, May 2007 • Chapter for IISD's "Exploring Linkages between ICT/Internet Governance & Sustainable Development" entitled "Economic Barriers to Development - Cost of Access to Internet Infrastructure" by APC's Abiodun Jagun • APC Internet Rights Charter: Updated Nov 2006 & produced in EN, FR & ES. APC members recognised it as a vital resource for national ICT policy advocacies & translated it. Now available in 18 languages including the world's more widely-spoken -Portuguese (6th), Bengali (7th), Russian (8th) & Urdu (20th)- as well as multiple lesser-spoken languages e.g. Macedonian & Jju (a minority language in Nigeria). • "e-Primer on Gender & ICTs" www.apdip.net/news/gender • "Mundo virtual, mundo también violento: La violencia contra las mujeres y el uso de tecnologías de la información y la comunicación" www.genderit.org/esp/index.shtml?w=a&x=95207 "Convergencia tecnologica y participacion popular (Technological convergence & popular participation)" www.medicusmundi.es/publicaciones_2.htm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key documents translated & printed to support local ICT policy advocacies. • Suite of new language tools in EN, FR, ES & Portuguese being collected on http://www.apc.org/EN/language/ [username: Language, password: cryptos] Most will be made public with the launch of the new APC site but we'd like to share them with BCO partners now. 	<p>Members running policy advocacies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • including in Brazil, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Philippines, & Cambodia. <p>IICD, I4d, Eldis (Univ of Sussex), Drum Beat, RITS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing about lessons learned was very helpful for the APCNews survey preparation. <p>Whose Summit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with researchers from Ethiopia, Ecuador, Kenya, Bangladesh & India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting Internet Charter in 18 languages • Annual Report dissemination in EN, FR & ES • Improving M&E of our media impact
<p>Stronger voice & debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)</p>	<p>European Feminist Forum (EFF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFF will focus on feminism & women's rights in the new Europe. WNSP Europe is in charge of the affinity group on design, training, & application of ICTs, particularly in the context of violence against women. The Forum will take place in July 2008. http://europeanfeministforum.org/ 	<p>Effective capacity building of women's networks needs both development &</p>	<p>We have succeeded in continually adapting ICT tools & training that promote advocacies for women's orgs.</p>	<p>Regional women's orgs like CREA & the EFF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Electronic Training (WENT) Africa focusing on digital stories in Sep 2007. • EFF affinity group

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		feminist approaches to strategic ICT use.			activities
	<p>Social Networking Tools for Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-day training curriculum developed and delivered for APC Africa members and partners in July 2007 <p>Communities of practice for ICT trainers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With IICD developed a concept for an ltrainonline COP for trainers that will build on IICD's existing work in Africa. 		Training methodology that encourages participants to learn on their own.	FAO, CTA, IICD, APC members in Africa	<p>Web 2.0 for Dev September 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APC, with IICD is organising a day of training on social networking for development
<p>Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated & disseminated to key development audiences</p>	<p>Capacity Building for Gender Evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation of APC's GEM in 4 ICT4D themes started with capacity building workshops in Asia for the PAN Localisation initiative that aims to develop local language computing capacity in 10 Asian countries (Bhutan, January 24-27). www.pan10n.net/english/Activity21.htm • Started working with partners in 3 other themes (Rural ICT projects, telecenters & national ICT policy processes) to adapt GEM for their work. www.apcwomen.org/gem • GEM workshops held with the iREACH Project team (informatics for Rural Empowerment &Community Health) March 20-23 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. iREACH is a community driven universal project in rural Cambodia covering 6 communes in 2 districts. APC has been gender adviser for iREACH from 2006. www.idrc.ca/en/ev-93387-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html • Capacity building for Rede Mulher de Educacao GEM project, a network of 40 popular educators members working in rural areas in Brazil. 	Capacity building in gender analysis & evaluation for project implementers is a key factor in strengthening gender sensitive programming in ICT4D projects.	Partnership building & creating demand for gender evaluation to ensure buy in from project implementers.	IDRC, PAN Localisation Network, Telecenter.Org, DNet (Bangladesh), iREACH, Rede Mulher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEM Training Exchange tin July to plan adaptation of GEM in 4 themes for 2 years & training of GEM facilitators • Developing & animating GEM practitioners network • GEM workshop for Balkans in Sep 2007 • GEM workshop for Dominican Republic in Sep 2007
	<p>APCNews/Noticias survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey closed in April. • Passed our target of minimum 3% reader response rate, with 6.7% ES responses & 4.1% for EN. Results will be 	We realise that beyond working on a one-on-one consultative	Open calls outside the network have brought us into contact with new	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harambee grantees • Pool of writers (from countries -Benin, Burkina Faso, France, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical & content development to set up new APC websites developed

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	<p>published later in the year & are currently being used to guide our APC.org revamp & the LAC info dissemination evaluation.</p> <p>APC News/Noticias: broader coverage of issues: Focused on producing series related to BCO goals. Low-cost technology” series currently gathering stories of good practice in providing low cost connectivity.</p> <p>Harambee grantees series has covered stories of 6 ICT4D initiatives run by or for rural African women promoting knowledge-sharing on gender, ICTs & poverty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Harambee small grant helps Viva Network Africa put the net into networking</i> : http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5069367 • <i>The fight against HIV/AIDS armed with blogs, wikis & emails in Congo-Brazzaville:</i> http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5062177 • <i>Ever heard of soil health?</i> http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5060900 • <i>A little goes a longer way with ICT-based networking in Ethiopia</i> www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5064415 • <i>Overcoming the orphan curse with ICTs in Uganda</i> http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5059254 • <i>Blogs for African Women get Nigerian women hooked on technology</i> www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5059158 <p>Writers pool:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now have FR & ES writers selected for our international writers pool of freelance journalists skilled in ICT4D & other relevant fields. • Made connections with writers from outside of usual network & countries we've worked in, which we hope will enrich the diversity of content. 	<p>basis with a few BCO partners on discrete projects, we have not come up with a bigger plan to work together with partners to improve the dissemination & to leverage other groups niches (e.g. AMARC & radio, PANOS & their journalists network)</p> <p>Our newsletter survey was carefully prepared & satisfactorily responded to. However we have not adequately factored in time for processing of results & disseminating them within the team.</p>	<p>writers & we hope to strengthen the diversity of the coverage of ICT, especially by using writers working in different languages, contexts, & backgrounds. (E.g. Chilean writer's critique of national ICT policy¹)</p>	<p>Belgium, Switzerland, Chile, Paraguay- where we have previously had no focal points)</p>	<p>in EN, ES & for the first time FR & (limited version) PT continues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five editions of APCNews & APCNoticias • Select EN & PT writers. • Training at CTA international meeting on Web2 for development (Sep 07)

¹ <http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5150134>

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	<p>INCREASING REACH IN FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE ICT4D info for the Lusophone world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new APC site to be launched late 2007 will provide core content in Brazilian Portuguese. Any publication targeting Africa will be produced in European Portuguese, the <i>lingua franca</i> of former African colonies. We'll seek vocabulary terms understood in both languages (where they may be significant differences) & the APC glossary will be a key resource. • Establishing French as APC's 3rd public language, increasing dissemination of ICT4D info in French-speaking countries, especially in Africa. 				
	<p>Capacity Building for Community Wireless Networking in Africa</p> <p>Post training survey indicated excellent take up and re-use of skills by most of the 145 people trained over 2 years. 53% had installed a wireless network after attending a workshop. http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=5066699</p>	<p>Training is not enough. Participants need support to develop stronger business models</p>	<p>Materials and regional workshops in French, Arabic and English was an effective strategy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDRC, OSI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community wireless business model research and publication.

ABBREVIATIONS

- CRASA Communications Regulatory Authority for Southern Africa
- IS Information Society
- FAO Food and Agricultural Organisation
- GEM Gender Evaluation Methodology
- LAC Latin America and the Caribbean
- WSIS World Summit on the Information Society