

BCO Reporting

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Organisation: Association for Progressive Communications

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

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<p>1. ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors</p>	<p>Regional policy advocacy South Asia WSIS consultation and capacity building workshop, Dhaka, Bangladesh January 2005, organised by BFES, APC and OWSA</p> <p>Africa Regional WSIS Preparatory Conference, Accra, Ghana, 2-4 February 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 issues papers (financing, internet governance and African priorities) - research project on developing country participation - lobbying/training/online preparatory discussion <p>Asia Policy Monitor draft website development LAC ICT Policy Monitor – ongoing research and information resource and networking development</p> <p>Africa ICT Policy Monitor Training and online ICT policy discussion</p> <p>Completion of Creative Commons South Africa project</p> <p>International policy advocacy <i>APC was involved in developing positions and releasing statements or background documents at all of the following events:</i></p> <p>WSIS PrepCom-2, Geneva, Switzerland, February 2005</p> <p>Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) meetings in February, April and June 2005</p> <p>Collaboration with DIPLO in promoting and providing advise to students from developing countries for Internet Governance course.</p> <p>Inter-ministerial Regional Latin America and the</p>	<p>1. Global and regional dynamics are complex and BCO partners need to be mindful of how they collaborate in global and regional policy spaces to ensure a purposeful and meaningful interaction with regard to policy debates and dialogues. The challenge is to develop complementary approaches rather than expect all activities to be done in partnership or based on consensus.</p> <p>2. Preparation needs to be made to engage with ICD policy in a new context after the WSIS in Tunis in November 2005 and the UN High Level Plenary to review the MDGs in New York in September 2005. BCO partnerships need to be able to address ICD policy in the context of the MDG implementation process, the Commission for Africa's report and recommendations and the WSIS Plan of Action.</p> <p>3. The case for ICD still</p>	<p>1. APC was able to stimulate debate and dialogue on financial mechanisms for ICD and internet governance, for example by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - engaging in a policy debate and dialogue on the Digital Solidarity Fund in Accra; - focussing on the internet and development cluster within WGIG and advancing positions in support of developing country participation in internet governance; - participating in 3 WSIS regional conferences in Accra, Rio and Tehran and ensuring civil society positions were advanced in spite of very limited CS participation in the LAC and Asia events - forming an informal finance coalition at WSIS PrepCom-2 in Geneva that succeeded in 	<p>IICD OWSA BFES (Bangladesh Friendship Education Society) ACSIS (African Civil Society) UNECA UNDP DFID IDRC HIVOS Bread for All CRIS DIPLO Foundation Digital Divide Data IteM IT for Change Wougnet Alternatives CATIA Component 1f FOSS network in Ethiopia KICTANet in Kenya CATIA component 1d in Nigeria WSIS Civil Society Internet Governance Caucus</p>	<p>WSIS PrepCom-3, Geneva, 19-30 September 2005 WSIS, Tunis, 16-17 November 2005</p> <p>Launch of CATIA national policy advocacy campaign sites in 6 countries in Africa</p> <p>Launch of regional APC ICT policy monitor of Asia</p> <p>Revamped ICT policy portals in LAC and revamped French version of the Africa policy monitor</p> <p>Consultation with OWSA, Bytes for All, BFES and IT for Change on ICT policy processes in South Asia</p> <p>Implementation of Ugandan advocacy plan</p> <p>Consolidation of CATIA advocacy plan implementation processes</p> <p>Online discussion on internet governance and Africa regional ICT policy plan</p> <p>Collaboration with DIPLO (and others) in developing Internet Governance capacity building</p>

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	<p>Caribbean Conference, Rio de Janeiro, June 2005</p> <p>High-level Asia-Pacific Conference for the WSIS, Tehran, 31 May – 2 June 2005</p> <p>Research into 'WSIS Phase 2: Assessing the Involvement and Impact of Developing Countries', conducted by David Souter.</p> <p>'Connecting the Commonwealth': Participation in Civil Society Advisory Group to Commonwealth Action Programme on the Digital Divide (CAPDD)</p> <p>WIPO Development Agenda – started process of working on this</p> <p>Initial planning of Sustainable Development and ICT portal</p> <p>UN ICT Task Force Activities Global Forum on Harnessing the potential for ICTs for Education, Dublin, Ireland, 13-14 April 2005 Co-ordination of Working Group on ICT Policy and Governance</p> <p>UN General Assembly Informal Interactive Hearings of the UN General Assembly with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, New York 23-24 June 2005</p>	<p>needs to be made at several levels: both by integrating development knowledge into ICD strategy and vice versa. It is essential for ICD advocates to work much more closely with development policy and practice.</p>	<p>getting civil society positions into the texts under discussion by the inter-governmental plenary.</p>		<p>programmes for developing country participants</p> <p>Presentation of capacity building programme to ISOC and ICANN to increase meaningful participation in internet governance processes</p> <p>Collaboration with Public Policy NGO Coalition in support of WIPO "Friends of Development" Agenda</p> <p>Research paper on ICT policy and E-waste</p> <p>Interim report on WSIS research project on developing country participation in the WSIS</p> <p>PICTA and GKP meetings in Addis Ababa in September 2004</p>
	<p>National ICT policy advocacy Uganda National ICT Policy Advocacy (engendering the Uganda national ICT policy processes) proposal developed with Wougnet</p> <p>Ongoing development of National ICT portals in Argentina, Mexico, Colombia, DRC</p> <p>Exploration of new national ICT policy advocacy and policy portals in Bangladesh and India</p> <p>ICT Policy Training and Advocacy in Ecuador and Bolivia (with IICD)</p>		<p>2. In Kenya APC was able to support the KICTANet policy advocacy campaign in Kenya by supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KICTANet consultation and civil society commentary on draft Kenyan ICT policy; the national animator (Alice Gitau) in setting agenda and prog. for 		

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	<p>CATIA activities French Africa ICT Policy Workshop, Kinshasa, DRC, 7-10 February 2005</p> <p>Implementation of national advocacy plans in Ethiopia (FOSS), DRC (national backbone network), Kenya (access to ICTs), Mozambique (gender and ICTs), Nigeria (community radio), Senegal (capacity-building of the media on ICT policy)</p> <p>Development of CATIA Animators Campaign Site templates (to be implemented in 2nd half 2006) http://africa.rights.apc.org/catia1c/</p> <p>CRIS activities CRIS Research Project 'Communication Rights and Global Governance' in 5 countries – Bolivia, Brazil, Kenya, Philippines, and the EU (as a region)</p>		<p>the Minister's National ICT Policy Workshop in Mombasa in June; participation of civil society actors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - campaign against the Minister of Communications' dissolution of the Kenyan regulator (KCC) - the inclusion of a civil society representative (Alice, the CATIA 1c animator in Kenya) in the reconstituted KCC <p>3. Launch of South African Creative Commons license opening and opportunity to raise large scale awareness of open access to content in other developing countries.</p>		
<p>2. Stronger voice and debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)</p>	<p>Gender and ICT Policy Advocacy</p> <p>B+10 Review and WSIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in UN Commission on the Status of Women B+10 Review in New York, Feb-March 2005 - Participation in "Gender Perspectives on the Information Society South Asia Pre-WSIS Seminar", Bangalore, April 2005 - Participation in "Forum on Gender and ICTs for the WSIS", Seoul June 2005 - Participation in Regional Consultation on WSIS Dhaka, Bangladesh, January 2005 - Participation in LAC WSIS Regional Prep Com, Brasil, June, 2005 <p>National ICT Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion of Study on "Engendering Rural Information in Indonesia" and presentation in a national workshop on "Increasing Access to Rural Information and Communication 	<p>1 To engage women's organisations, women's rights and gender equality advocates, it is important to relate ICTs and their policy implications for each of their issues.</p> <p>2. Engagement of national ICT policy processes can effectively be done through more direct and focused policy studies in specific countries as we were able to do in Indonesia.</p>	<p>1. Developing a women's movement agenda around intersection of ICTs with violence against women and trafficking in women.</p> <p>2. Comprehensive study of gender issues and presentation of key recommendations in the Indonesia rural ICT strategy</p> <p>3. Integration of ICD in important</p>	<p>ICT related organisations: IT for Change (India), AMARC</p> <p>Intergovernmental and Multilateral Bodies: UN DAW, UNECA, ITU, World Bank</p> <p>International Women's networks – FIRE, IWTC, FEMlink(Fiji), FEMNET(Africa), Asia-Pacific Women's Information Network Centre (Korea), Gender Caucus (WSIS)</p> <p>World Bank, WOUNGNET</p> <p>UNDAW, UNECA</p>	

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	<p>Technologies in Indonesia: Issues and Options," Jakarta, June 2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding support for "Engendering the Uganda National ICT Policy Processes", Uganda, June 2005 <p>UN Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completion of a Gender and ICT publication for the UN Division for the Advancement of Women, May 2005 - Co-facilitation of Africa Workshop for National Machineries for Women in cooperation with the UN Division for the Advancement of Women, January, 2005 	<p>3. Response to the Gender IT portal indicates the interest and also the usefulness of content that specifically addresses gender and ICT policy matters.</p>	<p>international publications and in UN organised workshops for national women's machineries reached national decision makers and implementers.</p>		
	<p>Gender and ICT Policy Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of the Portal March, 2005 in New York at CSW - Collaboration with other portals, online magazines and networks 			<p>DFID, SDC</p> <p>We want to explore closer partnerships in content sharing with OWSA and Panos.</p>	
	<p>GEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GEM workshop with ICT for development practitioners in collaboration with GKP in Cairo. The workshop trained 30 women and men from various organisations (civil society, international agencies and private sector). 	<p>4. There is a demand among ICD practitioners in learning how to integrate gender in their evaluation as well as in their general work.</p>		<p>GKP, UNECA, Gender Caucus, SDC</p>	
	<p>Genardis small grants programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants of 5,000 Euros to 10 organisations to support ICT and rural development projects in Africa. 	<p>Too soon to assess.</p>		<p>CTA, IDRC, HIVOS and IICD.</p>	
	<p>ActionKit (free/open source campaigning toolkit for civil society organisations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project coordinator hired and phase 2 implementation started - Work on ActionApps documentation - Work on funding and sustainability model for APC open source tools 	<p>5. Users operate in wide range of contexts (geographic and other): tools need to be modular and flexible.</p> <p>6. Dialogue with other FOSS development initiatives essential.</p>		<p>DFID CATIA 1c national partners</p>	<p>Participation in Advocacy-Dev conference. Release of ActionKit beta.</p>
	<p>ItrainOnline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing development and maintenance - Newsletter - New portal section on wireless connectivity 	<p>(These lessons apply to most of our projects)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to explore range of delivery modes, materials formats and 		<p>DFID (BCO funder) OneWorld Bellanet IICD INASP UNESCO</p>	<p>Online consultation with ItrainOnline / MMTK / IMARK partners in preparation for WSIS</p> <p>Production of discussion</p>

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		<p>learning assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community of users should be more directly involved through a trainers' community of practice and outreach activities. - Need for holistic understanding of capacity development in this sector. - Need to develop the capacity of materials developers within the sector. 		FAO	<p>papers on delivery modes, evaluation & assessment, open access</p> <p>WSIS side-event Planning for expansion of Spanish site</p>
	<p>MMTK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participated in project evaluation - Produced MMTK v2 CD - Distribution of 2000+ copies of CD. - Phase 1 planning for database-driven backend 		4. Positive evaluation of MMTK initiative	<p>UNESCO (funder) OneWorld Panos Institute West Africa AMARC Bellanet IICD</p>	<p>WSIS preparation as above</p> <p>Implementation of database-driven backend Update of MMTK video</p>
	<p>IMARK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participated in reference group - Worked on "Building Online Communities" module (materials development and expert review) 		5. Submission of final materials. Product should be of value to all BCO partners and beneficiaries.	<p>FAO (funder) CTA, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD) APC WNSP members</p>	WSIS preparation as above
	<p>Wireless Capacity Building Coordination of East African capacity building workshop, Zanzibar March 2005 Successful 1st pilot workshop</p>	7. Very high demand for wireless-related training.		<p>IDRC, OSI (funders) Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications (Senegal) wire.less.dk Champaign-Urbana Community Wireless Network CSIR (South Africa) APC South African partners Harambee project</p>	<p>Southern Africa regional training workshop</p> <p>Online publication of materials in MMTK format WSIS workshop</p> <p>Planning for West and North African training workshops & translation of materials into Spanish and French.</p>

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					<p>Development of distributed knowledge based linked to ItrainOnline and Harambee initiatives</p> <p>Development of wireless projects for other regions</p>
	<p>Secure Online Communications Coordination and facilitation at South East Asia region Train-the-Trainer workshop, Manila, May 2005</p>	<p>8. SOC awareness in the NGO sector needs serious work Approach to SOC training must provide clear overview of SOC “big picture”. Value of systematic case learning approach underscored.</p>	<p>6. Solid basis for updated SOC curriculum for public release 7. Foundation laid for South East Asian SOC trainers network</p>	<p>OSI (funder) Privaterra FMI (Philippines) Womenshub (Philippines) Ungana-Afrika (SA) Kubatana (Zimbabwe)</p>	<p>Online publication of materials in MMTK format Online mentoring / training for Manila participants</p>
	<p>Strategic Use Knowledge sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of APC Member Exchange small grants facility. - Planning of activities/tools to facilitate knowledge codification and sharing within and beyond APC networks. 			<p>DFID (BCO funder) IDRC (funder) APC members</p>	<p>Low cost computing and connectivity (LCC) online learning event Knowledge sharing templates & backend development APC FOSS survey</p> <p>APC council meeting (network) in Bulgaria in October with theme of ‘Open Access’ focusing on content, policy making, infrastructure, innovation and tools. We will be running workshops on making ICTs accessible to people with disabilities, content aggregation, and facilitation.</p>