

BCO Reporting

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Organisation: Association for Progressive Communications

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<p>①</p> <p>ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors (PRSPs, SWAps)</p>	<p>UN ICT Task Force meeting and related events in Berlin, November 18-20, 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APC participated in the UN ICT Task Force global forum on an enabling environment for ICTs and development as well as in the closed Task Force meeting. Anriette Esterhuysen is a member of this meeting. - APC convened a meeting of working group one of the Task Force. Working group one focuses on ICT policies and APC presented to concrete research proposals to the meeting. Participants were from governments, donors, INGOs and the academic and research community. - Working Group 1 proposed that the UN ICT Task Force produce a publication that maps international ICT policy-making spaces with respect to the participation of developing countries and civil society organizations in global ICT policy making and governance issues. - WG 1 also proposed a research project to follow up on the Louder Voices research that emerged from the DOT Force. The project will critically evaluate the impact and process of developing country participation in the WSIS (looking at private sector, government and civil society). - APC participated in civil society meetings convened by the German WSIS civil society groupings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Northern and southern civil society organisations involved in WSIS desire to work together, but have different motivations and priorities. - Civil society entities involved in WSIS are not adequately prepared for the next phase of the process, not in terms of process and procedures, nor in terms of identifying common priorities. - There are fluctuations in focus during an extended policy window such as WSIS represents. It is important to be ready once the timing and conditions change, e.g. the renewal of interest in the phase 2 of WSIS in this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APC has had significant impact by introducing the global public goods argument in the discussion on financing the information society. - This started with the commissioning of a paper on the topic in mid 2004. - APC supported the presentation of Roberto Bissio in the UN ICT Task Force's Global Forum on creating an Enabling Policy Environment. Roberto's elucidation of the global public goods argument in relation to financing ICTD was well received and this should have an impact on debates on financing ICTD in WSIS phase 2. - Ireland and Canada have been very interested in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organised inclusion of and funding for OneWorld South Asia in Berlin events. - At the Task Force meetings, APC interacted fruitfully with the International Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian, Japanese, Brazilian, Samoan, Swiss and Swedish Governments, GKP, UNDP, the European Commission, the World Bank and Ecosoc and is discussing collaborating with GKP in hosting a meeting on financial mechanism for ICTD at the Geneva Prepcom in February 2005. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WSF, January 2005. Advocacy and discussion forums at the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre in partnership with CRIS, AMARC, ALAI and others. APC will also have separate events on gender and ICTs.

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	<p>WSIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - African Civil Society Consultation on WSIS, Cape Town, 5-6 December 2004 - Preparation of briefing papers on WSIS issues for online discussion of African Civil Society Organisations 	<p>quarter after the Cape Town meeting of Africa civil society. APC had sufficient forward planning to offer to produce briefing papers on Internet Governance, Financial Mechanisms and ICT policy priorities for Africa and to facilitate an online discussion and production of position papers for a CS perspective to be tabled at the Accra Prepcom in February 2005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APC has not stepped into coordinating civil society in the phase 2 of WSIS. Expectation that APC should take this role caused some tension with European civil society groups. APC is rather focussing on advancing a progressive position on the unresolved WSIS issues of Internet Governance and Financing Mechanisms for ICTD. - Part of this strategy is to argue for regional blocs to 	<p>developing this concept. Switzerland has also traditionally supported this approach. We recently heard that the OECD is also exploring this approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APC is coordinating the production of briefing papers, online discussion and position papers for a civil society perspective to be tabled at the African Regional Preparatory Conference for the WSIS in Accra in February 2005. The priorities and positions that emerge from this process could be relevant to BCO partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration with the African Civil Society for the Information Society (ACSIS) to facilitate the production of briefing papers, online discussion and position papers for the Africa Prepcom. - Needs to be noted that ACSIS is still not fully established and can be quite unpredictable as a partner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APC has commenced initial research on the issue of the participation of developing countries in ICT policy making as outlined in the proposal from Working Group 1. The research will be conducted by David Souter and will build on the Louder Voices work. Initial data will be gathered at the Africa WSIS Prepcom in Accra in February 2005. - Online discussion forum on key policy issues for Africa in lead up to Accra Prepcom. - APC will participate in the Africa WSIS Prepcom in Accra in February 2005, providing an ICT policy training session and speaking on various platforms.

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		develop regional e-strategies to address the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action, the MDGs and PRSPs.			
	CRIS / APC Global Governance Project - Advocacy training workshop with African media in Morocco during UNESCO Marrakech meeting to test advocacy materials produced by APC.	[to be added]	- Revised and improved version of advocacy training materials. - Framework [more to be added]		
	OECD – DAC meeting in Geneva, 1 September 2004 Invited by SDC to be involved in this meeting. While APC did not contribute in any specific way we think it was a useful event in that it created opportunity for high-level discussion among donors on approaches to ICD.				
	Regional and national ICT policy advocacy Africa: CATIA, Component 1C - Kampala National Animators Workshop 26-29 October 2004 - Media Dialogue between Government and the Media, with Panos, London in Kampala 29 October 2004 - National Advocacy Plans for Kenya, Nigeria - National Consultation Workshops for Kenya, Nigeria, Mozambique, Ethiopia - Planning for Kinshasa Workshop for French-speaking countries, 7-11 February 2005 - Participation in Kenya ICT Visioning Workshop, 18 November 2004 - Development and translation of training materials South Asia: Bangladesh and India - Preparation for Regional Consultation on WSIS, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 5-7 January 2005	- It is difficult to focus on one or two ICT policy issues to develop as part of national advocacy plans when there is a broad ICT policy process underway as in the case with Kenya and Nigeria. - Conversely, it is easier to focus on one or two issues when there is no broad ICT Policy process underway, e.g. Ethiopia animator is focussing on FOSS and Mozambique	- The development of national advocacy plans for four countries is underway and the implementation phase is about to commence. - The Media Dialogue between Governments and the Media in Uganda was robust and engaged and helped both sides understand their roles better. - We think that including a few key	- CATIA supported by DFID - Media dialogue between government and media on ICTs in Uganda in partnership with Panos London. APC played only minor role in this and provided a small amount of financial support. - DGIS provides general support - Kampala animators meeting received logistical support from AITEC-Uganda. - The Kenya ICT Visioning Workshop was hosted by IDRC, the Kenyan Government, the African Regional Centre for Computing (ARCC), KEPSA/KIF, Ford Foundation, Communications Commission Kenya (CCK) and CATIA/APC.	- CATIA/APC National Consultation Meetings: Ethiopia – 18 January 2005 DRC – 25-26 January 2005 Senegal – 29 January 2005 - Francophone Africa Regional ICT Policy Workshop, Kinshasa 7-11 February 2005. - APC participation in the Africa WSIS Prepcom in Accra in February 2005, where APC will speak at the pre-conference meeting on

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		<p>animator on Gender and ICTs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within the WSIS global policy window, the regional level of inter-governmental organisation offers opportunities to put civil society perspectives on ICT policy on the agendas of national governments in South Asia which do not have a good track record of regional cooperation. 	<p>civil society actors in the dialogue would add value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Dhaka meeting produced a set of resolutions which the organisers plan to place on the agenda of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) meeting which will be held in Dhaka in February 2005. - The resolutions cover the WSIS issues on internet governance and financial mechanisms for ICTD as well as support for the opening of the airwaves to community radio in the region as a response to the Tsunami tragedy, the MDGs and PRSPs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Dhaka Meeting was hosted by the Bangladesh Friendship Education Society (BFES) and the Bangladesh Working Group on WSIS in collaboration with APC and One World South Asia. 	<p>Financing the Information Society on 31 January 2005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January Dhaka workshop with OWSA and BFES (covered to some extent in report) - South Asian CSO's supported by APC and OWSA will argue for the development of a regional e-strategy to implement the WSIS Plan of Action and a coordinated regional approach to be taken by countries of South Asia to the phase 2 of WSIS at the SAARC meeting in Dhaka in February 2005. - Support to Uganda advocacy plan from WOUNET and partners to focus on access for rural women.
	<p>WSIS TF on internet governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of TF and participation in meetings. - APC presented a proposal on internet governance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Useful to present a concrete proposal for an alternative IG process as it provoked creative discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil society's careful lobbying and preparation resulted in strong representation on the TF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New partnerships emerging from this and the financing task force e.g. with the Int. Chamber of Commerce. - Continuation of partnership with members of WSIS internet governance caucus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing participation in WGIG.
	<p>WSIS Task Force on Financial Mechanisms for ICTD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of TF and participation in meetings and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation at the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While APC's position on networks as a global public good 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms will also enable APC to contribute to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APC will advance the global public goods argument at WSIS

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	<p>processes of the TFFM, 4 October 2004 and 29 November 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APC produced 2 open letters in critical response to the process. 	<p>global level provides insights into ICT policy processes that can help inform debates at the regional and national level. It was possible to provide the Dhaka consultation meeting on WSIS with the latest information regarding the work of the Working Group on Internet Governance and the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms in a way that assisted the process of deliberation and helped bring clarity to the resolutions adopted at the meeting.</p>	<p>did not influence this process to the extent that we wanted to it is being picked up else where at a high level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Task Force on Financial Mechanisms report has provided information about the range and state of existing financial mechanisms for ICTD and a set of suggestions which will enable further debate on the issue of how best to finance ICTD in the context of the Monterrey Consensus, the MDGs and PRSPs. - This debate can most fruitfully be taken forward at the regional level and should impact on phase 2 of WSIS as well as regional initiatives like SAARC and NEPAD. 	<p>Africa WSIS Prepcom in Accra in February 2005, where APC will speak on the issue at the pre-conference meeting on Financing the Information Society on 31 January 2005.</p>	<p>Prepcom 2 in Geneva in February 2005 and articulate the need for a global ICT policy/finance mechanism to co-ordinate and mobilise financial resources for ICTD as a means of implementing the WSIS Plan of Action, the MDGS and PRSPs.</p>
	<p>Participation in learning and networking events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GKP ICT for Poverty Reduction Workshops (South Asia Regional Meeting on ICTs and Poverty Reduction and Up-scaling ICT for Poverty Reduction), both held in Chennai, India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There still seems to be a need for stronger economic analysis in this area that looks at ICD and poverty holistically (e.g. what is the impact of one ICD enabled micro enterprise on other micro- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusion of gender issues in workshop discussions/proceedings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GKP and SDC and Swaminathan Foundation. - APC would like to explore working with David Souter in this area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing an issues paper on ICD with a focus on the gender dimension of poverty reduction strategies. - Preparing a program for research on investigating gender and ICD issues in South Asia through participation in

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		enterprises in the same area?) - There is a lot of scope to deepen research on the gender dimension of ICD and ICT for poverty projects.			regional workshops. – Seminar for APC staff and board at next APC staff meeting on ICD and poverty.
	World Bank Study on ICT and Rural Development in Indonesia - The study aims to identify the policies, technologies, institutions and investments needed to improve the access of rural communities to information services in Indonesia.			- APC WNSP is working with the World Bank in conducting a gender study of rural development and ICT in Indonesia.	
	Gender and ICT Policy Advocacy - Participation in B+10 Review in Asia-Pacific and Europe - Participation in WSIS Phase 2 - CONGO Asia Pacific Meeting, October 2004 Gender and ICT Policy Portal - Establishing international content coordination team - Planning and design workshop GKP gender programme - Working with GKP to develop a gender programme for GKP Genardis small grants programme - APC-Africa-Women will coordinate this programme at the request of CTA, IDRC, HIVOS and IICD.	– Sustained engagement in various policy arenas is necessary to ensure that gender equality goals and women's empowerment concerns continue to be taken up by decision-makers.	– Inclusion of ICD issues in B+10 review - Development of portal that will feature content on gender and ICD	- Asia-Pacific Women's Watch, Isis-International Manila, AMARC-Women's International Network. - DFID, SDC and DGIS support - GKP - CTA, IICD, HIVOS, IDRC	- Participation in the UN Commission of Status Meeting for the review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action with a focus on gender advocacy in national ICT policy. - Launch of the gender and ICT policy portal at the UNCSW meeting. - GKP gender programme - GENARDIS small grants programme implementation (first phase)
② Stronger voice and debate have been enabled through ICD	WNSP onsite training and support etc. during visit to Cambodia - Visit by 2 WNSP members from Philippines to Cambodia to provide online FLOSS training and to support strategic planning for FLOSS roll out among women's organisations. Asia Source - On advisory committee of Asia Source to be				- Asia Source

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	held in India in February 2005 with specific goal to ensure inclusion of women.				
	ActionKit (free/open source campaigning toolkit for civil society organisations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning and capacity building workshop with developers and potential users: Cape Town, October 2004 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Users operate in wide range of contexts (geographic and other): tools need to be modular and flexible. - Developers and users need easy, ongoing access to information about development of related tools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building and networking which will impact on other projects. - Plan first stage of development of tool which will be used in wide range of contexts, including CATIA 1c. - Integrating women open source developers (programmers) into broader APC/partner OS developer community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bellanet involved in workshop. - CATIA advocacy needs used to frame planning of ActionKit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ActionKit first development phase.
	Secure Online Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training workshop for African journalists and NGO workers: Highway Africa conference, September 2004. - Training materials development: SOC and Martus secure online reporting tool. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SOC capacity development should be addressed at awareness raising, technical skills development, and organizational planning levels. - Need to explore range of delivery options – not just formal training workshops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of training curriculum and reusable training materials in MMTK format. - Foundation laid for network of SOC trainers and similar projects in other regions. - Using lead trainers/experts from southern countries (Philippines, South Africa and Zimbabwe) worked extremely well (previously we worked with trainers from the US, Canada or Europe). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advisory and training team involved Privaterra, Kubatana, Ungana-Afrika, Tactical Technology and FXI. - Initiative funded by Open Society Institute for Southern Africa - Materials will add value/content to ItrainOnline in which many BCO partners participate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South East Asia SOC train-the trainer project: curriculum development and workshop planning.
	ItrainOnline http://www.itrainonline.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing development and maintenance • Newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community of users should be more directly involved through a trainers' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portal and MMTK materials widely used and requested. - Growing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ItrainOnline partners and content partners: Bellanet, INASP, FAO, UNESCO, OneWorld, Panos West Africa, AMARC, IICD. This is not a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing portal work. - Community of trainers. - MMTK evaluation. - Expansion of

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MMTK (Multimedia Training Kit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of development of 20 UNESCO-funded units in French and English • SOC materials • Planning for evaluation 	<p>community of practice and outreach activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for holistic understanding of capacity development in this sector. - Need to develop the capacity of materials developers within the sector. 	<p>understanding of capacity development challenges in sector.</p>	<p>comprehensive list, but list of partners we currently work with.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - partnership Promotional video on the MMTK format.
	<p>IMARK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authoring of 6 lessons on building online communities. These lessons will also be added to ItrainOnline in MMTK format. 	<p>[As above]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Streamlined “single sourcing” approach to materials development for e-learning and face-to-face delivery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAO; indirectly other organizations involved in project: CTA, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD), Summit Collaborative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in emerging partnership.
	<p>Wireless Capacity Building (Africa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project planning phase 	<p>[Early in project]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partner base rapidly expanding (donors and implementers). - Can be replicated in other regions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IDRC, OSI, Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications (Senegal), Tactical Technologies, wire.less.dk, Champaign-Urbana Community Wireless Network, CSIR (South Africa), Centro de Informática da Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (CIUEM) (Mozambique) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East African workshop (March) - Materials development and translation (materials to be made available on ItrainOnline in MMTK format. - Development of ItrainOnline Wireless section. - Planning for extending project to other regions and audiences. (Latin America a priority); options for workshop in Middle East, at WSIS, and for women also being explored.
	<p>Women's Free and Open Source Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women'sNet-APC Africa Women workshop for women's organisations from southern Africa (with inclusion of 1 east African and 1 west African). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - African women feel alienated by most current FLOSS processes such as 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnership between technology planning/training experts such as Ungana Africa and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ungana Afrika were an excellent training partner and said that they learnt a lot for working with APC which will strengthen their training work. 	

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		FOSSFA, IDLESO etc. - To ensure inclusion of women in these forums will require focused support and training for women programmers.	APC worked well. We benefited from their skills and they benefit from understanding more about what motivates women's organisations and NGO networks.		
③ Learning and accountability in ICD have been demonstrated	APC News / APC Noticias http://www.apc.org/english/news/apcnews/index.shtml - One edition per month in English and Spanish (common but not identical content) - Special edition on RSS in October - APC Annual report	- Using content sharing tools such as RSS that work across different content management systems make it much easier for people to do content sharing.			
	Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean policy advocacy strengthening and awareness raising - Websites and newsletters on ICT Policy (English and Spanish in LAC) - http://africa.rights.apc.org/ - http://lac.derechos.apc.org/ Training and awareness raising and strategy workshops - National ICT Policy Training Workshop, Quito, Ecuador, 24-27 November 2004, with IICD - ICT Policy Strategy Workshop, Rosario, Argentina, 6-7 December 2004 (regional, for LAC) - National Training Workshop on ICT Policy for Civil Society Organisations in Argentina, Rosario, 8-9 December 2004 - Development and translation of training materials in Spanish for Quito and Rosario Workshops - Media Analysis of six countries completed by our CATIA partner Highway Africa in October 2004 - Development and translation of training materials in French for Kinshasa Workshop	- The WSIS process offers an opportunity for APC to engage with ICT policy issues at a regional level in Africa, LAC and South Asia. The working groups set up as a result of the LAC ICT Policy Strategy Workshop need to be resourced and coordinated and opportunities to engage with LAC governments at a national and regional level taken further particularly with regard to providing information and	- APC facilitated the development of a regional strategy and plan of action for ICT policy in LAC which included the formation of 3 working groups to take the process further in 2005. - More and new people involved in ICT policy, aware of issues, writing stories about ICT issues etc. - New member application from key LAC organisation, ESLARED, organiser of WALC, the most important Latin American annual ICT training	- The LAC and African ICT Policy Monitors are supported by IDRC and Hivos. - Collaboration with various LAC civil society organisations to produce a regional ICT strategy, including ESLARED, AMARC-ALC, ITDG-LAC, ALER, CRIS, WACC, OCLACC, S@T, CRIS COLOMBIA AND CRIS BRAZIL, II Justicia, Fundacion Acceso. IDRC and Hivos also participated. - The Quito Training workshops were conducted on behalf of IICD. - The media analysis undertaken with the support of DFID.	- Revamped French Africa policy monitor site. - Partnerships in LAC to implement regional strategy.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analysis of the Internet Governance and Financial Mechanisms issues. – Quito workshop was carefully evaluated by IICD and APC and there are various lessons that can be shared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> event. – Excellent media coverage in Argentina for Rosario events. – Request from mayor of Rosario for meeting with APC member there, Tau which engaged local gov. interest in OS and community access. Rosario is second largest city in Argentina. 		
	<p>Gender Evaluation Methodology http://www.apcwomen.org/gem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – GEM application to ICD initiatives through evaluations of ICD projects in Bangladesh, Samoa, Fiji, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Bosnia Herzegovina, Kazakhstan and Kenya. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Evaluation still in process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The integration of gender issues and considerations in these initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Partnership with GKP and implementation with APC members in South Africa and Philippines (Women'sNet and Women'sHub) Projects being evaluated (identified by GKP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Building capacity in women's health: Harnessing ICT for healthcare provider training in developing countries, Malaysia – Online and e-advocacy for Pacific women: ICT capacity building project, Fiji – Radio Listening Groups on Violence Against Women, Kenya – Digital Youth Radio Project, Papua New Guinea – Youth Stay in BiH, Bosnia Herzegovina – Introduction of new technologies in Podrugi Crisis Centre's activity, Kazakhstan – ICT for Poverty Reduction Projects – Pallitathya Help Line (Rural Information Help Line), Bangladesh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Documentation of lessons learned in integrating gender in various ICD initiatives.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using ICT to Preserve our Skill in Handicraft Making for future generations, Samoa 	
	<p>Writing of E-primer on Gender and ICT APC WNSP developed this for Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme, UNDP (APDIP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnerships work best when full acknowledgment is given to the expertise a partner brings to the table, and prominent space given for rights-based advocacies that are strongly rooted in a non-profit agenda. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNDP/APDIP 	
	<p>Report for UNDP/UNIFEM "Mainstreaming Gender at the e-Governance Academy in Estonia: Options to Integrate Gender Considerations in Capacity-Building Programs".</p> <p>APC WNSP conducted gender assessment and prepared recommendations to integrate gender in the e-governance academy in Estonia for UNIFEM and UNDP in Central and Eastern Europe/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When entering a gender-blind and gender-hostile environment, it is important to present convincing political and economic arguments that demonstrate the value of integrating gender considerations within the institution's work. - A written report must also be followed by a presentation or a learning seminar for the recipients of the report to ensure that the lessons and recommendations are fully understood and accepted. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNDP and UNIFEM (Bratislava) 	

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	<p>GRACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two-year research initiative involving 12 countries and 15 researchers in Africa exploring impact of ICT use on women's empowerment (IDRC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complex partnership project negotiation process. APC could share lessons about how to negotiate partnership projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research results will contribute to insight on impact of ICTs on women's lives. - Some of the research projects look specifically of use of ICTs in women's livelihoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IDRC, several existing APC Africa Women members and some new partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research design and methodology workshop and design of online workspaces.
	<p>Harambee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project to build knowledge and capacity in facilitating and using collaborative processes in addressing ICD challenges in Africa. - Will prioritise strengthening existing collaborative processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good project planning/design process. - At the same time using Outcome mapping as a planning methodology resulted in a 'vision heavy' initial project plan. - APC and Bellanet worked together well and it has been interesting to compare this project development process with the much more fraught and complex GRACE development process. - Key lesson is that even if there are existing ideas and agreements on the table it is necessary to 'start from the beginning' when developing a project that will be implemented in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning and skills on collaborative process from BCO and from Harambee and be mutually reinforcing. - APC suggests that the BCO coordinator works closely with Harambee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bellanet, UNECA, WOUGNET, AITEC-Uganda and APC are lead implementers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begin implementation.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> partnership between institutions. – Many agencies, including donors, do not distinguish clearly between 'outsourcing' and 'partnership'. 			
	<p>APC/GKP Gender and ICT Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Developing 2005 Gender and ICT Awards focus on Women's Economic Empowerment and ICD <p>APC Africa Hafkin Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Award for community connectivity projects. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Learning and documentation of experience on ICD and women's economic empowerment through awards programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SDC, DFID, GKP and potentially the European Union – AWID (Association for Women's Rights and Development) will provide forum for presentation of award (gathering of 7000 women in Thailand in late 2005) – Hafkin award supported partially by IDRC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implement awards
	<p>Orienting editors to ICT issues: Highway Africa, Grahamstown, 15-18 September 2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Training session on ICT policy for the Belgian Technical Cooperation (BTC) Advanced Course in ICT Reporting and the Nordic SADC Journalism Course: Basic Course in ICT Reporting. Participants were editors and senior journalists from across Africa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – While it was important to do a number of training sessions at Highway Africa, more attention needs to be given to networking with African journalists in a more structured way so that APC can continue to have a relationship with them after the conference. We should explore doing this with BCO partner Panos. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Partnership with Highway Africa, BTC and the Nordic SADC Journalism initiative to provide training sessions on ICT Policy. 	
	<p>Evaluation of APC communications and information policy programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Independent evaluation of policy advocacy work from 2001-4 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Identify evaluators and start evaluation

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	<p>Linked national ICT policy portals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand and improve national locally driven portals started with CIDA support with new grant from EED and core support from DGIS. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EED - 15 APC members from around the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify 3 new country partners - Raise further funding as demand from partners exceed funding we have available - Revamp existing sites