

Programme

ICT in developing countries

ICT in developing countries is becoming an increasingly hot topic. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has appealed to the international community to do everything possible to bridge the growing digital divide. The World Bank aims to convene the public, private and NGO sectors in a "Global Development Gateway". The ILO (International Labour Organization) has warned developing countries that they need to keep up with the e-business race. DGIS, the Dutch Directorate-General of International Co-operation, is presently drafting an ICT policy.

Symposium objective

This symposium offers a platform for Dutch development organizations and other concerned organizations to reflect about effective ICT applications in development co-operation and the conditions required. The questions to be dealt with include: What does ICT have to offer for poverty alleviation, society building and sustainable development in developing countries? Which ICT applications have made development work more successful, and what pitfalls have to be avoided? Should development co-operation switch to *e-development* and, if so, under what conditions?

Hivos and ICT

Last year Hivos conveyed its ICT policy through its policy and action programme "Access for All: Equal Opportunities in Cyberspace". In April 2000 Hivos presented this programme at the Media Plaza in Utrecht. Hivos will contribute to the discussion by sharing the first experiences, results and lessons learned from its ICT policy at *From development co-operation to e-development*.

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Arrival and welcome
Opening address – Jaap Dijkstra, director of Hivos
Keynote address: ICTs in Development Co-operation
 Louk de la Rive Box (University of Maastricht)
Hivos policy – Maartje Op de Coul, ICT programme officer
Coffee break
Digital contribution – Roger van Boxtel (Minister for Urban Policy and Integration of Ethnic Minorities, D66)
Experiences in developing countries
 Internet journalist Peter van Lier talks with Subbiah Arunachalam (MSSRF, India), Raquel Isaula (RDS, Honduras), Branislava Milosevic (OneWorld Southeast Europe) and Christine Nantongo (UDN, Uganda)
Lunch
3 workshops
 OneWorld: Digital Content, Networking and Lobbying
 IICD: Capacitybuilding in ICTs for Development
 Hivos: Development NGOs and effective ICT use
Digital refreshment – Etoy
Interactive discussion – Based on statements of the day.
 Comments by Oussama Cherribi (member of parliament VVD), Farah Karimi (member of parliament Groen Links), Loe Schout (Hivos).
 Moderated by NRC journalist Michiel Hegener
Closing remarks
Reception

Date: Tuesday 12 June, 9.30 – 17.30 uur
 Adress: Naturalis, Darwinweg, Leiden



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Yes, I would like to attend the symposium on Tuesday, 12 June 2001 from 9.30 to 17.30 at Naturalis, Leiden

Symposium on ICT policy and practice in developing countries

From development co-operation to e-development

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