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10,00-10,15 am
Opening Session
Roland Rich, Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Office for Partnerships
Stefano Cacciaguerra, First Counsellor Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations

Reading of the Addresses by:
Renato Schifani, President of the Senate, Italy
Gianfranco Fini, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Italy

10.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Who drives the digital revolution? Considerations and proposals
The Conference will open with a panel of keynote speaker at the highest level that will present the current state of the digital revolution, the driving role of the United Nations system and the possibilities open to development processes in the southern hemisphere, followed by the presentation of the draft global platform for the development of digital services.

Chairman: Pierpaolo Saporito, President of OCCAM and founder of the Infopoverty World Conference

Modibo Ibrahim Touré, Minister of Posts and New Technologies, Mali
Jerome C. Glenn, Executive Director, The Millennium Project
Gebremichael Debretsion, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Ethiopia
Jaime Guerrero Ruiz, Minister of Telecommunication and Information Society, Ecuador
Melanie Fekete, Intel World Ahead Program
Hannia Vega Barrantes, Viceminister of Telecommunications, Costa Rica
Jean-François Bureau, Director of Institutional & International Affairs, Eutelsat
Brahima Sanou, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau

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11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Promoting Health for All through New Technologies
How to ensure maternal and neonatal health as well as prevention and treatment will be the focus of this session, which provides direct satellite videoconference connection with 3 villages in continents (Africa, Asia and Latin America) to report the most advanced experiments on how ICTs can provide health services for all.

Sub-Session1 : WINFOCUS-OCCAM projects in Lesotho, Brazil and India.
Chairman: Luca Neri, AREU EMS-NIGUARDA Hospital; Global Education Director, Winfocus

António Jorge de Souza Marques, Regional Minister of Health, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Sub-Session 2: Innovative e-health resources and sustainable access to safe water and water systems
Chairman: John Steffens, Executive Director, Infopoverty Institute

Richard C. Greenly, President, Water4 Foundation
Lila Hanitra Ratsifandrihamanana, Director of FAO Office in New York
David A. Sabatini, Executive Director, Water Technologies for Emerging Regions
Hill Kemp, Chairman & CEO, Suns River
Ian Pett, Chief Health Systems and Strategic Planning Programs, UNICEF
Roberto Pugno, President, European Medical Services EMS
Giorgia Sambunaris, Senior Advisor to Director, Office of Economic Growth, USAID

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2.15 - 3.15 p.m.

Fostering Strategic Innovation for Food Security

Fighting poverty and hunger is the first and foremost among the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals. In recent years innovations have emerged that can bring a crucial contribution in this area, which will be illustrated by the protagonists, including specialized international organizations, universities, research centers, international foundations working in the field of rural development, and taking into account the next EXPO 2015, hosted in Milan and entirely devoted to these issues. It will also address the issue of climate change, which have a devastating effect on crops in large parts of the world, and how new technologies can mitigate and address its causes.

Chairman: **Scott McCallum**, President & CEO, The Aidmatrix Foundation
Bersenji Abukar Ahmed, Ambassador at large, Transitional Federal Government of Somalia
Hanif Rahemtulla, the World Bank Institute's Innovation Team
Caroline Figuères, Managing Director, International Institute for Communication and Development
Heike Bach, Managing Director, Vista
Michael Landau, MAP International

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3.30 - 5.30 p.m..

Partnerships and Innovative Tools for Education

With increasing availability of online educational content enormous expertise can now be transferred from developed to emerging countries, not only in purely educational terms, but also intended to create jobs and skills. This process is combined with the ongoing as necessary tool to foster an ever greater inclusion of girls in schools.

Chairman: **Roland Rich**, Officer-in-Charge of UNOP

Frederick Norkeh, Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, Liberia
Maria Amata Garito, Dean, UNINETTUNO
Ronald Bruder, Founder and CEO, Education for Employment Foundation
Frank Gallagher, Executive Director, Cable in the Classroom

Sub-Session: Collaborative development of ICT Education Centers of Excellence
Moderator: John Steffens, Executive Director, Infopoverty Institute
David Neely, President, Affecting Change International
Timothy Anderson, President, World Computer Exchange
Sofia Perrazzo, Cisneros Foundation
Arthur Cole, Infopoverty Institute
Jasmina Bojic, Founder and Executive Director, UNAFF Traveling Film Festival

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10:00 a.m. European Session in collaboration with the European Parliament Information Office and the European Commission Office in Milan

The challenges of Europe and the international community towards sustainable growth and democratic participation through innovation.

Europe 2020 sets out a framework for European social market for the next decade, based on three priority areas that are closely linked and mutually reinforcing: smart growth, developing economy based on knowledge and innovation, sustainable growth, promoting an economy to low carbon, resource efficient and competitive, and inclusive growth, fostering a high employment rate, which promotes social and territorial cohesion. This strategy has also positive effects to the developing countries, thanks to the neighbourhood policy, and integration with Asia, Africa and Latin America, which will be presented during the work session with representatives from both the European Parliament and European Commission, as well as of those organizations that have benefited from European funding under the calls for development and the research for innovative products and services.

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Chairman: **Serge Telle,** Ambassador in charge of the Union for the Mediterranean on behalf of the President of the Republic of France

Stephen Davenport, Development Gateway
Amjad Umar, Director and Professor of eBusiness and eGovernment, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
Roberto Rossi, Spokesman, Infopoverty Programme
Jean Francois Soupizet, Advisor, Close the gap
(* connected from Brussels)

European Parlament Information Office in Milan

Moderator: **Bruno Marasà,** European Parliament Information Office in Milan

Speakers:
Fiorello Provera, Member of the European Parliament
Patrizia Toia, Member of the European Parliament
Louis Michel and **Musikari Kombo,** Co Chairs of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly
Domenico Rosa, Head of Unit, Inter-institutional relations, DG DEVCO, European Commission
Leonardo Chiariglione, Founder of MPEG
Stefania Pigozzi, Head, Center of Studies, UCIMU
Gian Francesco Tiramani, EMS European Medical Services
Claudia Sorlini, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Milan
Giampaolo Landi di Chiavenna, Chairman, Alleanza per lo Sviluppo e la Cooperazione

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12.30 a.m.
General discussion and approval of the Final Declaration

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