Consultative meeting organized by UNESCO and G3ict

Mainstreaming ICTs for Persons with Disabilities
To access Information and Knowledge

22-23 February 2010
1, rue Miollis 75015 Paris, France
Room XIV

A G E N D A

22 February 2010 (Monday)		
09.00 – 09.45	**Introduction by UNESCO and G3ict**	
	Access to Information and knowledge for Persons with Disabilities through ICTs	Mr Abdul Waheed Khan Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO
	UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: key mandates and next steps towards implementation by State Parties	H.E. Luis Gallegos Ambassador of Ecuador to the USA, former chair of the Preparatory Committee of the CRPD and Chairman of G3ict
	ICT Accessibility and assistive technologies provisions of the Convention, importance of mainstreaming ICT accessibility	Mr Axel Leblois Executive Director, G3ict - Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communications Technologies An Advocacy Initiative of the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development
	Objectives of the consultative meeting	
09.45 - 10.30	**Developing Inclusive Policies for Persons with Disabilities to Access Information and Knowledge** Moderator: Mr Paul Timmers, Head of Unit ICT for Inclusion, European Commission, Directorate-General Information Society & Media	
	• Areas of government and policy tools involved • Guidelines for the development of inclusive policy • Role of multiple stakeholders • Resources required to succeed	
	Discussion	
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break	

10.45 – 11.30	**Developing an Enabling Environment for Persons with Disabilities to access Information and Knowledge through ICTs** Moderator: Ms Andrea J Saks, International Telecommunications Specialist for the Deaf Convener ITU JCA-AHF (Joint Coordinating Activity on Accessiblity and Human Factors) Coordinator IGF DCAD (Dynamic Coalition on Accessiblity and Disability)
	• Disability demographic perspective • ICT demographic perspective • Enabling environment (including leveraging education systems, development of curricula, training of teachers and learners, flexible learning, legislation, resources, standards, training of key professionals such as IT engineers, media) • ICT training of disabled persons – schools, colleges, universities, rehabilitation services, vocational and professional training • Measuring impacts
	Discussion
11.30 – 12.30	**Challenges and Opportunities of Information and Communication Technologies** Moderator: Mr Lei Wei, WIPO Chief Information Officer, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
	Most promising areas of enhanced accessibility and assistive technology
	Mainstream applications available today
	Potential impact by application sector
	Barriers to adoption: • Limited accessibility standards • Risks and opportunities of likely further ICT innovations • Web evolution • IP issues • Languages • Training and capacity building • Economics
	Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.15 – 14.45	**Summary of morning findings**
14.45 - 17.00	**Work group brainstorming break-outs**: - Each workgroup to be prepared by chair person and covered by reporter - Preferably prepared ahead of time via email and conference calls with papers and references
	Identifying areas of ICTs with greatest potential and how to support them from a policy standpoint Moderator: Mr Dipendra Manocha, Director, Regional Resource Centre (India) Rapporteur: Mr Bernhard Heinser, Chief Financial and Development Officer, DAISY Consortium, c/o Swiss Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Switzerland)

	How to best engage Member States in implementing inclusive policies and programs promoting greater access to knowledge and information for Persons with Disabilities Moderator: Mr Martin Gould, Consulting Disability, Policy Advisor (USA) Rapporteur: Mr Alexandre Gorelik, Director, United Nations Information Centre (Russia)
	Mainstreaming access to information and knowledge through ICTs for Persons with Disabilities within existing UNESCO programmes and activities internally and with Member States Moderator: Mr Abdul Waheed Khan, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO Rapporteur: Mr Claudio Giugliemma, President, Dominic Foundation (Switzerland)
15.45– 16.00	Coffee break
17.00 – 18.00	**Work group reports:** **-** 15' per work group - Presentation and discussion of next day agenda
23 February 2010 (Tuesday)	
9.00 – 9.45	**Summary of previous day**
	- Key learning points - Group discussion (rapporteurs provide reports) - Establishing priorities: survey among participants ranking strategic objectives, programmatic opportunities in support of Member States and areas of cooperation with civil society and industry
09.45 – 130	**Work groups brainstorming break-outs on strategic planning** 3 work groups with specific assignments:

	Group 1: **Making UNESCO ICT Accessible**	Moderator: Mr James Thurston, Senior Strategist – Global Policy and Standards, Microsoft Trustworthy Computing Group, Microsoft Corporation (USA) Rapporteur: Mr Dipendra Manocha, Director, Regional Resource Centre (India)
	Group 2: **Supporting Member States in making Education ICT accessible**	Moderator: Ms Licia Sbattella, G3ict Steering Committee Member, Politecnico di Milano, Dean's Delegate for Disability, Professor of "ICT for Disability" and "Natural Language Processing", Scientific Director of Esagramma. Music and new technologies for cognitive and mental disabilities (Italy) Rapporteur: Mariana Patru, Education Sector, Division of Higher Education, Section for Teacher Education, UNESCO
	Group 3: **Mobilizing resources and international cooperation**	Moderator: Ms Jutta Treviranus, Director, Adaptive Technology Research Centre and the Inclusive Design Institute (Canada) Rapporteur: Ms Susan Schorr, Head, a.i. Special Initiatives Division, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

	Group 4: **Information and knowledge** **access ecosystem** **(web, tv, broadcasting,** **publishing, language, accessibility** **tools)**	Moderator: Mr Shadi Abou-Zahra, Activity leader, Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) (France) Rapporteur: Mr Nicola Palmarini, Manager IBM Corporation, EMEA Human Centric Solutions Center (Italy)
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break	
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.00	**Wrap up**	
	• Summaries of work groups (rapporteurs provide reports) • Conclusions and next steps	