Workshop 85. 'Free flow of information and social networks: A role for democracy and social participation'
9:00 – 10:30 am, 27 September 2011

Room 13

In the light of recent social movements in North Africa, this workshop aims to examine the important role of social networks in promoting democracy and social participation, and explore how to strengthen this role by fostering free flow of information on Internet. The workshop will trigger debates on complex policies and regulatory issues of the Internet, and deliberate on how best to protect freedom of expression and free flow of information without compromising other human rights.

Speakers:
- Mr Frank La Rue, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression
- Mr Amr Gharbeia, Technology and Freedoms Programme Officer, Egyptian
  Initiative for Personal Rights
- Ms Grace Githaiga, Associate, Kenya ICT Action Network (Kictanet), Kenya
- Prof Ang Peng Hwa, Chairman of the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC), Singapore
- Amb David A. Gross, Partner at Wiley Rein and the Chair of USCIB's ICT Committee, the U.S
- Ms Alessandra Pierucci, Directorate General of Human rights and Legal Affairs, the Council of Europe
- Moderator: Mr Jānis Kārkliņš, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Workshop 96. 'Economic Aspects of Local Content Creation and Local Internet Infrastructure'
11:00 am – 12:30 pm, 27 September 2011

Room 14

UNESCO, OECD and ISOC are organizing a workshop on economic aspects of local content creation and local infrastructure. The main objective of the workshop is to present the outcomes of the collaborative efforts to analyze whether the encouragement of local content creation and development of local Internet infrastructure have an impact on the price of access to Internet by local users. The study aims to demonstrate economic benefits from creating local content and making it available online and local Internet infrastructure (local Internet content), identify good policy practices around the world to achieve these goals as well as benefits of local Internet infrastructure.

Speakers:
- Mr Taylor Reynolds, Senior Economist, Information Economy, The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Mr Dawit Bekele, Regional Bureau Manager for Africa, ISOC
- Mr Vinton Cerf, Chief Internet Evangelist, Google Inc.
- Ms Alice Munyua, Chair, Kenya Internet Governance Steering Committee, Ministry of Information and communications
- Dr Tarek Kamel, "pioneer" of the Internet in Egypt, Board member of the National Telecom Regulatory Authority and former ICT Minister of Egypt
- Moderator: Mr Jānis Kārkliņš, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Workshop 193 'Addressing Some Unintended Consequences of Participation in the Digital Environment'
9:00 – 10:30 am, 30 September 2011

Economic Commission for Africa

Room 13

UNESCO and UNECA has convened a panel of practitioners, researchers and policy-makers working on ICT for Development issues in Africa to explore some of the unintended consequences of efforts to increase Africa's participation in the digital world. The session will draw on examples from within the African context and identify lessons from current work that could inform current and future practice. The session will explore undesired side effects such as diversion of resources, concerns around the safety of on-line transactions and data, e-waste as well as threats to the survival of African languages. By sharing and disseminating experiences of successes in combating these effects as well as through raising awareness of relevant resources and strategies, the session aims to support national responses to mitigating these emerging challenges and to enhancing the positive impact of ICT in Africa.

Speakers:
- Ms Gladys Muhunyo, Director, Computer Aid International
- Ms Titi Akinsanmi, Researcher, LINK Centre, University of Witwatersrand
- Mr Maurice Tadieu, Association Nationale des Comités de Langues Camerounaises (ANACLAC)
- Ms Eskedar Nega, Programme Officer - ICT Policy Development, UNECA
- Moderator: Mr Paul Hector, Knowledge Society Division, UNESCO

UNESCO Open Forum
14:30 -16:00 pm, 30 September 2011

Room 6

This event will be the occasion to present to the wider public the UNESCO Reflection and Analysis on the Internet prepared for the consideration of the Organization's 193 member states, at the next General Conference in November 2011. This will be also the occasion to illustrate the array of activities for the creation of inclusive knowledge societies and the use of the Internet as a key instrument in the fulfillment of UNESCO's mission. The session will include live streaming participation from UNESCO specialists at the headquarters and a Q&A.

Speakers:

- Mr Indrajit Banerjee, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, UNESCO
- Ms Emily Taylor, Consultancy Limited
- Mr Jānis Kārkliņš, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO (by video link)
- Ms Joie Springer, Senior Programme Specialist, Memory of the World Programme, Knowledge Societies Division, UNESCO (by video link)

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