

THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION (IPDC)

The International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), which was created in 1980, is the only intergovernmental programme in the UN system mandated to mobilize international support in order to contribute to sustainable development, democracy and good governance by strengthening the capacities of developing countries and countries in transition in the field of electronic and print media. Since its creation, IPDC has channelled more than US\$ 100 million to over 1500 media development projects in some 140 countries.

Its unique role has been continuously reaffirmed through resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, including the most recent one *Resolution A/RES/66/81*, “*Information in the service of humanity*”, adopted on 9 December 2011 at the 66th session of the General Assembly, which urges all countries, organizations of the United Nations system and all other stakeholders concerned “to provide full support for the International Programme for the Development of Communication of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which should support both public and private media.”

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IPDC

During the period between 2010 and 2012, a total of US\$ 4,277,467 was received from 13 donor countries which was used for the financing of the 178 projects approved in 2011-2012.

		55 th Bureau, (22-24 March 2011)	56 th Bureau, (22-24 February 2012)	Total
1.	Andorra	52,344	42,368	94,712
2.	Belgium	142,653 (FIT)	-	142,653 (FIT)
3.	Denmark	275,000	275,000	550,000
4.	France	27,127	38,000	65,127
5.	Finland	267,738	266,666	534,404
6.	India	530,000	-	530,000
7.	Israel	15,052	-	15,052
8.	Netherlands	-	66,666	66,666
9.	Norway	166,945	174,709 276,420 (FIT)	341,654 276,420 (FIT)
10.	Spain	443,787	130,000	573,787
11.	Sweden	36,737	103,656	140,393
12.	Switzerland	482,456	-	482,456
13.	USA	200,000	264,143	464,143
	TOTAL	2,639,839	1,637,628	4,277,467

178 PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FINANCING

Among the 223 projects proposals considered, the IPDC Bureau approved **178 projects (31 regional, 1 interregional and 146 national projects from 86 countries)** for a total amount of US\$ 4,485,960. The projects approved by the IPDC Bureau in 2011 and 2012 can be broken down as follows:

REGIONS	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	TOTAL FUNDS (IN US\$)	% BY REGION
AFRICA	72	1,655,080	37
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	43	1,056,385	23,5
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	36	800,195	17,8
ARAB REGION	24	892,150	19,9
EUROPE	2	49,150	1
INTERREGIONAL	1	33,000	0,8
GRAND TOTAL	178	4,485,960	100%