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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION (IPDC)

25th Session

Fontenoy Building (Room X)

21 to 23 March 2006

TIMETABLE AND WORKING SCHEDULE

Plenary meetings

Tuesday, 21 March 2006

10 a.m.

- 1. Opening of the session by the outgoing Chairperson of the IPDC Council.
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda and organization of the work of the session.
- 3. Report by the outgoing Chairperson on the activities of the Bureau since the 24th session.
- 4. Election of the Chairperson.
- 5. Election of the Bureau.
- 6. Report by the Director-General or his Representative on the activities of IPDC since the 24th session.

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

7. Presentation of the evaluation report on the results of the IPDC reforms by Prof. Helge Rønning from the University of Oslo and discussion on the evaluation's findings.

5.15 p.m.

8. Award ceremony of the IPDC-UNESCO Prize for Rural Communication.

Wednesday, 22 March 2006

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

9. Thematic debate: Giving Voice to Local Communities: from Community Radio to Blogs.

- Community Radio and Community Voice; case for appropriate policies
- Community media and technologies in a communicative ecology
- Community Voice, multilingualism and blogs
- Freedom of Information and legislative provisions.

3. p.m. – 5 p.m. Thematic Debate Continued

Thursday 23 March 2006

10 a.m.

10. Follow up to the World Summit on Information Society: Action 9: Media.

3 p.m.

- 11. Discussion on IPDC projects, their preparation, approval, financing, implementation and monitoring in the light of the implementation and evaluation reports.
- 12. Dates and place of the 51st meeting of the Bureau (in 2007) and the 26th session of the Council (in 2008).
- 13. Any other business.
- 14. Closure of the session.