



***Our Common Humanity in the Information Age
Principles and Values for Development
United Nations, New York
29 November 2006***

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the Special Event on ***Our Common Humanity in the Information Age: Principles and Values for Development***, which will be held in the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 29 November 2006.

The event is organized by the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development (GAID), in partnership with the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), United Nations Department of Public Information (UN-DPI), United Nations Global Compact, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP), United Nations Millennium Project, World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA), Pace University, The World Bank, Alliance of Civilizations, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Friends of the United Nations, International Institute for Culture of Peace, International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), United Nations Non-Governmental-Organizations Informal Regional Network (UN- NGO-IRENE) and the World Peace Prayer Society.

Registration

Registration hours are as follows:

8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Participants are kindly requested to go to the Visitors' Entrance of the United Nations Headquarters, located at 46th Street and First Avenue. Please proceed to the "tent" for security check. You will be asked to present a picture ID and go through a metal detector. Please allow yourself enough time to go through this process. We apologize for this inconvenience and hope for your understanding.

Security badges

Badges will be issued during the aforesaid hours only at the ***Registration Desk*** in the Visitors' Lobby of the General Assembly Building, upon presentation of a valid picture ID. Participants are required to wear their badges at all times while in the United Nations' premises. ***(Please note that the GAID Secretariat will only issue badges to those who have confirmed participation by sending in their registration form prior to the meeting.)*** Any questions

concerning grounds passes can be addressed to Mr. Robert de Jesus by phone - +(1-927) 367-2432; by facsimile +(1-917) 367-4340; or by e-mail dejesus3@un.org.

Location of meeting

The Plenary meeting will be in ***Conference Room 4***, located on the First Basement of the Secretariat Building. Staff will be available to direct you to the meeting rooms. A more detailed Programme/Agenda will be issued shortly.

Webcast

Discussions in the Plenary will be recorded for subsequent posting on the United Nations website (<http://www.un.org/webcast/>).

Documentation

Copies of the programme and relevant documentation will be available during the Conference. If you have documentation that you wish to be distributed to other participants, please send an electronic version, preferably a Word file, to the GAID secretariat (kapto@un.org). All documents will be posted in the GAID website at <http://www.un-gaid.org/commonhumanity/>. (Please note that there will be no facilities in the meeting rooms for typing or photocopying of documents.)

Blog

A blog website has been set up for the event. Please visit <http://och-forum.blogspot.com/>. The blog features background information and guide questions for the purpose of stimulating debate and discussion on the theme of the meeting. We encourage you to voice your ideas and participate in the blog discussion.

Media accreditation

Journalists without United Nations credentials, who wish to attend, should fax a letter of assignment, signed by the Bureau Chief/Editor, to the United Nations Media Accreditation, telephone +(1-212) 963-4642, and follow up with a call to the United Nations Media Accreditation Unit at +(1-212) 963-6934 or +(1-212) 963-7164.

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Contact information

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Additional information

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