



TORINODIGITALWORLD



Financing cooperation
to bridge the **digital divide**

INTERNATIONAL MEETING
Turin 19-20 September 2005

Turin Palace Hotel
Via Sacchi, 8 Torino

The symbolic connections, distanced and paced by digital technology, ceaselessly continue to increase in importance. Also, and of no lesser importance, solid relations and connections within a territory remain decisive factors when considering the development of a community.

This explains the play on words between TODIGITALWORLD and TORinoDIGITALWORLD: we are moving towards a digital world but our roots are lodged in a good solid location.

Globalization therefore determines new location processes.

The “digital world” offers development opportunities but is also marred by discrimination and divarication, more commonly known as the digital divide.

Local authorities have a fundamental role in reducing the digital divide: their actions are decisive in promoting transnational partnership agreements and in finely tuning projects involving decentralized cooperation.

The contribution made by Turin is of particular prominence, thanks to the initiatives, stimulus and coordination promoted by the Cooperation Agency for Local Authorities.

The idea of “Financing cooperation to bridge the digital divide”, an international meeting aimed at identifying various ways of supporting the International Fund for Digital Solidarity and promoting contact with the society as a whole, stems from this context.

The meeting is part of a worldwide framework of initiatives.

The recommendations derived from the Turin Conference will not only serve to follow on the work begun in Lyon and Geneva, but will also constitute an important contribution towards the Information Society World Summit conferences, scheduled for November 2005 in Bilbao (9-11) and Tunis (16-18). Local Authorities - UCLG - are at the centre of the whole process and the creation of the Digital Solidarity Fund is to be considered as a primary major achievement.

Monday 19 September

08.30 Registration

09.00 **Welcome by Local Authorities**

Mercedes Bresso - President Piedmont Region
Antonio Saitta - President Turin Province
Tom Dalessandri - Councillor Turin City Town
Lucio Stanca - Minister for Innovation and Technologies

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09.45 **The Digital Divide and the Goals of the Millennium Declaration**

Tools, resources and players to achieve a strategic plan towards the reduction of the digital divide.

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Chair: François Tremeaud - Executive Director ILO, Switzerland

Keynote Andrea Bairatti - Councillor Research and Innovation, Piedmont Region

Speakers: Carmelo Basso - Ministry of Communication, Italy
Giovanni Camilleri - UNDP (United Nations Development Program), Switzerland
Christian Ferrazino - President Information Society Commission of CGLU, Switzerland
Abbés Mohsen - Major of Tunis
Umberto Paolucci - President Microsoft Italia
Danilo Piaggese - Chief Executive ICT sector, IADB, USA
Luca Robotti - Deputy Piedmont Region
Pierpaolo Saporito - President OCCAM, UNESCO
Ranko Vujacic - Director Emerging Technologies UNIDO, Austria
Rodolfo Zich - President Torino Wireless Foundation, Italy

11.45 Coffee Break

12.00 **The Digital Solidarity Fund**

Fund's programme to bridge the digital divide: vision, goals and actions.

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Keynote Alain Clerc - Secretary Digital Solidarity Fund

Speakers: Pier Alain Muet - Vice Major of City Lyon, France
Josu Ocariz - Secretary Bilbao Summit on the Information Society, Spain
Renzo Rovaris - Director CSI-Piemonte, Italy
Olivier Segond - President Digital Solidarity Fund

13.00 Lunch - Buffet

14.30 **The Gender Digital Divide**

Gender and creation of self-confidence linked to the reduction of the digital divide.

Guarini Hall

Chair: Maria Grazia Cavenaghi-Smith - European Parliament, Milan, Italy

Panelists: Maria Paola Azzario Chiesa - President UNESCO Turin Centre, Italy
Monica Cerutti - President Gender Equality Commission, Turin City Town
Effat El Shooky - President RITSEC, Egypt
Elisabetta Guidi - Ministry Equal Opportunities, Italy
Alberta Pasquero - President S&T, Turin, Italy
Djeneba Toure - President Antenne du Mali, Mali

Rapporteur: Aurora Tesio - Gender Equality Councillor, Province of Turin

14.30 **E-Governance for development of local democracies** **Mollino Hall**
How the reduction of the digital divide can strengthen local democracies.

Chair: Pier Antonio Panzeri - European Deputy, Italy

Panelists: Gianpaolo Balboni - Senior Manager TV and Multimedia Services, TELECOM ITALIA LAB, Italy
Nuno de Castro - Project Officer DELNET Program, ILO
Giulio De Petra - Manager of CNIPA, Italy
Shauneen Furlong - Executive Director Canada Government Online, Canada
Moustapha N'Diaye - President Region Louga, Senegal

Rapporteur: Alessandra Speranza - Information Technologies Councillor, Province of Turin

16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 **Parallel event** **Mollino Hall**
Meeting of United Cities And Local Governments Committee on Information Society

17.30 **Parallel event** **Guarini Hall**
Meeting of Councillors of Information, Communication, E-Government, Innovation and Statistics of UPI - Unione Province Italiane

20.00 Dinner - Buffet

21.00 End of 1st Day

Tuesday 20 September

09.00 **Partnership between Public and Private Sectors** **Mollino Hall**
Opportunities for companies and Public Administrations to set common actions to bridge the digital divide.

Chair: Lele Dainesi - Journalist Key4biz, Italy

Panelists: Zika Abzuk - Project Manager NETA Program, CISCO SYSTEMS, USA
Paolo Corradini - Director ITP Piemonte, Italy
Giulio Occhini - Director AICA, Italy
Teresa Peters - President Bridges.org, South Africa
Elisabeth Quat - President Internet Professional Association, Hong Kong
Stephan Radovanovic - Parliament Serbia-Montenegro
Cecilia Stajano - Project Manager Consorzio Gioventù Digitale, Roma, Italy

Rapporteur: Louise Lasonde - Project Officer UNITAR

- 09.00 **The role of the Civil Society** **Guarini Hall**
Sharing experiences of how the civil society is participating in the process of reducing the digital divide: programmes and methods.
- Chair:** Francesca Paci - Journalist La Stampa, Italy
- Panelists:** Matilde Ferraro - Project Manager CRIC, Reggio Calabria, Italy
Davide Gorini - President BitEtico, Italy
Jérôme Gohoure - President Ivoirtech, Costa d'Avorio
Denis Pansu - Consultant FING, France
- Rapporteur:** Guido Barbera - President CIPSI, Italy
- 10.30 Coffee Break**
- 10.45 **Open Source** **Mollino Hall**
Challenges, opportunities, benefits and problems related to the use of open sources.
- Chair:** Flavia Marzano - University of Pisa, Italy
- Panelists:** Roberto Galoppini - President CIRS Consortium, Italy
Louis Dominique Ouedraogo - Inspector United Nations, Switzerland
Michelangelo Pistoletto - President Pistoletto Foundation, Italy
Arturo Serrano - CICESE Institute, Mexico
Andrea Valboni - National Technology Officer Microsoft Italia
Vincenzo Maria Vita - Councillor Information Technologies Province of Rome
- Rapporteur:** Angelo Raffaele Meo - President Open Source Commission, Ministry of Innovation and Technologies, Italy
- 10.45 **E-contents** **Guarini Hall**
Narrowing the digital divide through e-contents.
- Chair:** Carlo Infante - Performing Media Consultant, Italy
- Panelists:** Titi Akinsanmi - President SchoolNet Africa, South Africa
Silvia Amici - President Pari-Go Onlus, Italy
Juan Carlos De Martin - President Creative Commons, Italy
Osama Manzar - President Digital Empowerment Foundation, India
Stefano Scotti - Project Manager METID, Polytechnic of Milan
- Rapporteur:** Alfredo Ronchi - President Econtent Award, Italy
- 13.00 Lunch - Buffet**
- 14.30 **Closing Plenary** **Mollino Hall**
Conclusions of Conference: discussion of the recommendations for Bilbao and Tunis.
- Presentations of Conclusions:**
Gian Paolo Morello - Director Cooperation Agency of Local Authorities, Turin, Italy
- Outlook:**
Claudio Prado - Director Ministry of Culture, Brazil
- Welcome to Tunis:**
Abbés Mohsen - Major of Tunis

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