Workshop on 'ICTS for Local Participatory Development: Exploring a Systemic Approach'

December 9th-10th, 2008
Bangalore

Agenda and Note on Workshop Structure

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Purpose of workshop

The overall goals of the workshop are:

1. To discuss the possibilities of and challenges in harnessing the transformatory potential of ICTs for participatory local development through systemic and integrated (across-the-sectors) use of ICTs.

2. To focus on improved participation and increased empowerment of people, especially disadvantaged sections, as a key objective of employing ICT and ICT-based service delivery.

3. To understand and explore the emerging roles of different state and non-state actors in ICT-enabled local development.

4. To identify the policy and institutional context required to achieve the above.

Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the workshop include:

1. Sharing information and understanding of issues relating to local development practice across practitioners, policy makers and academics.

2. Generating inputs for preparation of a draft policy and practice toolkit for the use of ICTs in participatory local development.

3. Sharing of research undertaken in different developing country contexts towards the preparation of the tool kit and taking feedback for finalization of research outputs.

4. Building a network of people interested in the area of local development and ICTs, and exploring ways of working together.

9th December 2008 - *Day One*

From	To	Topic	Speaker/ Facilitator	Session Objectives
9:00	9:30	Registration		
9:30	10:00	Overview of workshop – objectives and expectations.	*Gurumurthy Kasinathan* (ITfC) and *Radhika Lal* (UNDP)	Understanding of workshop goals and objectives
10:00	10:15	Participants introduce themselves within seating clusters: Each participant shares very briefly about: 1.Her/his background and expectations from the workshop. 2.Why s/he is positive about using ICTs for participatory development, 3.why s/he is skeptical about using ICTs for participatory development.	Cluster Rapporteur	Warming up and understanding the backgrounds and expectations of co-participants.
10:15	11:15	2 Research Presentations - *20 minutes per presentation plus 10 minutes discussion ONLY for clarifications.*	*Shaun Pather* (South Africa), *Erwin Alampay* (Philippines)	Absorbing and understanding research findings in and across country contexts.
11:15	11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30	12:00	3rd Research Presentation	*K. Raju* (India)	-do-
12:00	13:30	Plenary I - on the themes for discussions on Day 1 *Framing of issues vis-à-vis the following five themes of 'ICTs for participatory local development' followed by discussion:* 1. Community Telecentres 2. ICTs based systems for social audit and monitoring 3. ICTs based systems for micro planning and PIS (Public Information Systems) 4. Mobile Telephony based systems 5. ICTs for horizontal networking and community media	*Parminder Jeet Singh* (ITfC)	Developing the scope of each theme, and framing key issues under each.
13:30	14:30	Lunch		
14:30	15:45	Theme-wise clusters of participants on each of the themes	Cluster Rapporteur	In-depth discussions on the specific theme in relation to ICTs for participatory local development
15:45	16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00	18:00	Plenary II - Five minute reports from each cluster, followed by an open discussion on key points and issues.	*Fortunato Dela Pena* (Philippines) and *Aruna Roy* (India)	Efforts to synthesize key points and issues emerging from different themes into a synergistic approach to ICTs for participatory development

10th December 2008 – *Day Two*				
From	**To**	**Topic**	**Speaker/ Facilitator**	**Session Objectives**
9:00	9:20	Brief Wrap up of day 1 and plans and expectations for day 2	*Radhika Lal* and *Parminder Jeet Singh*	Linking day 1 with day 2
9:20	10:50	3 Research Presentations - *20 minutes per presentation plus 10 minutes discussion ONLY for clarifications.*	*Wairagala Wakabi* (Uganda), *Graciela Selaiman* (Brazil), *Venkatesh Prasad* (India)	Absorbing and understanding research findings in and across country contexts.
10:50	11:05	Coffee Break		
11:05	11:45	Plenary III - on the themes for discussions on Day 2 *Framing of issues vis-à-vis the following five themes of 'ICTs for participatory local development' followed by discussion:* 1. Policy requirements for leveraging ICTs for participatory local development 2. Practices around integrated application of ICTs for enabling 'new development eco-systems' 3. ICTs for triggering local economic opportunities 4. Changing citizen-state relationships 5. New emerging roles for different stakeholders	*Radhika Lal*	Developing the scope of each theme, and framing key issues for each.
11:45	13:00	Theme-wise clusters of participants on each of the themes	Cluster Rapporteur	Discussions on the specific theme in relation to ICTs for participatory local development
13:00	14:00	Lunch		
14:00	16:00	Plenary IV - Five minute reports from each cluster, followed by an open discussion on key points and issues.	*T.R. Raghunandan* (India) and *Anita Gurumurthy* (ITfC)	Efforts to synthesize key points and issues emerging from different discussions into scoping a possible 'way forward'
16:00	16:15	Coffee Break		
16:15	17:30	Open House – Critical issues and ideas that should go into a policy and practice toolkit on 'ICTs for Participatory Local Development'	*Edward Baliddawa* (Uganda)	Generate ideas for the toolkit that will be put together after the workshop
17:30	17:45	Wrap-up - Summary and way forward	*Radhika Lal* and *Parminder Jeet Singh*	