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BYF Development News Letter

:: Editor Note ::



[Bangladesh Youth Forum on ICT \(BYF\)](#) start to empower youth through appropriate use of ICT in development. And this newsletter aims to introduce basic ICT4D concept to our fellow youths. Within a short time we able to attain more than 2000 youth and we are getting better response day by day. In this special issue on "WSIS" we are trying to explore basic frame work of WSIS and its relevant opportunities.

Please advice us with your comments to enhance our efforts.

[Md. Akteruzzaman](#), Editor

:: Opportunity ::



The 3rd World Youth Congress is coming to Scotland from July 30th to August 8th 2005.

The event is open to young people aged between 18 - 25 (you must be at least 18 on 30th July 2005) and the congress theme is "Young People working together for a sustainable world community". This congress will bring together young development activists and government and UN development professionals to review best practice in youth led development and devise strategies to mobilise more young people to take part in them.

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::BYF News::

A seminar on "Youth Involvement in WSIS process" held today at BNCU (Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO) Seminar room arranged by Bangladesh Youth Forum for ICT (BYF). Chief Guest was Mr.Omar Faruque Khan. Secretary, Science & ICT Ministry expresses his deep concern of the BYF on ICT activities.....[More...](#)



:: BYF Seminar on "Global Opportunity for Youth on ICT" Today we arrange our seminar at NSU ICT Fair with association of BIJF. At keynote speech, Syed Jaglul Pasha (Secretary, National Comission for UNESCO, Bangladesh) exlore different opportunity around the globe under UNESCO and other UN organisations. President of Bangladesh.. [More..](#)



:: TakingITGlobal.Org::



The WSIS Youth Caucus, formed on the occasion of the 1st WSIS Preparatory Committee Meeting in July 2002, is acting as an umbrella for all young people and youth non-government organizations (NGOs) interested and/or involved in the WSIS process and ICT policy formulation. The WSIS Youth Caucus aims to mainstream youth perspectives into civil society, the private sector and government inputs throughout the WSIS process. Youth were one of the most organized and successful stakeholder groupings in the first phase of the WSIS process – participating and speaking at meetings, publishing a regular newsletter, running an award program, conducting significant national-level outreach, and much more. Click www.ycdo.net for more details.

:: ICT4D Self-Paced Learning ::

This online material is free for all and developed by Barbara Fillip. She had taught the ICTs for Development course since 1999 and it had evolved quite a lot over the past few years. It started as a traditional face-to-face course in a classroom and it later evolved into an online course with participants around the world.... Please visit now! [Click here](#)

::Congratulation::GKP Youth



Muhammad Abdul Wahed Tomal recently selected as GKP youth fellow. He is the general secretary of Bangladesh Youth Forum on ICT. The Youth Fellowship Program is a component of the Global Knowledge Partnership Youth Program that focuses on building capacity among young people and empowering them to be learners, developers and

entrepreneurs. The initiatives under the GKP Youth Program are based on the "Youth Creating Digital Opportunities" (*YCDO) framework; a strategic framework aimed at realizing the potential of young people as leaders in using information and communications technologies (ICTs) to achieve sustainable development in their communities and around the world.

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The WSIS Souvenir Book "Connecting the World:



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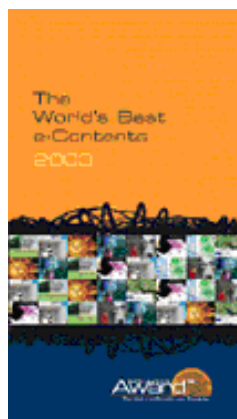
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Cover Story: Why a Summit on the Information Society?

The Digital Revolution

The digital revolution, fired by the engines of Information and Communication Technologies, has fundamentally changed the way people think, behave, communicate, work and earn their livelihood. It has forged new ways to create knowledge, educate people and disseminate information. It has restructured the way the world conducts economic and business practices, runs governments and engages politically. It has provided for the speedy delivery of humanitarian aid and healthcare, and a new vision for environmental protection. It has even created new avenues for entertainment and leisure. As access to information and knowledge is a prerequisite to achieving the Millennium Development Goals – or MDGs -, it has the capacity to improve living standards for millions of people around the world. Moreover, better communication between peoples helps resolve conflicts and attain world peace.

The Digital Divide

Paradoxically, while the digital revolution has extended the frontiers of the global village, the vast majority of the world remains unhooked from this unfolding phenomenon. With the ever-widening gulf between knowledge and ignorance, the development gap between the rich and the poor among and within countries has also increased. It has therefore become imperative for the world to bridge this digital divide and place the MDGs on the ICT-accelerated speedway to achievement.

World Summit - The Need for a Global Discussion

Recognizing that this new dynamic requires global discussion, the International Telecommunication Union, following a proposal by the Government of Tunisia, resolved at its Plenipotentiary Conference in Minneapolis in 1998 ([Resolution 73](#)) to hold a World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and place it on the agenda of the United Nations.

In 2001, the ITU Council decided to hold the Summit in two phases, the first from 10 to 12 December 2003, in Geneva, and the second from 16 to 18 November 2005 in Tunis. This was endorsed by the UN General Assembly ([Resolution 56/183](#)) while according the lead role to ITU in cooperation with other interested organizations and partners. It further recommended that preparations for the Summit take place through an open-ended intergovernmental Preparatory Committee – or PrepCom – that would define the agenda of the Summit, decide on the modalities of the participation of other stakeholders, and finalize both the draft Declaration of Principles and the draft Plan of Action.

Phase 1: Geneva, 10-12 December 2003

The objective of the first phase was to develop and foster a clear statement of political will and take concrete steps to establish the foundations for an Information Society for all, reflecting all the different interests at stake. At the Geneva Phase of WSIS nearly 50 Heads of state/government and Vice-Presidents, 82 Ministers, and 26 Vice-Ministers and Heads of delegation as well as high-level representatives from international organizations, private sector, and civil society provided political support to the WSIS Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action that were adopted on 12 December 2003. More than 11,000 participants from 175 countries attended the Summit and related events. The scope and nature of this ambitious project requires new public-private partnerships, many of which were formalized during the Geneva Summit. Some of them were specifically targeted at bridging the digital divide.

Phase 2: Tunis (16-18 November 2005)

The road to Tunis entails a process of monitoring and evaluation of the progress of feasible actions laid out in the Geneva Plan and a concrete set of deliverables that must be achieved by the time the Summit meets again in Tunis in November 2005. Efforts are now being made to put the Plan of Action into motion and working groups are being set up to find solutions and reach agreements in the fields of Internet

