Panel on “E-Government for Participation and Inclusion”

Friday, 3 November 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 2

Organized by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, UNDESA

Preliminary Programme

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Opening remarks by the Chair

H. E. Ms. Tiina Intelmann
Chairperson of the Second Committee for the 61st Session of the GA
Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations.

Presentations:

Professor Ann Macintosh
Director, International Teledemocracy Centre
Napier University
United Kingdom

Mr. Nam-Seok Kim
Assistant Minister for the e-Government Headquarters
Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs
Republic of Korea

Mr. Abraham Sotelo Nava
Head of the E-government and Technology Policy Unit
Ministry of Public Function
Mexico

Mr. Ivar Tallo
Director, e-Governance Academy
Estonia

Summary

Mr. Guido Bertucci
Director
Division for Public Administration and Development Management
Department of Economic and Social Affairs

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Questions and Answers

1:00 p.m. Meeting adjourns

For further information regarding this event, please visit the following Internet addresses:
H.E. Ms. Tiina Intelmann, the Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations, was elected Chair of the Second Committee (Economic and Financial) for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly on 8 June. Prior to her appointment as Permanent Representative, Ms. Intelmann served at her country’s Foreign Ministry as Under-secretary for Political Affairs and Relations with the Press (2002-2005). From 1999 to 2002, she was Permanent Representative at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna, Austria. From 1998 to 1999, she worked in Estonia’s Foreign Ministry as Director of the Division of North and Central Europe and the countries of Western Balkans at the Political Department. Ms. Intelmann began her diplomatic career in 1991 as a Desk Officer responsible for relations with countries of Southern Europe and the European Union at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She served as a political officer in Estonian embassies in Paris and Brussels until 1995, and was Counsellor at Estonia’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York from 1995 to 1998. Before joining the foreign service, Ms. Intelmann worked as Assistant to the Deputy Chairman of Estonia’s Supreme Council (1990-1992). She was a teacher and translator upon her graduation from the Department of Roman philology of Leningrad State University (Russian Federation) in 1987, where she received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Italian language and literature. She also completed linguistic, diplomatic, economic, management and administrative post-graduate courses in academic institutions in several countries. Born in 1963 in Estonia, Ms. Intelmann has one son. Email: Mission.NewYork@mfa.ee

Professor Ann Macintosh is Professor of E-Governance and Director of the International Teledemocracy Centre at Napier University in Scotland. Since joining Napier University, she has established herself as an internationally recognised research leader in eDemocracy. She is actively involved with parliament, government, business and voluntary organisations concerned with the research and development of eDemocracy systems in the UK, Europe and the Commonwealth. She has been working with the Scottish Parliament since 1999, researching the design and management of an electronic petitioning system for the Parliament and has recently undertaken similar work with the German Bundestag. She has provided consultancy to the Canadian and Australian governments on eDemocracy. In 2003 she conducted a research study on behalf of the OECD into e-consultation within policy-making. In 2005 she was an expert advisor on the evaluation of eDemocracy projects in UK public authorities funded through the UK Office of the Deputy Prime Minster. Ann has participated in major EU research projects on eDemocracy and is currently the Strategic Research co-ordinator for Demo-Net, a network of Excellence on eParticipation research. She has strong US research connections and was co-chair of the 2006 Digital Government Research Conference in California. She has published widely in this area. Email: a.macintosh@napier.ac.uk
Mr. Nam Seok Kim has been appointed Assistant Minister of the E-Government Headquarters at the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs effective August 2005. Since becoming Chief of the leading e-government agency in Korea, Mr. Kim has led efforts to establish Korea’s e-government strategy, while supporting the implementation of various e-government initiatives through coordination of multi-agency issues and upgrading of current e-government infrastructures. He is mainly responsible for overseeing the various issues and projects of e-government that are implemented by each of the responsible teams under the E-Government Headquarters. Prior to that, Mr. Kim has worked for various divisions in the area of public administration and government innovation, including the Presidential Committee on Government Innovation and Decentralization and the Prime Minister’s Office. He received his BA in Public Administration in Seoul, Korea at Hanyang University, and studied at the University of Arizona in the U.S. majoring in Public Administration (MA program). Email: seok56@mogaha.go.kr

With more than 20 years of experience in the public, private, and educations sectors, Mr. Sotelo is Head of Electronic Government & Information Technology Policy in the Ministry of Public Administration of Mexico. He served as Advisor to the Presidential Office in Government Innovation from December 2000 to July 2003. He is responsible for the Digital Government Strategy, one of the action lines of the Good Governance Agenda of President Vicente Fox. Under his direction, the Digital Government Strategy of Mexico was recognized with the UN Public Service Award 2005 for its contributions to outstanding and innovative application of ICT in Government (e-Government), and The Mexican Citizen Portal (www.gob.mx) received the Stockholm Challenge Award 2003/2004 in the e-Government category. He is also participating in the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) project on “E-Government Impact” and is a national representative in ICA-IT (International Council for Information Technology in Government Administration) and member of “Network of e-Government Leaders of Latin America and the Caribbean” (RED GEALC) supported by OAS and ICA. Mr. Sotelo has been a speaker in different conferences, and author of various articles and publications on e-Government and the use of ICT in the public sector, he is also a board member of the Journal of E-Government produced by the E-Governance Lab at the University of Southern California, and Vice-President of Government Relations of AMIPCI (Mexican Association of the Internet Industry). He is currently a PhD. candidate in Technology and Knowledge Management at Atlantic International University, he holds a master’s degree in Telecommunications, and Computer Science from the University of Kansas, graduate studies in Information Systems and Business Administration in the State University of New York at Buffalo, and a bachelor of science in Computer Systems Engineering from Monterrey Institute of Technology (ITESM).
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Mr. Ivar Tallo is one of the founders and the director of e-Governance Academy. Before that, he was a Member of Parliament of Estonia and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He has also worked as a foreign policy advisor to the President of Estonia and he has been lecturing on public policy and public administration at Tartu University. He is, among other things, the author of the Basic Principles of Information Policy of Estonia, Code of Conduct for Civil Servants and co-authored Public Information Act. He was also rapporteur of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Cybercrime convention and has advised many governments around the world on the ICT policy and public administration reform. Visit www.ega.ee for contact and more information.

Mr. Guido Bertucci is currently in charge of the United Nations Programme on Public Administration, Finance and Development, which promotes sound governance and efficient and competent public administration around the world. He has been responsible for advocacy activities in governance and public administration at the global level and for promoting high-level intergovernmental discussions and consensus on these themes. He has written, spoken and organized meetings worldwide on topics such as democratic governance, civil service reform, leadership, innovation in government and public administration, e-government, decentralization, economic and social governance, ethics and integrity. He has been responsible for the creation and management of networks in governance and public administration. Mr. Bertucci has managed large scale departments and operations including financial and human resources. Has taught, lectured and delivered training and provided advice and technical assistance to countries in the area of governance and public administration. Email: bertucci@un.org