" Age of Connectivity"
CARING COMMUNITIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY:IMAGINING THE POSSIBLE

International Conference
Friday, February 10, 2006
10 am – 6 pm
United Nations Headquarters

Preliminary Conference Program
International 2005 ICT Student Competition Winners' Exhibition organized in support of the World Summit for the Information Society

Registration: 9 – 10am
Co-Chairs:
Dean Fadi Deek, *School of Science and Liberal Arts, New Jersey Institute of Technology*
Dr. Michael Gurstein, *Chair: Community Informatics Research Network and Research Director LOGIN Africa, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town, South Africa.*

Morning Session: 10 AM – 1PM
Chair: Dr. Michael Gurstein
Greetings: President of ECOSOC: to be elected..
Mr. Sarbuland Khan, *Director, United Nations Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination*

OpeningRemarks
Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Under-Secretary-General, *Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)*

H. E. Jose Luis Guterres, *Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste to United Nations*
Respondents:
Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, *Focal Point on Ageing , United Nations Programme on Ageing*
Mr. Sergei Kambalov, *Chief, United Nations ECOSOC and Inter-organization Cooperation Branch*

Panel I: Imagining the Possible
Moderator: **Ms. Sonia Elliott,** *Liaison Officer, UNAIDS New York Office*
Panelists:
OPAL (Older Persons Active Learning)
Dr. Peter Mathias, *President, Bridge Research and Development, Ltd, UK*

Panel I (Con'd)
ICT and Older Persons:
Professor Frederick Fenech, *Director, International Institute on Ageing, UN, Malta*

E-Health: **Dean Craig Lehmann,**
School of Health Technology, Stony Brook University, SUNY

Panel II:Connectivity: the Future
Moderator: **Denis Gilhooly,** *Principal Adviser, ICT and Development, United Nations*

Panelists:
ICT and Enterprise Development:
Mr. Motoo Kusakabe, *Senior Counselor to the President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, UK*

Telecenter Progam of the City of Sao Paulo,
Dr. Luiz Carlos Boscolo,,*President, Dort Foundation. Brazil*

Viewpoint: Private Sector: **Dr. Parmod Gaur**, *President and CEO, Viterion TeleHealthcare LLC, USA*

1:00 – 2:45: **Lunch Break** or
  " VIP Sharing" Interactive Luncheon**
Topics: Millennium Development Goals,MDGs) and the City. Urban Development ,Technology, E-Health & Healthcare, ICT & Older persons, , Cutting-Edge Issues, ICT & Enterprise Development. and Adaptive Technologies for the Workforce Delegates Dining Room #6
(**registration fee)

Afternoon Session 3 – 6PMs
Co-Chair: Dean Fadi Deek

Keynote Introduction**:**
Mr. Amir Dossal *Executive Director, United Nations Fund for International Partnerships* (UNFIP)

Keynote Address:
 "Connecting the Generations: ICT as a tool"
H.E. Erasmo Lara
Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations

2005 ICT Student Winners' Insights
 Moderator: Dean Fadi Deek
Winners:
Second Prize:
Aditya Chand
Carnegie Mellon University, USA

Jae Heon Choi, Somtob Devahastin, and Terrence Li, Panetti Tuangsuwan
 Mahidol University International College, Thailand

Third **Prize: J***ose Carlos Silva Martinez.*
Pontificia Universidad Catolica Del Peru

Special Reports:
"VIP Sharing" Luncheon Summary
Report: Mr. Vyatcheslav Cherkasov,
Partnership and Outreach Programme Coordinator, DESA

NGO Committee on Ageing:
Dr. Florence Denmark, *Chair*

NGO Committee on Human Settlements:
Ms. Sandra Hernandez Colon, *Chair*

Closing Remarks:
 Professor Dianne Davis, *Founding President, International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC)*

2005 ICT Student Design Exhibition:
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The following questions are the underlying themes:
- **How can global connectivity assist in resolving the complex challenges of a Graying Society?**
- **What "blueprint" is needed?**
- **What new mindsets and paradigms can emerge from the age of digital opportunity?**
- **How to overcome the age-related digital divide and connect the generations?"**
- **How can partnerships be developed which incorporate older persons' experience and augment their capacities?**
- **How can ICT (information and communication technology) boost economic development in an ageing society?**
- **How can ICT tools enhance life-long learning and employment?**
- **What role can e-health play in improving the quality of life for people of all ages?**

Conference Background:
As part of a series of Interlinked Congresses addressing the "Age of Longevity" held in cities around the world, this conference is being held in support of the Commission for Social Development. It is organized by the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) in collaboration with the United Nations Programme for Human Settlements (UN-HABITAT), UN Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Public Information, NGOs and the private sector.

 The "Age of Connectivity" inrterrelates basic elements that influence our quality of life –innovative rethinking of the basic elements - family, education, health, housing, multi-levels of government, and the ICT information highway – and creates a unique opportunity to encourage a quality blueprint for an enriched "**Society for All Ages**.
 Each month the world's older population increases by 1.2 million!