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ICT Diversities e - Success Stories and Best Practices: Better World for All

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Brief presentation of Mr. Cherif Sidi, Executive President of World For World Organization (WFWO)

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, and colleagues,

I have the privilege to participate to this Parallel Round Table, organized by the Association ATM, among all NGO's. Let me take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mrs. AGREBI Saida President of ATM and Mr. Surbuland Khan Director office ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA, Mrs. Mezaoui Hanifa head of NGO Section, UNDESA and Ms Najet Kartoni Senior Technical Coordinator NGO IRENE, to invite me to this important meeting.

At this round table, I emphasized the benefits and opportunities that ICTs will offer in achieving the millennium development goals. That is why ICTs are so important: because they can help countries to leapfrog this development process, by moving directly to an information-based society, if they take the proper steps.

The ICTs are not a panacea for the world's long-standing problems of development and international tension; they can nevertheless help address many of the needs and global challenges of the 21st century. ICTs can provide a powerful tool for the benefit of all citizens and NGO's for the UN in the achievement of the millennium development goals.

Moves towards “learning societies and organizations” are based on the need to acquire new knowledge throughout life. More and more opportunities for learning are offered outside the formal education system, many of them supported by ICT development and tools. But as educational demand increases and supply diversifies, increasing disparities can be observed in respect of access, affordability and quality.

We as NGO we stand and support the declaration of Tunis, reiterate that we will always bear in mind, dedicate and commit ourselves to our responsibilities, to fully realize, to work towards and to implement the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals, using the information and communication technologies as an effective tool for establishing and building the Inclusive, People Centered, Development Oriented and Knowledgeable Information Society for All women and men on the earth.

The success of this Summit of Solutions rests in the hands of all stakeholders; whether we can commit to build a just and equitable information society.

I am looking forward to working with you in the spirit of goodwill and understanding that has always marked the WSIS process.

Thank you.

Please give me just a few minutes to brief you about a success story programme of Education online developed by the WFWO and Private Sector La Fattoria, to support the MDGs commitments.