

Digital World Forum Workshop on using low cost information access devices to foster social and economic development

About the workshop

The Digital World Forum is facilitating a workshop on applying low cost information access devices in fostering social and economic development by bridging the digital divide with such devices. The workshop scheduled for one day on **Tuesday 30 June 2009 from 9am to 5pm, in Brussels, Belgium.**

The workshop will gather a cross-section of stakeholders, among them representatives from European Technology Platforms (ETPs) whose strategic research agendas are or may be closely linked to future developments in the domain of low cost information access devices (LCIADs) and related domains on which the use of LCIADs may depend. Other stakeholders will include researchers, manufacturers, suppliers, consumers, special interest groups with an interest in LCIADs. The DigitalWorld Forum (DWF) is analysing the current State-of-the-Art of LCIADs. Participants to the workshop will add value to the analysis by drilling down to specific possible interventions, based on their experience, expertise, research focus or strategic objectives. The focus of the workshop will, therefore, be to share knowledge of the participating stakeholders that needs to be taken into account in developing a possible roadmap for LCIADs. The workshop will take the form of:

- breakaway sessions for discussing, brainstorming and analysing issues on LCIADs,
- feedback sessions during which each group will present proposed agreed solutions to issues considered, as well as
- opening up such feedback to positive challenge by fellow participants through logical questioning.

Scope of the workshop

A backdrop to the workshop will be the State-of-the-Art Analysis of Low Cost Information Access Devices (LCIAD's) to be availed to registered participants by 24 June 2009. The workshop will provide useful feedback to the document by drilling down to specific possible future interventions in the domain of LCIADs and how such initiatives may foster social and economic development. Areas of interest may cover but will not be limited to:

- political, economic, cultural or social, legal and technological environmental analysis covering both enablers and impediments to the use of LCIADs in fostering social and economic development,
- analysis of application areas to which LCIADs may be employed, and
- analysis of the actual technologies that may be employed in future LCIADs.

Contact

To register to the workshop, or to get further information please visit <http://www.digitalworldforum.eu/workshops/20-future/86-wp2-workshop-low-cost-info> or contact the workshop chair Cleophas Dzinotyiweyi (CDzinotyiweyi@csir.co.za).

Further Information

You can learn more about the Digital World Forum – a forum on Accessible and Inclusive ICT, and about the workshop on Low Cost Information Access Devices on <http://www.digitalworldforum.eu>