

**Report on  
African Civil Society for I4D bureau meeting  
Tunis 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, April 2004**

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*Aware* of the Phase One WSIS Declaration of Principles, and that the WSIS Action Plan calls for Regional Plans to be developed,

*Taking* into account the Millennium Development Goals,

*Desirous* of a multi-stakeholder partnership process for WSIS Phase Two and for future actions,

*Understanding* that the Tunisian Government has established a multi-stakeholder WSIS secretariat,

*Noting* the intention to retain the Bamako Bureau structure and add a strategy and coordination unit,

*Convinced* that Africa has unique information society needs in global terms and that WSIS is an event that must be conceptualised in a development process,

*Building* on the mandate document developed at WSIS December 2003 that outlined strategies of promoting the views of African civil society, advocating and lobbying, informing global civil society, advising institutions, ensuring capacity development and networking and formation of partnerships,

*Implementing* the mandate given by the e-participants in the AISI list, the core of the African Civil Society structure attending this meeting has taken the following decisions on the structure and role of civil society in the development of an African Information society:

The first African Civil Society Meeting took place between April 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Tunisia. The meeting was made possible per kindness of the Tunisian Civil Society with support from Tunisian Government and assistance from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

*Decisions:*

1. A drafting committee composed of Olivier Nana Nzepa, Tracey Naughton, Nnenna Nwakanma and Moustapha Masmoudi was designated to prepare a report and present to the plenary. Masmoudi, who was elected chair of the plenary replaced himself at the drafting Committee with Mr Tijani Ben Jemaa.
2. The ACS Coordination, with its general coordinator and six (6) sub-regional Coordinators (list attached in annex) as were elected during the Geneva phase of the summit will have the legal status of **Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations** with sub-regional coordinators and national focal points. In order

to play an effective and functional role this structure needs to be a light one. The choice of a host country will be made, taking into consideration the advantages offered to the ACS. Three countries are being considered: **Ethiopia, Tunisia and Mauritius.**

3. A commission of legal experts will undertake a study of the strategic details of the legal aspects. The commission will also work on a draft constitution and rules of procedures and will submit a report to the coordinators, focal point and other active members to be identified. The members include, Ms Nadia Camara West Africa sub-regional coordinator, Houda Nefzaoui, legal Adviser member of ATUCOM, and Leopold Rweyemamu, East Africa sub-regional coordinator and Moustapha Masmoudi, North Africa sub-regional Coordinator. The expected date of the report will be end of April. The Logo, legal designation will also follow.
4. Bamako bureau, based on tri-partnership (civil society, government and private sector) constitute a main body for WSIS for ACS.
5. Once created the federation should submit its accreditation to ECOSOC. It will be an opportunity to be recognised at international level. Partnership need to be established with the global civil society organisation and UN agencies within the region.
6. Workplan for the coming three years has been adopted. The attached table need to be detailed. Three groups have been appointed for the details including responsibilities, fundraising strategy deadline, per objective.
7. The Attendees, Agenda and Action plan table are attached in Annexes

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## ICT4D ACS Network bureau

N°	Member	Responsibility	Country/Region	Gender
1	<b>Olivier Nana Nzepa</b>	General Coordinator	Cameroon	M
<i>NORTH AFRICA</i>				
2	<b>Mustapha Masmoudi</b> ( <a href="mailto:atucom@planet.tn">atucom@planet.tn</a> )	Sub-regional coordinator	Tunis	M
<i>WEST AFRICA</i>				
3	<b>Nadia Myriam Camara</b> <a href="mailto:jefconsult@afribone.net.ml">jefconsult@afribone.net.ml</a> , <a href="mailto:nadiasad@yahoo.fr">nadiasad@yahoo.fr</a>	Sub-regional coordinator	Mali	F
<i>EAST AFRICA</i>				
4	<b>Leopold M. Rweyemamu</b> <a href="mailto:leopold@digitafrica.org">leopold@digitafrica.org</a>	Sub-regional coordinator	Tanzania	M
<i>CENTRAL AFRICA</i>				
5	<b>Delphine Nana</b> ( <a href="mailto:cefeprod@gcnet.com">cefeprod@gcnet.com</a> )	Sub-regional coordinator	Cameroon	F

<i>SOUTHERN OF AFRICA</i>				
6	<b>Tracey Naughton</b> <a href="mailto:t.naughton@iafrica.com">t.naughton@iafrica.com</a>	Sub-regional coordinator	South Africa	F
DIASPORA				
7	<b>Pape Diouf</b> <a href="mailto:papdiouf@iued.unige.ch">papdiouf@iued.unige.ch</a>	Diaspora Coordinator	Geneva	M
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3	<b>John Dada</b> <a href="mailto:johndada@fantsuam.com">johndada@fantsuam.com</a>	Social dimension and other civil organizations	Nigeria	M
4	<b>Diana Mercorios</b> <a href="mailto:diana@abantu.org">diana@abantu.org</a>	Liaison, Networking and Lobbying within Commonwealth and Women organizations:	UK	F
5	<b>Ken Lohento</b> ( <a href="mailto:Ken@oridev.org">Ken@oridev.org</a> )	Liaison, Networking and Lobbying within Francophonie and French speaking countries:	Benin	M
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8	<b>Bill Kagai</b> <a href="mailto:bill@circuitspackets.com">bill@circuitspackets.com</a>	Alternatives solutions	Kenya	M
9	<b>Dapo Ladimeji</b> <a href="mailto:dapo@ladimeji.com">dapo@ladimeji.com</a>	Infrastructure and technical aspects	UK	M
10	<b>Emmanuel Njenga</b> <a href="mailto:njenga@apc.org">njenga@apc.org</a>	Logistic and webmastering	Austria	M
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## Tunis meeting Agenda

### Tuesday, April 13

- 08.30 : Visit to EL GHAZALA Technology Park
- 10.30 : Visit to IFADA Centre
- 12.00 : Visit to the Computer Center for children disability
- 15.00 : Opening Session
- Welcoming speech
  - Introduction of participants
  - Constitution of the bureau
  - Adoption of the meeting Agenda
- 15.45 : First Session
- Composition and status of ACS Coordination Committee

- Forthcoming evolution

### Wednesday, April 14

- 09.30 : Second session  
 - Activity Programme of the Committee till the summit
- 10.30 : Third Session  
 - Relationship between the Committee and Bamako Bureau  
 - Partnership of the Committee with the UN Organisations
- 16.30 : Meeting with Mr. Montasser Ouaili, Secretary of State to the Minister of Communication Technologies and Transport in charge of informatics and Internet;
- 17.00 : Meeting with the Executive Secretary of the national Committee for WSIS II;
- 20.30 : Invitation to a dinner by the Tunisian host

### Thursday, April 15

- 09.00 : Forth Session  
 - Information about the preparatory Process of the second phase of the Summit  
 - Priorities of the ACS
- 11.00 : Fifth Session  
 - ACS participation in the international civil society bureau
- 15.00 : Closing session  
 - Final report reading  
 - Closing speech

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3	<b>Nadia Myriam Camara</b> <a href="mailto:jefconsult@afribone.net.ml">jefconsult@afribone.net.ml</a> , <a href="mailto:nadiasad@yahoo.fr">nadiasad@yahoo.fr</a>	West Africa sub-regional coordinator	Mali	F
4	<b>Leopold M. Rweyamamu</b> <a href="mailto:leopold@digitafrica.org">leopold@digitafrica.org</a>	EastAfrica sub-regional coordinator	Tanzania	M
5	<b>Delphine Nana</b> ( <a href="mailto:cefeprod@gcnet.com">cefeprod@gcnet.com</a> )	Central Africa Sub-regional coordinator	Cameroon	F
6	<b>Tracey Naughton</b>	Southern of Africa sub-	South Africa	F

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7	<b>Pape Diouf</b> ( <a href="mailto:papdiouf@iued.unige.ch">papdiouf@iued.unige.ch</a> )	Diaspora Coordinator	Geneva	M
8	<b>Nnenna Nwakanma</b> ( <a href="mailto:nne75@yahoo.com">nne75@yahoo.com</a> )	ACS representative on various committees dealing with financing (Digital Solidarity Funds, NEPAD, etc):	Nigeria	F
9	<b>Foued Allani</b>	Tunisia Journalist	Tunisia	M
10	<b>Ylyes Ben Marzouk</b>	Tunisia national civil society for information for development focal point	Tunisia	M
11	<b>Ridhe Guellouz</b>	Executive secretary of WSIS II	Tunisia	M
12	<b>Mohamed Tijani Benjema</b>	Civil society representative near WSIS II national committee	Tunisia	M
13	<b>Houda NEEZAOU</b>	Atucom	Tunisia	F
14	<b>Boubaker Mbarki</b>	The Economist journalist	Tunisia	M
15	<b>Thierry H AMOUSSOUGBO</b>	ECA Regional Adviser in ICT	Addis Ababa	M









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	Strategy 1.4: Partnership and Networking	Activity 1.4.1: Promote partnership with Bamako bureau	Outcomes 1.4.1 : Letter, cooperation action plan, mail exchange or meetings with Bamako bureau initiated or undertaken	Indicator 1.4.1: number of collaboration actions undertaken with Bamako bureau	Means: Evidence of report, actions taken.	-												
		Activity 1.4.2: Promote partnership with various existing WSIS committee	Outcome 1.4.2: Involvement of CS focal point in WSIS committee or committee implemented	Indicator 1.4.2: Number of WSIS committee created or in which CS focal point or network is involved at country level														
		Activity 1.4.3: Strengthen partnership with Economic Commission for Africa	Outcome: Official letter of collaboration sent to ECA	Indicator: Feedback received	Evidences													
		Activity 1.4.4: promote partnership with other UN organizations and development partners	Outcome: Official letter sent to various UN organization	Indicator: Number of responses received	Evidences													

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	Strategy1.5 : Active participation to WSIS II process	Activity 1.5.1 : To participate to Prepcom0 (june 24-26 <sup>th</sup> , 2004)	Outcome 1.5.1 : Delegation of ACS has participated to Prepcom0	Indicator 1.5.1 : recognition of ACS obtained and feedback from various consultations and partnership initiatives undertaken	Evidences of reports	-Look for partnership - Fundraising - Partners - National information day and consultation undertaken	x	x										
		Activity 1.5.2: To participate to PrepComI (participation of CSO delegation to CONGO orientation meeting one day before Prepcom)	Outcome 1.5.2 : Delegation of ACS has participated to PrepcomI	Indicator 1.5.2 : recognition of ACS obtained and feedback from various consultations and partnership initiatives undertaken	Evidences of reports													
		Activity 1.5.3: To participate to PrepComII (participation of CSO delegation to CONGO orientation meeting one day before Prepcom)	Outcome 1.5.3 : Delegation of ACS has participated to PrepcomII															

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		Activity 1.5.4: To participate to Africa WSIS II regional conference	Outcome 1.5.4 : ACS regional representative and national focal points has participated to Africa Regional Conference	Indicator 1.5.4: Number of ACS member who has participated to the Regional conference; recognition of ACS obtained and feedback from various consultations and partnership initiatives undertaken	Evidences														
		Activity 1.5.5: To participate to WSIS II thematic conference	Outcome 1.5.5 : Delegation of ACS has participated to thematic conference	Indicator 1.5.5 : recognition of ACS obtained and feedback from various consultation and partnership initiatives undertaken	Evidences of reports														
<b>BUILD A STRONG AFRICA CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK</b>																			





