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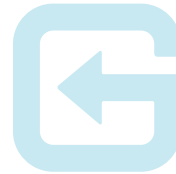
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Location: Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan

The Global Innovation Forum in Yerevan is a follow up engagement to last year's Global Forum on Youth and ICT for Development held in Geneva, Switzerland in September. UN GAID, ITU, Athgo and many other partners brought together over 600 young people from around the world to have an open discussion on technology's role in advancing people's lives.

The forum in Yerevan adds to this effort by displaying some concrete examples of the best practices in the areas of ICT access and connectivity with a special attention on the impact of appropriate local content to ensure sustainable development.

Each participant has the opportunity to engage policy makers, experts and his/her peers to draft innovative solutions to ICT development and

implementation challenges. On the final day, the young participants showcase their plans in innovation panels. The proposals will be evaluated by leaders in government, the private sector, and civil society, and will be showcased at the conference closing ceremonies.

Emcee: Mr. Johan Farid Khairuddin, Head, Regional Youth Project, ASTRO

"It is amazing how so people achieve and do things at a very young age. Johan embodies that to the T. Young, intelligent, easy going, well connected, man of many facets, avid technologist, are some of the terms that could be used to describe him. At one go he is a Radio Jockey and the next moment he is flying and the third moment he is talking about Youth at UN forums. Phew!!! A true role model for all those who wish to achieve things in life so early and above all with humility."

Sanjay Raina, Youth Dynamics, ASTRO Entertainment





Panels focus and objectives

The interactive expert-panels are scheduled for approximately 60-80 minutes. The discussions will incorporate some general knowledge with a larger emphasis on specific expertise. At the opening, each panelist will have up to 4 minutes to present a case. After all individual presentations, the moderator may conduct another 5-10 minute internal dialog to summarize and tie some of the presentations and thereafter open the panel for a Q&A session.

i. Panel 1: Access

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- Education – Innovation – Development
- Transfer of technology, Open access, Relevant technology development, Human capacity, Youth engagement

ii. Panel 2: Connectivity

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- Education – Innovation – Development
- Types available, Upcoming innovations, Bandwidth issues, Human capacity, Youth engagement

iii. Panel 3: Local Content

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- Education – Innovation – Development
- Determining local content, Alternative developers, Human Capacity, Youth Engagement

iv. Panel 4: Innovative Funding

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- Funding availability, New funding methods, Current funding focus, Benefits of funding allocation to develop Human capacity and engage Youth

v. Panel 5: Private – Public Partnership

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- Mutual benefit, Challenges, Innovative partnerships, Developing Human capacity and engaging Youth

Schedule

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

- 08:00 - 09:00 Participant Registration
09:00 - 09:40 Orientation Session / Welcome
Emcee: Mr. **Johan Farid Khairuddin**
Conducted by: **Dr. Armen Orujyan**
- 09:40 - 10:10 Welcome and Opening Speaker
H.E. Tigran Sargsyan
Mr. Sarbuland Khan
- 10:10 - 11:10 Keynote Speaker
H.E. Nerses Yeritsyan
- 11:10 - 11:40 Break
11:45 - 13:00 Panel: *Private and Public Partnership*
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break
14:05 - 15:30 Panel: Access
15:30 - 16:30 Informal Discussion Session
16:30 - 18:00 Breakout Session
18:00 - 20:00 Welcoming Reception

Thursday, 23 October 2008

- 9:00 - 10:00 Breakout Session 4
10:00 - 11:00 Panel: *Innovative Financing*
11:10 - 11:30 Break
11:30 - 13:00 Breakout Session 5
14:00 - 20:00 Sightseeing, Lunch and Dinner

Wednesday, 22 October 2008

- 09:00 - 09:30 Breakout Session 2
09:35 - 10:05 Keynote Address
H.E. Cheick Sidi Diarra
- 10:10 - 10:35 Keynote Speaker
Mr. Kamran Elahian
- 11:00 - 12:00 Panel: *Connectivity*
12:00 - 13:30 Lunch Break
13:35 - 14:50 Panel: *Local Content*
14:50 - 16:00 Panel: *Best Practice*
16:00 - 18:00 Breakout Session 3

Friday, 24 October 2008

- 09:00 - 10:00 Breakout Session 6
10:05 - 10:45 Innovation Panel 1
10:45 - 11:25 Innovation Panel 2
11:25 - 11:45 Break
11:50 - 12:30 Innovation Panel 3
12:30 - 13:10 Innovation Panel 4
13:10 - 13:30 Concluding Remarks
H.E. Nerses Yeritsyan
Mr. Sarbuland Khan
Dr. Armen Orujyan
- 13:30 - 15:00 Networking Luncheon



09:40

Welcoming Address H.E. Tigran Sargsyan

Prime Minister, Republic of Armenia

From 1980 to 1983, Mr. Sargsyan attended Leningrad's Financial and Economic Institute after Voznesenski. From 1983 to 1987 his postgraduate education ended in obtaining PhD degree. From 1987 to 1990 he worked as the Chief of Department for Foreign Economic Relations of Scientific Researches Institute of Economic Planning in Armenia. From 1988 to 1993 he worked at the post of Chairman of republican Council of Young Specialists and Scientists. From 1990 to 1995 he was a member of Supreme Council of the Republic of Armenia and the Chair of Standing Commission for Financial, Credit and Budget Affairs. From 1995 to 1998 he was the Director of Scientific Researches Institute of Social Reforms. From 1995 to 1998 he was the Chairman of Armenian Banks Association.

Opening Remarks Mr. Sarbuland Khan

Executive Director, UN Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies Development

Mr. Khan currently is the Executive Director of UN Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies Development (GAID). Among his twenty-one years of professional experience within the United Nations, Sarbuland Khan has held positions as the Branch Chief for the Policy Coordination and Interagency Affairs, Chief for the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department for international Economic and Social Affairs, and Special Assistant to Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Decolonization. From 1979 to 1981, he served as delegate to the Second Committee in the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations. Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Khan was the Director for the Economic Coordination in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, and served in embassies in Morocco, Brussels and The Hague. Mr. Khan has a Masters degree in economics. He has authored a number of publications and various articles.

10:10

Keynote Speaker H. E. Nerses Yeritsyan



Minister of Economy, Republic of Armenia

Mr. Yeritsyan has been serving as the Minister of Trade and Economic Development of the Republic of Armenia, currently Ministry of Economy, since June 2007. From 1993 to 2003 he has held such positions as Chief Expert of National Assembly standing commission on social, public health care affairs (1993-1994), Assistant to CBA President (1994-1995), Head of CBA monetary and lending policy department (1995-1996), Member of CBA Board (1996-2001), Adviser to the Executive Director from the Dutch group of the International Monetary Fund, representing Armenia (2001-2003).

11:45

Panel: Private and Public Partnership

Panelists

- **Mr. Frderick Opore-Ansah**, Deputy Minister of Communications, Ghana
- **Mr. Sarbuland Khan**, Executive Director, GAID
- **Dr. Armen Orujyan**, President, Athgo
- **Ms. Veonika Prikrylova**, Director, Business Development, CEE, Microsoft Corporation
- **Mr. Robin Philips**, Mission Director, US AID, Armenia

Moderator

- **Mr. Dag Nielson**, Director, Ericsson Response, Ericsson AG

15:30

Panel: Access

Panelists

- **Mr. Vahe Danielyan**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Armenia
- **Ms. Lindsay Petrillose**, Government Affairs Liaison, NComputing
- **Ms. Tatiana Nanaieva**, Global Corporate Citizenship Group Intel Ukraine Education Manager
- **Mr. Aram Salatian**, Director, National Instruments

Moderator

- **Mr. Bagrat Yengibaryan**, Director, Enterprise Incubator Foundation





15:30
Informal Discussion Session

Speakers

- **Ms. Irene Hardy**, Director of the Professional Development for Teachers Program, Cisneros Foundation
- **Ms. Gudrun Wicander**, PhD candidate, at Karlstad University, Sweden
- **Ms. Lindsay Petrillose**, Government Affairs Liaison, NComputing
- **Ms. Tatiana Nanaieva**, Global Corporate Citizenship Group, Intel Ukraine Education Manager
- **Mr. Bagrat Yengibaryan**, Director, Enterprise Incubator Foundation
- **Ms. Zhenya Azizyan**, Head, IT Development Department, Ministry of Economy, Armenia
- **Mr. Aram Salatian**, Director, National Instruments

16:30
Breakout Session 1

Facilitated by **Athgo International**

18:00
Welcoming Reception

Hosted by the **Government of Armenia**

Reflections

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09:00

Breakout Session 2 Facilitated by **Athgo International**

09:35

Keynote Address H.E Cheick Sidi Diarra

UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Mr. Diarra has over 25 years of professional experience in international relations, law and development. He has advanced knowledge and experience of bilateral and multilateral relations and proven skills in international negotiations and international consensus-building. Mr. Diarra has been actively involved in furthering African integration efforts and the African development agenda at the international level. He has served as one of the lead negotiators on these issues at the African Union summits since 1982.

10:10

Keynote Speaker Mr. Kamran Elahian

Chairman, Global Catalyst Partners

Mr. Elahian is a veteran entrepreneur with over 29 years of experience in the high-tech industry. He is currently Chairman of Global Catalyst Partners, a global venture capital fund for investments in communication product companies, which he co-founded in 1999.

In December 2006, The Dr. Morris Chang Exemplary Leadership Award which recognizes individuals for their exceptional contributions to drive the development, innovation, growth and long-term opportunities for the fabless semiconductor industry was presented to Kamran.



11:00

Panel: Connectivity

Panelists

- **Mr. Andrei Korotkov**, High Level Advisor to President, Foreign Trade Bank of Russian Federation
- **Mr. Igor Mkrumyan**, President, Internet Society
- **Mr. Karen Vardanyan**, Director, UITE
- **Mr. Avetik Kalantaryan**, Chief Commercial Officer, Armenian Datacom Company
- **Mr. Karen Shaboyan**, Sales Manager, Ucom

Moderator

- **Mr. Kamran Elahian**, Chairman, Global Catalyst Partners

14:50

Panel: Best Practice

Panelists

Winners from the ASTRO: The Malaysian Chapter campaign/contest

- **Allen Lee**
- **Aravindan Sheridoman**
- **Lai Sem Min**
- **Shahrizal Suboh**
- **Siti Aishah Othman**
- **Janene Wong**

- **Mr. Jason P. Kazarian**, Gyumri Information Technology Center

Moderator

- **Mr. Leandro Ardanza**, IT4ALL Network

13:35

Panel: Local Content

Panelists

- **Mr. Mike Eberhardt**, Business Development Manager, South & East Europe, Middle East and Africa, Sun Microsystems International
 - **Ms. Flor Borrelli**, Director of the ICT Teacher Training Program for Indigenous Teachers, Cisneros Foundation
 - **Mr. Dag Nielson**, Director, Ericsson Response, Ericsson AG
- Moderator*
- **Mr. Arman Kuchukyan**, Chief Engineer, YCRDI, Armenia

16:00

Breakout Session 3 Facilitated by **Athgo International**

09:00
Breakout Session 4 Facilitated by **Athgo International**

11:30
Breakout Session 5 Facilitated by **Athgo International**

14:00
Sightseeing
Hosted by the **Government of Armenia**

10:00
Panel: Innovative Financing

Panelists

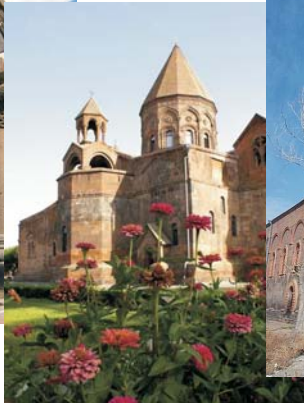
- **Mr. Sarbuland Khan**, Executive Director, GAID
- **Mr. Bagrat Yengibaryan**, Director, Enterprise Incubator Foundation
- **Mr. Karen Grigoryan**, Economist, Private and Financial Sector Department, The World Bank Group

Moderator

- **Dr. Armen Orujyan**, President, Athgo International



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09:00

Breakout Session 6Facilitated by **Athgo International**

10:05

Innovation Panels 1-4Moderated by **UNDESA-GAID e-Leaders Committee**

13:10

Concluding Remarks**Mr. Sarbuland Khan**, Executive Director, GAID**H.E. Nerses Yeritsyan**, Minister of Economy,
the Republic of Armenia**Dr. Armen Orujyan***President, Athgo International*

Armen Orujyan, PhD has worked for over a decade to develop platforms for young people to learn about and practice social entrepreneurship and diplomacy and work with leading global institutions first hand. These efforts have included coordination with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the UN NGO Section, the UN University, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the UN Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (UN GAID) and the World Bank's External Affairs Department.

Armen has served as a consultant for various US Presidential Candidates. He remains involved in many national and international campaigns, and currently serves as a high-level Advisor to the UN GAID and is a member of the UN e-Leader Committee for Youth and ICT. Armen is also a certified presenter of former Vice President Al Gore's Climate Project and frequently speaks at international conferences.

Armen earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors in Political Science from UCLA and received his Master of Arts degree in International Studies as well as PhD in Political Science from Claremont Graduate University.

Innovation and Capacity Building Center

Yerevan, Armenia



Architectural Design: R & D Workspace

ICBC Partners

Government of Armenia

- Ministry of Economy
- Ministry of Education and Science

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs -

Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies Development (GAID)

State Engineering University of Armenia



Athgo *International* is stepping up to the challenge of the aggressive and optimistic United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with launch of its state-of-the-art Innovation and Capacity Building Center (ICBC) in Yerevan, Armenia. Supporting young people's scholarly and professional development and entrepreneurial initiatives, the Center will focus specifically on information and communication technology (ICT) development and application. Leveraging ICT, the ICBC's main objectives are to:

- Provide entrepreneurial education; and
- Generate, develop, and launch social ventures

The Center will formally collaborate with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, specifically through the UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development to accomplish these goals.

The Center will open in the spring of 2009.

About Athgo *International*

Mission

Established in 1999, Athgo is a nonpartisan not-for-profit 501c3 non-governmental organization based in Los Angeles, California. Athgo's mission: To foster global social entrepreneurship by leveraging young people, 18-32 years of age, through tailored educational experiences, practical opportunities and exceptional international mentoring access.

Designed specifically for college students and young entrepreneurs, Athgo programs take into consideration young people's unique cultural backgrounds and decision-making approaches and ensure a structured, yet flexible approach to mobilizing and engaging them in global efforts to meet the MDGs through ICT and environmentally sustainable energy sources. We strive to:

Build Human and Institutional Capacity – increase young people's appreciation of challenges, opportunities and tools related to economic, political and technical globalization, injecting new capabilities for positive change into the marketplace, as well as academia and governments. Desired outcomes:

- Skilled, inventive, and socially responsible work forces
- Resourceful, retooled, and networked social entrepreneurs

Promote Social Entrepreneurship – provide entrepreneurial tools and promote business initiative to cultivate economic innovation and sustainability. Desired outcomes:

- Innovations and business ventures that proliferate and advance ICT and clean technologies
- Social venture developments that address the MDGs and build local communities

Organizers

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Athgo International, and Ministry of Economy – the Republic of Armenia

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