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WSIS: a “Common Vision of Information Society”

- **Geneva Principles (2003):**
  - Commitment: “to build a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society”
  - Challenge: “to harness the potential of ICT to promote the development goals of the Millennium Declaration”
    - *ICTs as tools and not as an end in themselves;*

- **Tunis Agenda (2005):**
  - financial mechanisms;
  - Internet Governance;
  - implementation and follow-up.
Implementing policies and strategies: the Brazilian perspective
Dimensions

Portugal
Spain
France
UK
Belgium
Germany
Poland
Czech Rep.
Austria
Switzerland
Italy

Population=185 million
BASELINE

Percentage of homes without electricity, by Federal States - 2005
Percentage of population (over 10 years old) who accessed the Internet, by Federal State – 2005
ICT Core Indicators - Brazil

*source: PNAD 2005*

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Brazilian initiatives on digital inclusion

- "Casa Brasil" – upgraded telecentres
- "Computador para todos" – financing desktop computers for low-income citizens
- "Maré" – Telecentres for fishermen communities
- GESAC – e-Govt – access to citizenship
- Computers for Digital Inclusion - recycling
- "Quiosques do cidadão" – telecentres
- ONID – National Observatory of Digital Inclusion

More information at www.inclusaodigital.gov.br
Brazilian initiatives on e-Health and e-Education

• e-Health
  – Primary health care ➔ training of health family teams
  – Epidemiological surveillance ➔ Clara Network (EU “Alice” Project)

• e-Education
  – In-service teacher training programme (ProFormação)
  – National IT Programme in Education (ProInfo and e-ProInfo)
  – Public Domain Website (digital library) ➔ www.dominiopublico.gov.br
The road ahead: elements for a roadmap for digital inclusion and the role for CSTD
Roadmap for Digital Inclusion

- Democratic governance: transparency, accountability, participation
- Infrastructure according to community interest
- Commitment to local development
- Close link with e-Gov
- Usefulness of *Free and Open Source Software*
- ICT, income, education
- e-Health, e-Education, e-Content
A Role for ECOSOC/CSTD

- Co-ordination of public policy issues at international level
- Internet Governance

“A core issue of the Information Society agenda”

“Policy authority for Internet-related public policy issues is the sovereign right of States. They have rights and responsibilities for international Internet-related public policy issues”.

- Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
- “enhanced cooperation” (par. 69-71)
THANK YOU

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