

PRESENTATION

XXII Infopoverty World Conference

How could the Digital Citizen, with her rights and duties, build a fairer digital society? This is the focus of the **22nd Infopoverty World Conference** launched in this moment of great fragility due to pandemics, wars and climate crises that must be necessarily faced with the awareness of great risks for our civilization. Scheduled to take place on **December 1, 2022** at the **United Nations Headquarters** in **New York** and online, live-streamed on **UN Webcast**, this year edition intends to investigate the unit of the Digital Society, namely the Digital Citizen.

This Edition draws on the paths traced by the **20th Infopoverty World Conference** “Towards the Digital Society inspired by SDGs”. The **21st Infopoverty World Conference** “How to build a fairer and more inclusive Digital Society?” further deepened the main challenges and constraints of the Digital Society by stressing how the post-industrial structures based on repetitive work, financial assets and representative democracy have inevitably shifted online. In such scenarios, new paradigms have overcome the space-time dimensions resulting in more and more complex digital mechanisms, as expressed during **several preparatory meetings**. Throughout the years, the Conference has continuously dealt with the advancements brought about by the Digital Revolution and has progressively discovered and launched “*best-practices models*” in the fields of telemedicine, e-learning, e-agriculture, and e-money. Established by OCCAM – Observatory on Digital Communication with the participation of many African and Latin American governments, many remote villages and disadvantaged communities have successfully applied the most ground-breaking E-services for Development, previously presented, and validated during the different editions of the Infopoverty World Conference. Stemming from the results achieved throughout the past 21 years of activities outlining who are the drivers of the Digital Revolution and how they operate in terms of e-services4Dev, the **22nd Infopoverty World Conference** will draw a **Plan of Action** encompassing all **possible options** to empower the **protagonist** of the change in progress in all her **associative dynamics** and without whom the State as we know it would end up being an empty container of things thus preventing it from becoming a far-west lookalike or a pariah of spaces. The parameters of a new-born civilization must be recognized, collected, and directed towards a vision that enhances human rights and finds its inspiration in the SDGs proclaimed by the United Nations as the operational compass for orientation.

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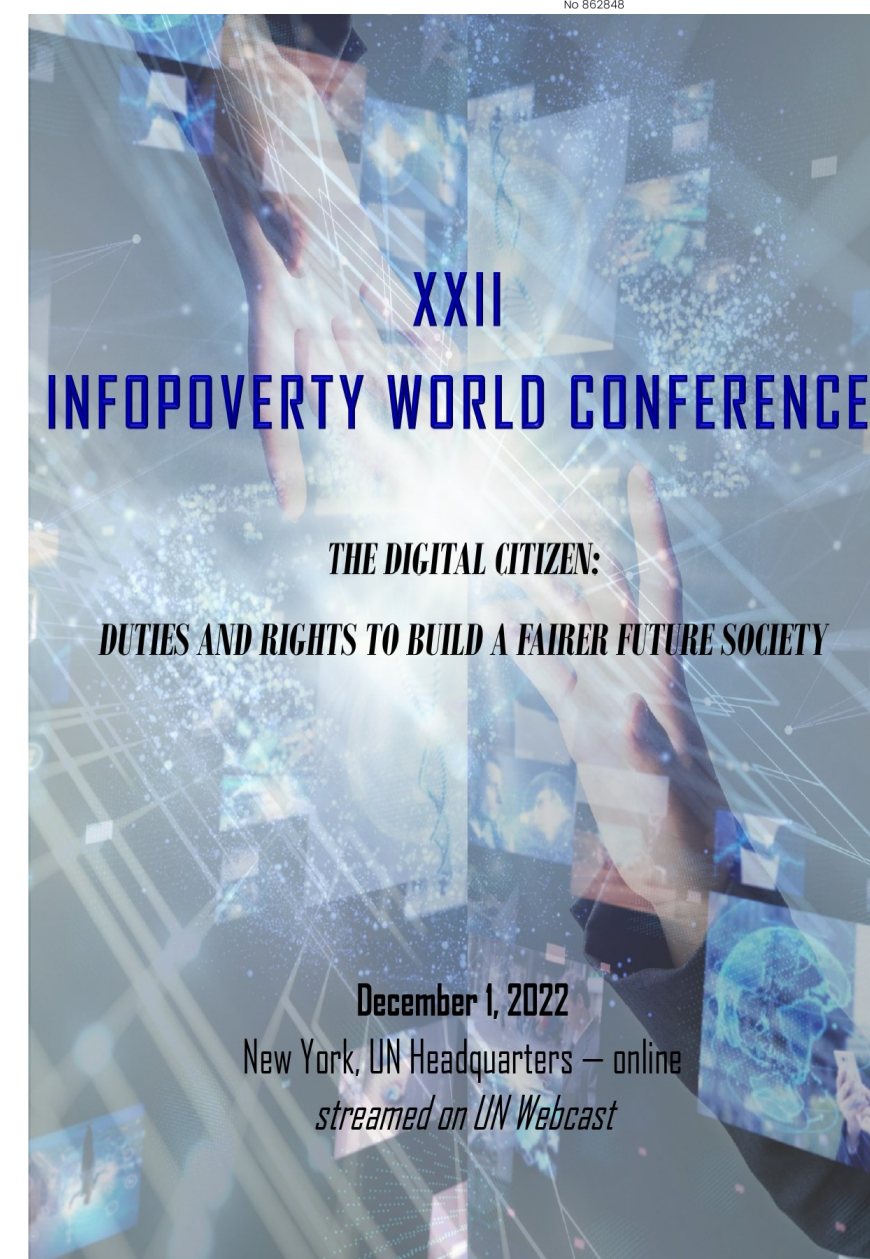
Left: Plate received from the President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella celebrating the XVIII Infopoverty



Right: Medal received from the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano celebrating the Infopoverty Programme



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10:00-10:30 am (NYT) - Opening Session

Marco Romiti, *First Councillor for Economic Affairs, Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations*

Daniela Bas, *Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development at the UNDESA, US*

General Introduction

Pierpaolo Saporito, *President of OCCAM and Infopoverty, Italy*

10:30 - 11:30 am (NYT) - First Session

The Digital Citizen: from digital communities to real society, how the process could be implemented on terms of participation and global wellness and freedom.

Moderator: Aliye P. Celik, *Chair of the Board Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, US*

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Patrizio Civili, *IDLO Permanent Observer to the United Nations, US*

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11:30-13:30 pm (NYT) - Second Session

How the new technologies can achieve SDGs and develop rural communities, saving planet and assuring safe lives, assisting new digital best practices and services

Moderator: Melchiade Bukuru, *Director UNCCD Liaison Office in New York, US*

First part: How to reach Zero Hunger the EWA-BELT solutions on e-agriculture

Giovanna Seddaiu, *Professor in Agronomics and EWA-BELT Project Coordinator, University of Sassari, NRD Centre, Italy*

Margaret Jesang Hutchinson, *Professor and Associate Vice Chancellor Research and Enterprise, University of Nairobi, Kenya*

Sheila Okoth, *Professor of Botany, University of Nairobi, Kenya*

Giuseppe Enne, *Head of Scientific Advisory Board, EWA-BELT*

Marco Cereda, *Advanced Researcher- System Research and Applications, ST-Microelectronics, Italy*

Naresh Magan, *Professor of Applied Mycology, Agrifood and Biosciences, Cranfield University, UK*

Abdou Tenkouano, *Executive Director, CORAF, Dakar, Senegal*

Second part: Smart villages and e-services. The example of the ICT UN Millennium Village, a model for rural communities' development into the digital era
Gitanjali Sah, *Strategy and Policy Coordinator, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Switzerland*

Ranja Bakoly, *Directrice CEG Sambaina, Madagascar*

Emmanuel Amos, *Chief Software Architect, Programos, Nigeria*

Third part: Health for all, the role of telemedicine
Claudio Azzolini, *MD, Professor at Insubria University, Founder of Eumeda, Italy*

Simone Donati, *MD, Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Insubria, Italy*

Hassan Ghazal, *President, Moroccan Association for Telemedicine and eHealth, Morocco*

Francesco Sicurello, *President, International Institute of Telemedicine (IITM), Italy*

Ibrahima Gueye, *Professor & Director of the Polylab, Ecole Polytechnique de Thiès, Senegal*

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14:30-16:30 pm (NYT) - Third Session

SDGs achievement and e-welfare for all: the pillars for a fairer Digital Society

Moderator: Maria Grazia Cavenaghi, *Former director EU Parliament Office in Milan, US*

Hassanatou Camara, *Founder of DIMEDI FOUNDATION & singer/songwriter and musician, US*

Collette V. Smith, *Founder & President of Believe N You Inc., US*

Alfred C. Sharpton Jr., *Reverend and Civil rights activist, US, (tbc)*

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Robert Seatter, *Director BBC History, UK (tbc)*

Jasmina Bojic, *Founder and President, UNAFF Travelling Film Festival, Stanford University, US*

Imtiaz Dharker, *Winner of Queen's Gold Medal for poetry, Chancellor of New Castle University, UK*

Rita Pizzi, *Quantum blockchain Technologies PLC, UK*

Jack Gallastegui, *Network Analysis Manager, European Climate Foundation, Netherlands (Discussant)*

Roberta Puiatti, *Advisor, Eumeda Telemedicine Platform, Italy (Discussant)*

Andrea Falco, *(Discussant)*

General Discussion for a Plan of Action

The results of the Conference will be defined in the Final Declaration, delivered to the UN System and Governments.

FINAL DECLARATION