ACTING AGENCY OF THE INFOPOVERTY PROGRAM

INFOPOVERTY SEMINAR @ WSIS 2005

November 16th H. 1.00 p.m. – Room Bizerte, Kram Centre, Tunis

OPENING REMARKS:
INFOPOVERTY PROGRAMME FOR THE WSIS 2005 AND ITS FOLLOW-UP
Pierpaolo Saporito, *OCCAM*
Welcoming address by the present Authorities

ICT VILLAGE PAST EXPERIENCES
Solar Villages in Honduras, by Gerardo Zepeda
Navajo Nation Chapter Houses, by Dave Stephens

ICT VILLAGE MODEL OF BORJ TOUIL
Omar Ben Mahmoud, Secretary of State, National Solidarity Fund, Tunisia*
Francesco Iarlori, *ICT Specialist*
**Interventions by members of the Advisory Board
(ITU, UNESCO, WB, UNDP,ESA, IFRC)***

GLOBAL SATELLITE PORTAL PROJECT FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
Joe Shirley Jr., *President, Navajo Nation*
State of the art by OCCAM Laboratories

PLAN FOR REPLICABILITY
Proposed projects to the UN Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development
in Madagascar and the Dominican Republic

VILLE-VILLAGE : EUROPEAN LOCAL ENTITIES FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES
Representative of Local Cities and Governments United

NEW SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS:
INFOPOVERTY, ENVIRONMEDIA, SAFE-WATER, FISH FARMING INSTITUTES
John Steffens, *University of Oklahoma*
Art Cole, *Department of Education, USA*

VI INFOPOVERTY WORLD CONFERENCE, PRESENTATION
Roberto Rossi, *Spokesperson of the Conference*

* invited

INFOPOVERTY PROGRAMME @
THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

In the framework of the World Summit on the Information Society OCCAM makes a crucial step forward in the realisation of the Infopoverty Programme, and in particular for the creation of digital villages in the framework of the UN Alliance for Rural Development

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, to take place on November 16-18 2005 in Tunis, OCCAM organises the Infopoverty Seminar, to be held in Room Bizerte at Kram Exhibition Park on November 16 from 1.00 to 3.00 p.m. and included in the list of events of the Summit.

Among the actions of the Infopoverty Programme for 2006, the most important are:
- Replicability of the ICT village model for developing countries, such as Madagascar and the Dominican Republic, in the ambit of UN Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development
- Realisation of the satellite platform for humanitarian and development services promoted by the UN system agencies and programmes
- Agreement with the ITU and the Navajo Nation for the creation of a specific model for the needs of indigenous peoples
- Ville-village initiative, for the creation of digital twinnings between local entities of industrialised Countries and developing Countries.

OCCAM will also provide technical support to the ITU-TV, which will broadcats the events of the WSIS also through webcasting.

The Summit, enjoying the participation of more than 180 governmental delegations and some 50 Heads of Government and State, represents an epochal event for the diffusion of new communication technologies all over the world, encouraging the development of disadvantaged communities and concretely favouring the opening of new markets for the most innovative companies. (WSIS – www.itu.int/wsis).

In this high level context, OCCAM confirms its status as leading organisation for the realisation of digital villages aiming at fighting poverty through the ICTs, also thanks to the recent opening of the OCCAM Laboratories focused on the realisation, certification and diffusion of new products and services created to fit the needs of disadvantaged communities in emerging countries.

In the spring of 2005 the VI Infopoverty World Conference "Eradicating poverty to create wealth: ICTs at the service of the Millennium Development Goals", to take place in New York (UN Headquarters) and other seats connected via videoconference will focus on the implementing steps of the Infopoverty Programme.