DYNAMIC COALITION ON INTERNET AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DCICC)

SECOND MEETING

16 NOVEMBER 2009 AT IGF

SHARM-EL SHEIK, EGYPT

The Dynamic Coalition on Internet and Climate Change (DCICC) was launched at the second IGF in Rio in 2007. The DCICC held its **second** physical meeting on 16 November 2009 at the fourth IGF in Sharm-el Sheikh, Egypt The meeting was facilitated by Arthur Levin of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The DCICC now is comprised of 30 entities and organizations and has doubled in size over the past year. A complete list of the members can be found at:
http://www.itu.int/themes/climate/dc/index.html

SUMMARY OF MEETING

The meeting began with a review of the objectives and Terms of Reference of the DCICC.

The meeting then held a tour de table in which each of the organizations present informed the Coalition on their major activities on climate change during the past year. In the ensuing discussion, some of the key points were:

- The important work being done in some counties to develop new policy frameworks and initiatives on ICTs and climate change

- The need for assistance to help developing countries adapt to climate change.

- The relation of ICTs to climate change should be included in any future global agreements. In this regard, the eligibility of ICT projects under the CDM (Clean Development Mechanism) of the Kyoto Protocol should be explored and promoted.

- Several studies and research on ICTs and climate change were presented, including the role of users/consumers and the possible impact of ICTs on other sectors.

- There is a need for tools and methodologies to measure the impact of ICTs on climate change.

- There is an opportunity in the ICT field for quick and practical solutions, such as turning off computers at night or when not in use

- With respect to climate changes, there are specific concerns unique to the Internet.

- The relation of ICTs to climate change should be more prominent in IGF

The meeting then heard longer presentations from ITU and CEDARE on their respective activities on ICTs and climate change and t.

The meeting then discussed a draft DCICC statement on Internet and Climate change that had been circulated in advance. Following some discussion and suggestions to clarify and amend the text, the statement as revised was agreed. It will be posted on the Coalition website conveyed to the IGF secretariat and informed to global negotiations as appropriate.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

1. ITU will prepare and circulate a brief report of the Coalition meeting

2. ITU will circulate the revised DCICC Statement on Internet and Climate Change and then transmit it as described.

3. Each member of the Coalition will provide a paragraph summarizing its activities on climate change in the past year to be posted on the DCICC website.

4. Reports and studies mentioned by members at the meeting will be sent to the ITU for posting on the DCICC website.

5. Organization at the meeting who are not Coalition members were encouraged to join and can use the following web link for that purpose: http://www.itu.int/themes/climate/dc/form/join.html

WORKSHOPS

On the following day, **17 November**, 2 workshops on climate change were organized at the IGF:

"Greening the Internet" organized by ITU, IISD and Nile University

"Using ICTs and the Internet to meet Environmental Challenges" organized by OECD and Denmark.