



**Conference of NGOs  
in Consultative Relationship  
with the United Nations (CONGO)**



Cordially Invites All WSIS Participants to an Interactive Forum on

**“Scaling Up Civil Society Best Practices  
to Bridge the Digital Divide”**

**16 November 2005  
1300-1700**

**Salle St Augustin, Kram Centre, Tunis**

**Featuring:** **Shashi Tharoor**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information  
**Adama Samassekou**, President, WSIS Phase I

**With Representatives of:** African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)  
OneWorld South Asia / Grassroots Caucus  
Development Gateway  
WSIS Youth Caucus

**Moderator:** **Renata Bloem**, President, CONGO

This forum will highlight the critical role of civil society organizations in promoting access to and effective utilization of the Internet and other information communications technologies. We will look at successful civil society projects in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Europe.

Questions the presenters will address include:

1. What are common challenges faced by civil society in implementing their projects?
2. What are common factors in the success of certain projects?
3. What can civil society do to better coordinate their projects and activities with each other?
4. What can the international community, UN, governments and others do to scale up successful projects?

Following presentations, there will be an interactive dialogue with all the speakers and participants.

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