



Karlstad University
Department of Information
Systems

**The 2nd International Symposium for Postgraduate
Students in ICT4D**
30th- 31st August 2007
Karlstad University, Sweden

Draft Programme

Thursday 30th August

- 09.00 – 10.00 **Registration** and refreshments
- 10.00 -10.15 **Welcome:** IPID project team & SPIDER
- 10.15 –10.45 **Keynote speaker:**
Prof. Tim Unwin: *ICT4D: a dialectic exploration*
- 10.45 – 12.15 **Theme: ICT in education/ e-Learning**
Session Chair: Annika Andersson
Evelyn Kigozi Kahiigi: *"Exploring the e-learning state of art"*
David Hollow: *Monitoring and Evaluation of ICT for education in Africa – alternative approaches and initial reflections*
Marcus Duveskog: *Tekkie Kids - A learning laboratory for future engineers*
- 12.15 – 13.15 Lunch – sponsored by Life Academy, Karlstad
- 13.15 – 14.45 (e-learning continued)

Muhammad Atif Ishaq: *Usability in e-learning.*
Emily Bagarukayo: *Enhancing Attainment of Higher Cognitive Skills through Multimedia E-learning.*
Edwin Idu: *Web-based online extension system for universities of agriculture in developing countries*
- 14.45 -15.15 Refreshments
- 15.15 – 17.15 **Theme: e-Health, eGovernment and Gender**
Session Chair: Mathias Hatakka

Akeh Lucas Kunen & Zigo Morfaw Damien: *E-Health Africa: Overcoming the Barriers to its Implementation. A case study of Sub Sahara Africa.*

Edephonce N. Nfuka: *Application of semantic web technologies to e-government: case of a developing country*

Salma Abbasi: *Role of Telecentres for Gender Empowerment*

17.15- 17.30

Summarizing the day

19.00-23.00

Dinner party: Swedish buffé – please bring a bottle to share or a box of chocolate. The buffé is sponsored by SPIDER.

Friday 31st August

09.00 – 09.30

Keynote Speakers:

Prof. Erkki Sutinen: *Can an ICT professional be trained to spark innovation? Background for a contextualized ICT undergraduate program at Tumaini University, Iringa, Tanzania*

09.30 – 10.30

Theme: Assessments and evaluation

Session Chair: Gudrun Wicander

Ismael Peña-López: *Unpeeling the layers of the digital divide: category thresholds and relationships within composite indices*

Florence Nameere Kivunike: *Measuring the Information Society: An Explorative Study of Existing Tools*

10.30 – 11.00

Refreshments

11.00 – 12.30

Theme: Sustainability and partnership

Session Chair: Marcus Duveskog

Kaire Holts: *ICT4D – different partnership models applied to involve or to encourage the private sector.*

Uduak Okon: *ICTs and Sustainable Communities Development. The case of the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria.*

Gudrun Wicander: *SIF – The Sustainability ICT Framework*

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch – sponsored by HumanIT, Karlstad University

13.30 – 15.00

Theme: Creativity and e-learning revisited

Session Chair: Evelyn Kigozi Kahiigi

Andrea Burris: *Creativity in the Information Economy: China Case Study*

Berhanu Beyene : *ePortfolio-based Feedback System to Evaluation eLearning Activities in Developing Countries*

Mikko Vesisenaho: *Developing contextual higher level introductory ICT education in Tanzania*

15.00 – 15.30

Refreshments

15.30 – 16.30

Theme: Peace building and democracy

Keynote speaker:

Ass. Prof. Khalid Rabayah: *ICT as an enabling tool to ease tension, relief hardship, and resolve conflict: application within the Palestinian case.*

Jonatan Stanczak: *Teaching information, communication and technology to empower children in a low intensity conflict area: a case study from Jenin refugee camp, West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territories*

16.30 – 17.30 Closing plenary

Evening For those staying after the symposium a range of informal evening activities may take place.

Notes:

1. Lunch – free lunches in the main university restaurant (sponsored by Life Academy and Centre for HumanIT). Other opportunities exist at a cost of app. 5-7 Euros per meal.
2. Dinner – Thursday night will be free of charge (sponsored by IPID/SPIDER).
3. Themed networking – One of the core purposes of this symposium is to provide opportunities for participants with shared interests to meet together to discuss their research and practice.
4. Presentation style – All presentations will be of no more than 15 minutes duration. Presenters are encouraged to focus on the challenges and issues that they face in undertaking their research, so that the subsequent discussions can address ways in which these may be resolved. It is hoped that everyone's research practice will thus benefit from this sharing of experiences.
5. Resources – Data projector and overhead will be available throughout the symposium. Those requiring other hardware are encouraged to contact the organisers as soon as possible.
6. Fees – There is no conference fee. Participants are asked to bring an appropriate beverage to share at the buffé on the Thursday evening.
7. Dissemination – All presenters are asked to send digital copies of their presentations for handouts on the first day of the symposium and also to be made available through the IPID web-site.