

## Agenda for LIRNE.NET – IDRC Meeting

23 June 2008 – IDRC Headquarters  
150 Kent Street, Ottawa

### Evidence-based research and experience on improving sector performance

8:00 – 8:30	Coffee and registration
8:30 – 8:50	<b>IDRC Welcome</b> – Rohinton Medhora, Vice-President, Programs <b>LIRNE.NET Welcome</b> – Professor William H. Melody
9:00 – 10:45	<b>Experience from the centres: Improving access to ICTs via alternative regulatory and other interventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LIRNEasia – Rohan Samarajiva</li> <li>▪ DIRSI – Hernan Galperin</li> <li>▪ Research ICT Africa! – Alison Gillwald</li> <li>▪ LIRNE Europe – Anders Henten</li> <li>▪ LIRNE.NET / Comunica – Amy Mahan</li> </ul> Session Chair: William H. Melody, LIRNE.NET / Technical University of Denmark
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:15	<b>Knowledge from the field</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research ICT Africa! – Not your average OECD survey – Olivier Nana Nzepa</li> <li>▪ LIRNEasia – Romancing the DoT: LIRNEasia's policy interventions in India – Payal Malik</li> <li>▪ DIRSI – Wha' a Gwaan? Ethnographic findings from Jamaica – Hopeton Dunn</li> </ul> Session Chair: Laurent Elder, Pan Asia Networking (PAN) Programme Leader
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:55	<b>Research in service of evidence-based policymaking</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DIRSI – Mobile Opportunities survey – Judith Mariscal</li> <li>▪ Research ICT Africa! – Towards an African e-Index – Christoph Stork</li> <li>▪ LIRNEasia – Benchmarking and TRE – Helani Galpaya</li> <li>▪ LIRNE – NRA website benchmarking – Amy Mahan</li> </ul> Session Chair: Prabir Neogi, Industry Canada
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Capacity building in the regions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LIRNEasia – CPRsouth – Rohan Samarajiva</li> <li>▪ DIRSI – Roxana Barrantes</li> <li>▪ Research ICT Africa! – Alison Gillwald</li> </ul> Session Chair: Randy Spence, Director, Economic and Social Development Affiliates
16:00	<b>Closing</b> – Michael Clarke, Director of the Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D) Program Area Poster session discussion for junior researchers from DIRSI – Aileen Aguero, Luis F. Gamboa, and Fernando Ramirez Opportunity for informal conversation Session Chair: Khaled Fourati, Program Officer (ICT4D Africa), IDRC