

Civil Society Internet Governance Caucus's Recommendations for Speakers for the Main Sessions at IGF, Rio – with Brief Bios

Sr. No.	Session	Name of the recommended speaker	Brief Bio
1.	Critical Internet Resources	Paul Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Wilson is the Director General of Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC). In his capacity, he oversees APNIC's total operations, raising awareness of APNIC's role in allocating and registering Internet resources. He supervises the development of procedures and mechanisms to allocate internet resources to APNIC's members. Paul ensures that APNIC responds to legislative and regulatory issues in the region and that APNIC is represented in key industry bodies
		Carlos Afonso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carlos Afonso is a member of the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee (CGI.br), the .br governance organization in Brazil, and the chair of Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC). He is also planning director of Rits (Information Network for the Third Sector), a Brazilian NGO based in Rio, dedicated to public policy monitoring on ICTs, implementation of digital inclusion projects, and provision of Internet services to other non-profit organizations worldwide.
2.	Diversity	Monthian Buntan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthian Buntan has been the moving spirit of the rights of the visually-disabled of Thailand, and is well-recognized as a leading figure in the field for the entire Asia Pacific region. He is the Executive Director of Thai Blind People's Foundation (TBPF), member of the Executive Committee World Blind Union (WBU) & Member of the Advisory Committee on Disability to the Prime Minister of Thailand
		Nnenna Nwakanma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nnenna Nwakanma is the co-founder of different pan-African organizations such as The Free Software and Open Source Foundation for Africa (FOSSFA) (http://www.fossfa.net), The Africa Network of Information Society Actors (ANISA), and the Africa Civil Society for the Information Society (ACSIS).

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She strongly argues for people with grassroots experience in the telecentre movement to have a larger say in issues of Internet Governance.
		Daniel Pimienta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Pimienta is the head of FUNREDES (http://funredes.org) a civil society organization working in the field of Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D) and performing research-action for new form of participative democracy within the framework of the "Society of Shared Knowledges", the way the MISTICA group of academics and activists (http://funredes.org/mistica) prefers to address the so called "Information Society".
3	Access	Daniel Stern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Stern has played a role in the promotion of ICT4D in Uganda, and to a lesser extent Tanzania, Rwanda and Kenya in his capacity as director for his NGO, UConnect. His organisation was implementing partner on the ITU, UNESCO and IDRC Multipurpose Community Telecentres project in 1997. His organisation has provided training and pioneered the use of several Internet technologies in the region, including VHF data for the WFP's DFMS+ network. He helped to lead the Uganda IXP project at a critical juncture, have organized the training of hundreds of government officials in use of ICTs. He has advocated for discount Internet for schools and espoused the opening of schools computer labs to parents and community out of school hours for schools-based community Internet Training Centres, otherwise known as telecentres. • On another front he is a member of the Advisory Board for Ink-Media, and hopes to play a role in the distribution of a low-cost ultra-low energy laptop that, together with newly emerging inexpensive portable nanotechnology-enabled thin film photo voltaic devices and the now almost ubiquitous (in Uganda and some other countries) and relatively inexpensive GPRS Internet, will make ICTs accessible to vast numbers of people in rural areas of developing countries.
		John Dada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dada is a volunteer with Fantsuam Foundation, a rural women's NGO in northern Nigeria, since 1996. He has responsibility for development of rural

			<p>development initiatives to make Fantsuam a thriving rural knowledge economy driver in Nigeria He is also a founding member of the Peoples-uni.org (Peoples Open Access Education Initiative www.peoples-uni.org) that aims to offer low cost and highly credible education to help build capacity in low- to middle-income countries.</p>
		Anita Gurumurthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anita Gurumurthy is a founder member and Executive Director of IT for Change. She has worked in areas of gender equality and health, apart from information society issues. She has co-authored case studies for UNDP which were inputted into the work of the WSIS Task Force on Financial Mechanisms; she has undertaken research for UNIFEM on gender and ICT projects; and authored a primer on gender and ICTs for the Institute of Development Studies. As a part of a project backed by the WSIS Gender Caucus and IDRC, she led a multi-country study of key issues involved in the area of ICTs and women's empowerment. She has been actively involved with the WSIS process, submitting statements and position papers on development and gender concerns. She was a part of the steering committee of the Gender Caucus for WSIS, and its Asia-Pacific coordinator. She is at present coordinating a Community of Expertise under UN-GAID on 'Gender, Development and Information Society Policies'. She co-coordinator of two projects at IT for Change - the 'Information Society for the South' research and advocacy program and the 'Information Society Watch' program. She has also authored a study commissioned by She is at present heading a research activity for developing policy analysis and briefs on gender and ICT policy for Asia Pacific division of UNDP's HDR Unit.
	4.	Openness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> William J. Drake is the Director of the Project on the Information Revolution and Global Governance at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva and the President of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (CPSR). Over the past 25 years, he has worked on the global governance of ICT and the Internet as an academic,

			<p>foreign policy think tank analyst, consultant, and civil society activist. He has published and spoken widely on related issues, including international regulatory regimes, technical standardization, networked international trade and global electronic commerce, human rights, the global digital divide and development, and the role of civil society organizations in national and global ICT governance processes. In recent years, he has made many oral interventions in the WSIS prepcoms and WGIG open consultations; and been an active participant in the WGIG's deliberations, research, and writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In these and other contexts, he was an early and consistent advocate of a broad approach to Internet governance and the creation of an IGF, and often has worked closely and effectively with representatives of governments, international organizations, and the private sector---including when their positions were at odds with those of civil society. He joined the civil society Internet Governance Caucus (IGC) in June 2003 and has played an active role in the group's development and work since then, including by leading the drafting of a number of joint texts.
		<p>Ang Peng Hwa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ang Peng Hwa is an associate professor and Chair, SCI at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Dr. Ang researches and teaches media law and policy with a special emphasis on the Internet. A former journalist with a Singapore daily and a qualified lawyer, his research covers legal and policy issues in the media on such areas as copyright, media self-regulation, and free speech and censorship. • He is on the main board and advisory council of the Internet Content Rating Association. He has also consulted for organisations in Europe and Asia, including local ones. <p>His main areas of specialization include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Law and Policy • Censorship • Privacy • Self-regulation of Media

5.	Security	Izumi Aizu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Izumi Aizu is an Executive Research Fellow at GLOCOM, International University of Japan and is currently serving ICANN's AtLarge Advisory Committee (<u>ALAC</u>) from Asia Pacific region. He is Deputy Director, Institute for HyperNetwork Society, a non-profit public foundation, dedicated to the research on social issues of network society. • In August 2004 he co-found Internet Governance Task Force of Japan to engage in the international debate on Internet Governance at the WSIS Working Group on Internet Governance set by the United Nations. His research and advocacy focus is the effective and proper use of Internet in society, including policy and strategic issues, based on the end-user's viewpoint and value
		Ralf Bendrath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ralf Bendrath is a Research Fellow, University of Bremen, Germany. He is a political scientist and currently doing research on international privacy policy in the project "Regulation and Legitimacy on the Internet" of the Collaborative Research Center "Transformations of the State", University of Bremen, Germany. Previous research included information warfare, cyber-security, and peace and security policy. • He was coordinator of the international civil society working group on privacy and security for the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and is active in the NGO network "European Digital Rights" (EDRi). Ralf Bendrath was a civil society representative in the German government delegation to the WSIS summits in 2003 and 2005.
		Katitza Rodríguez Pereda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katitza Rodríguez Pereda is the Vice President of Computer Professional for Social Responsibility, founder and director of CPSR-Peru. In addition, she works as International Policy Fellow at the Electronic Privacy Information Center - EPIC and is a member of the Advisory Board of Privacy International • She graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Lima, with studies in Ebusiness Project Managment at Escuela Superior de Administración de Negocios - ESAN and data protection at the University of Murcia, Spain. She has specialized in Internet law with special emphasis in intellectual property rights

			<p>and privacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously, she held the post of Director of Privaterra, an on going project of CPSR, Product Manager of Voxiva in Perú obtaining the PC World - Peru award 2002 for the best technological solution for social projections. She has taught in the Diplomado de Derecho Informático at Garcilazo de la Vega University, Lima, Perú, and the Diplomado de Comercio Electroncio at Antenor Orrego University in Trujillo, Perú.
6.	Emerging Issues	Vittorio Bertola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vittorio Bertola is presently the Chairman of ICANN's At Large Advisory Committee. He has been involved with various roles in other At Large-related committees and organizations, in policy-making for the .it top-level domain and in the Italian chapter of the Internet Society. He is an engineer and technical manager, and has recently founded Dynamic Fun, a new company in the field of wireless entertainment, after serving as Vice President for Technology of the Vitaminic group, the European leader in digital music distribution.
		Roberto Bissio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Bissio, a journalist and researcher from Uruguay, is executive director of the Third World Institute and coordinator of Social Watch, a network of civil society organizations in 50 countries, devoted to the analysis and debate of social policies. • Bissio is a member of the civil society committee that advises the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) administrator and sits on the boards of Third World Network (TWN), the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) and of the Montreal International Forum.
7.	Opening	Anriette Esterhuysen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anriette Esterhuysen is the Executive Director of the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), an international network of more than forty civil society organizations dedicated to empowering and supporting groups and individuals working for peace, human rights, development and protection of the environment, through the strategic use of information and communication technologies (ICTs). • She was Executive Director of SANGONeT, an internet service provider and training institution for the

			<p>development sector in South Africa from 1993 to 2000. Prior to that she worked in development and human rights organisations involved in the struggle against Apartheid in South Africa. She is a founder of Women'sNet in South Africa and has served on the African Technical Advisory Committee of the UN's Economic Commission for Africa's African Information Society Initiative and was a member of the United Nations ICT Task Force from 2002 to 2005.</p>
		Adama Samassékou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Adama Samassékou is the President of WSIS Preparatory Committee for Geneva Phase, the president of the African Academy of Languages, and the Former Minister of Education of Mali (1993-2000). Playing an active role in community life, Mr. Samassékou was the founding president, for Mali and Africa as a whole, of the Peoples' Movement for Human Rights Education. In the political sphere, he was the founding chairman of ADEMA-France. • Having been Malian Minister of Education for seven years (1993-2000) and former spokesperson for the Government of Mali (1997-2000), Mr. Samassékou is currently president, with ministerial rank, of the African Academy of Languages.
8.	The Way Forward		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations to be made