

HEINRICH BÖLL FOUNDATION @ WSIS-TUNIS

14 November 2005, 17.00 – 20.00

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alternative venue to be announced

Venue: El Teatro, Le Belvédère, 1002 Tunis

Co-Organizers: Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates

Introductory meeting and roundtable discussion:

Interests and concerns of partners of Heinrich Böll Foundation
(by invitation only)

15 November 2005, 13.00 – 15.00

Venue: Kasserine, Palexpo KRAM

Co-organizers: Arab Caucus and Arab NGOs Network for
Development

Freedom of expression and access to information in the Arab
world

16 November 2005, 09.00 – 13.00

Venue: El Jem, Palexpo KRAM

Towards a sustainable and inclusive Knowledge Society:
How to get there from WSIS?

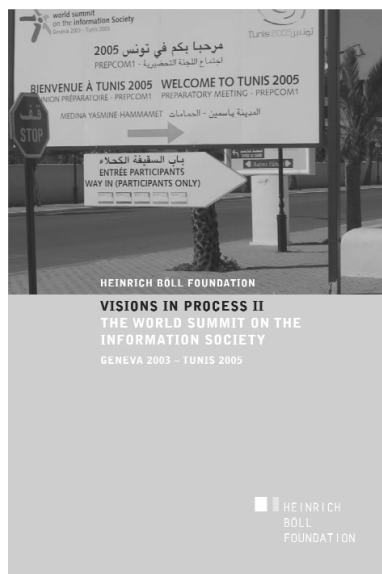
Panels and book launch "Visions in Process II"

18 November 2005, 09.00 – 11.00

Venue: Gafsa, Palexpo KRAM

Co-organizers: Arab Caucus and Arab NGOs Network for
Development

ICT in the Arab World: Opportunities and challenges



VISIONS IN PROCESS II

The World Summit on the Information Society,
Geneva 2003 – Tunis 2005,
Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin 2005

launched at the second UN-World Summit on the Information
Society in November 2005, features civil society assessments of
major controversies regarding the agenda and the process of this
summit.

Authors: Anita Gurumurthy, Avri Doria, Beatriz Busaniche, Chantal
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www.boell.de

www.boell-ameo.org

www.worldsummit2005.org

**TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AND
INCLUSIVE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

**TUNIS, TUNISIA
14–18 NOVEMBER 2005**

WSIS AND BEYOND

The Tunis summit will formally conclude the four-year process of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). Civil society organizations from all around the world have participated lively in this process, building networks and coalitions, formulating contributions for the negotiations, strategizing, and shaping their own visions of an Information Society that meets human needs. Now, the main challenge is to ascertain that the WSIS process, which proved to be instructive for all its participants, will generate a sustainable follow-up. For civil society, major WSIS controversies have revolved around human rights, sustainable development and multi-stakeholder participation, and these concepts also need to be the cornerstones of the WSIS follow-up. Pressing questions that need to be discussed are the following ones:

- What should a post-WSIS agenda look like in the different world regions?
- What strategic goals will help promote the triad of human rights, sustainable development and civil society participation in governance processes?
- What conclusions can be drawn from the civil society participation in the multi-stakeholder process of WSIS?
- Which arenas and perspectives open up for civil society involvement after WSIS?
- What programmatic goals can unite the different social movements and initiatives dedicated to freedom of communication, the safeguarding of the right to privacy, open access to knowledge, free and open source software etc.?

To promote the civil society debate of these questions and enable civil society to share views and discuss forward-looking questions and strategies, the Heinrich Böll Foundation is involved in organizing a number of side events at WSIS Tunis and will launch the publication "Visions in Process II – The World Summit on the Information Society, Geneva 2003-Tunis 2005."

These contributions are also part of the Citizens' Summit on the Information Society (CSIS), whose objectives the Heinrich Böll Foundation strongly supports.

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

How to get there from WSIS?

WSIS parallel event

16 November 2005, Room "El Jem", Palexpo KRAM

09.00 *Welcome*

Olga Drossou, Heinrich Böll Foundation

09.15 **DEVELOPING THE POST-WSIS AGENDA**

Panel discussion with:

Anita Gurumurthy, IT for Change, India

Sally Burch, Agencia Latinoamericana de Información, Ecuador

Gbenga Sesan, African Youth ICT4D Network, Nigeria

Ziad Abdel-Samad, Arab NGO Network for Development, Lebanon

Chantal Peyer, Bread for all, Switzerland

Chair: Rainer Kuhlen, Information and Communication Committee, German Commission of UNESCO

10.30 **CIVIL SOCIETY @ WSIS:
WHAT WAS AND WHAT'S NEXT?**

Panel discussion with:

Claudia Padovani, University of Padova, Italy

Karen Banks, Association for Progressive Communications, Great Britain

Parminder Jeet Singh, IT for Change, India

Geert Lovink, Incomunicado Network, Netherlands

Chris Kabwato, Highway Africa, South Africa

Chair: Ralf Bendrath, German WSIS CS Network, www.worldsummit2005.org

11.45 **Book launch**

VISIONS IN PROCESS II – THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Roundtable with the authors:

Anita Gurumurthy, Avri Doria, Chantal Peyer, Claudia Padovani, Divina Frau-Meigs, Karen Banks, Rikke Frank Joergensen, Meryem Marzouki, Sally Burch, Viola Krebs

Chair: Heike Jensen, Heinrich Böll Foundation, WSIS Gender Caucus

13.00 *End of event*

ABOUT US

The Heinrich Böll Foundation is among the civil society organizations that have participated in the WSIS process right from the beginning and in close cooperation with partner organizations in several world regions. The Foundation has strengthened civil society participation in WSIS in numerous ways. Beyond WSIS, we will continue our engagement to further the networking and collaboration between civil society organizations in different regions and at the global level. Our aim is to help build a powerful social movement for freedoms of communication and information, which will contribute to the creation of a sustainable, global and inclusive knowledge society.

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