Objective: The panel will illustrate and discuss the linkages between human rights principles and the Information Society, and seek to translate these principles into specific policy requirements on a number of current issues.
Thus to illustrate how information and communication technologies (ICTs) can be utilized to advance human rights, and to discuss the threats which current use of ICTs represent for human rights protection. The debates are collected in a book on "Human Rights in the Global Information Society", which will be published by MIT Press in 2006. The panelists are authors to various chapters in this book, and key actors in the policy processes around WSIS.

Moderator: Rikke Frank Joergensen, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark, and editor of the forthcoming MIT book on "Human Rights in the Global Information Society".

Opening remarks: Adama Samassekou, President of WSIS first phase, Mali

Panelists: (5-10 min. tour de table with main policy recommendation from each author, followed by debate)

Right to freedom of expression: Rikke Frank Joergensen, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark,

Right to privacy: Gus Hosein, Privacy International, UK

Right of Assembly & Freedom of Association, Charley Lewis, LINK Centre, South Africa

Right to take part in the conduct of public affairs: Hans Klein, Georgia Institute of Technology, US

"Guarantee-rights": Meryem Marzouki, LIP6/PolyTIC Lab, CNRS, France

Women's Human Rights: Heike Jensen, Humboldt University, Germany

Right to development: Anriette Esterhuysen, APC, South Africa

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