ICTD 2012 Open Session

THE ROLE OF ICTs IN POST-CONFLICT SITUATIONS

Thursday, 15 March, 2012; 4.15-5:30 pm (4th session of the day)

Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center, Conference C
Session organizer: infoDev (www.infodev.org)

With the support of UKaid, infoDev, a division of the World Bank, is currently undertaking the first large-scale comparative analysis of the role that ICT plays in countries emerging from conflict. The study will raise awareness for prioritizing ICT initiatives in reconstruction, stimulate discussion on the principles and priorities for policymakers and donors, and identify the role of information in post-conflict development and social cohesion. The input case studies cover Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Rwanda, Liberia, and Tunisia.

This open session will serve to build momentum towards a broader research agenda and engagement on this key development issue. Three case study researchers will provide insights from their time in-country. The discussion will provide a first critical review and help shape a broader policy framework.

After short presentations by the case study researchers, the discussion will be opened for the commenting panelists and the audience (at least 40 minutes).

Tim Kelly
Lead ICT Policy Specialist at infoDev (moderator)

Prof. Michael Best
Georgia Tech, on the Liberia case

Prof. Rohan Samarajiva
Founding CEO of LIRNeasia, on the Sri Lanka case

Zack Brisson
Principal of Reboot, on the Tunisia case

Prof. Colin Maclay
Managing Director of the Berkman Center at Harvard University

Heather Leson
Director Community of Engagement, Ushahidi