

**Under the High Patronage of His Excellency Zine El-Abidine BEN ALI,  
President of the Republic of Tunisia**

**ICT 4 ALL Forum – Tunis +3  
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**Broadband, industry of content for development**

**Forum's Recommendations**  
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We, participants from 67 countries at ICT4All Forum-Tunis+3, held in Hammamet, Tunisia, the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of **November 2008** under the High Patronage of His Excellency Zine El-Abidine BEN ALI, President of the Republic of Tunisia and dealing with the theme of **“Broadband, industry of content for development”**

- Persuaded of the need to implement the recommendations of Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda which were concluded in 2005 within the framework of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS), and dealing mainly with building ICT infrastructure,
- Recognizing that bridging the digital divide requires an adequate and sustained investment in ICT services and infrastructure, as well as in capacity building and technology transfer for many years,
- Considering the financial commitments made by many public and private actors at “Connect Africa” Summit held in Kigali in 2007
- Considering that the development of high qualified ICT and broadband infrastructure is prerequisite for developing a wide range of services and applications to promote investment with a positive impact on economic growth and social development
- Taking into consideration the works of the International Forum on Information and Communication Technologies ICT4All Forum-Tunis+3 and the adopted policies to promote broadband and to develop an appropriate industry of content,

**We call the various parties to:**

1. Continue and accelerate the implementation of WSIS's recommendations, especially by fostering public policies for the promotion of e-culture and advanced services in all areas.
2. Promote access to broadband technologies for economic actors and households through the deployment of a high quality infrastructure to provide at least 10% of homes in 2012 and 15% in 2015 with broadband access, within the framework of realizing WSIS provisions and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).
3. Being up-to-date with the development and the use of online services to accelerate transition to a performed and adapted e-government to people's needs, and to promote local industry of e-content and e-knowledge

4. Promote initiatives for strengthening partnership, solidarity and exchange channels, to enable particularly African countries to develop broadband infrastructure in order to access to knowledge as well as applications and services in different areas related to administration, education, health, transport, financial services and other economic sectors.
5. Providing further financial support from international and regional organizations to fund national or regional ICT infrastructure projects, including regional backbones, regional networks and regional points of access to global networks.
6. To further support the organization of the ICT4All Forum in order to promote ICT investment in Africa, to make of it an area of exchange and discussions aiming at:
  - Sharing best practices at the level of ICT development,
  - Assessing the achieved progress in building the information society as recommended in Tunis Agenda of WSIS, and ICT development in the African continent,
7. Fostering partnership between the private ICT sector in the various countries, particularly in Africa, and exploiting centers of excellence in Africa which are specialized in capacity development, cyber security and various services devoted to investment promotion.