Volunteerism in the Digital Age

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Moderator: ICVolunteers

Volunteers linking knowledge with needs

This panel

- **Moderator:**
  - Viola Krebs, Executive Director of ICVolunteers

- **Panelists:**
  - Barbara Waugh, Director, University Relations Hewlett-Packard Company
  - Dr. Paul Jhin, Director of Special Initatives, Peace Corps Headquarters
  - Quinn Sutton, Executive Director, Digital Alliance Foundation
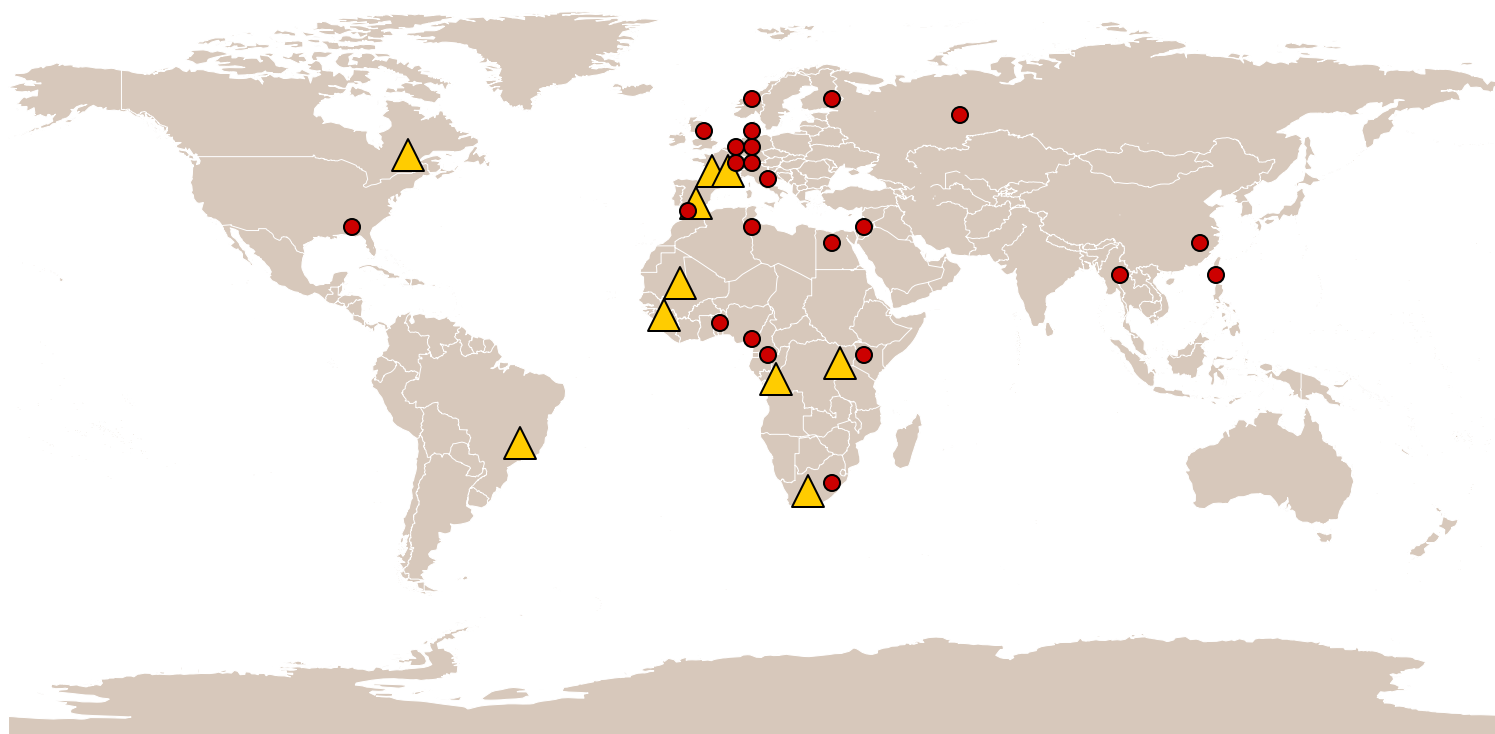 - Ahmad Sobri, Secretary General, ASEAN Youth Committee

ICVolunteers

- **International Federation**
- **Started 10 years ago**

- **Working in the field of communications:**
  - Cybervolunteering
  - Languages
  - Support and organization of conferences and seminars

- **Linking knowledge with needs**

- **A network of close to 10,000 individuals, partners and volunteers from over 100 countries, speaking 130 languages**

ICV's projects to date

Offices & Representations

Projects implemented since creation
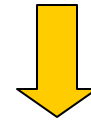
Cybervolunteerism

- Volunteerism in the Digital Age
- ICTs offer new opportunities and shape the volunteer sector:
    - volunteers catalysts for change
    - Volunteers as users of technology
- Human capacity building
- Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

- Examples from:
    - Health, education, disaster
    - Management, employ involvement

Cybervolunteerism

Volunteers with information and communication technology skills

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Web design

System administration

Software development

Development of specific applications

Training of trainers

Questions

- What major **trends** and **changes** can be expected in the next decade regarding volunteerism given the interplay of technologies, markets and people?
- What are the **main initiatives** in ICT volunteerism worldwide?
- What are the **key challenges** in ensuring the **sustainability** of ICT volunteerism for development today?
- What are the **measures** that must be put in place **to address the challenges** and how must volunteer organisations adapt in the digital age?
- What are the **roles and responsibilities** of the non-profit sector, private entities, civil society and even public sector – in this changing landscape?

Questions

- How are **new employment opportunities** being created through cybervolunteering in different parts of the world?

- What is the role of cybervolunteers for the **linguistic diversity** in cyberspace?

- How can the use of technology help **address issues** such as the **brain drain and migration**?

- How to link the **open source software** movement with more **traditional forms of volunteering**?

- What **strategies are governments and the private sector** using to harness these opportunities for citizens?

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