PITAC International Panel

Building International Human Capacity in Education and Training

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Background

- PITAC ₁₉₉₉ Report to the President
  - ◆ Advances in IT will create new technology and infrastructures for addressing key issues of the global society

- Since last PITAC meeting, the Panel has decided to focus on international digital divide

- Okinawa G8 Summit Charter on Global Information Society
  - ◆ PITAC International Panel has chosen to focus on **"humanity capacity building through education and training"** – Strategy #3

- Prof. Yunus' (Grameen Bank of Bangladesh) proposal for the creation of the International Center for Information Technology to Eliminate Global Poverty

G8 Charter Priority Actions to Promote Education and Training

- Provide policy advice and capacity building to promote favorable and regulatory environment

- Focus on basic education and life-long learning

- Assist in developing trained IT professionals

- Develop innovative approaches to teaching, e.g. distance learning

- Promote networking of public institutions and communities to promote policy and infrastructure for education and training

PITAC International Panel Approach

- Identify existing infrastructures, programs and resources

- Identify opportunities for coordination with existing institutions for human capacity building

- Identify US government initiatives to support IT policies and resources development to promote human capacity building

- Solicit input, suggestions, and comments from PITAC members and non-PITAC experts

- Expand the panel membership

Capacity Building Resources

- US government programs, such as IED, US-AID, State Department, etc.

- UN and other countries' programs and initiatives

- Bilateral cooperative activities, such as EU, APEC, country to country

- International financial institutions

- Non-governmental and professional organizations

- Foundations focused on global issues

- Public and private resources

PITAC Workshop on Human Capacity Building through Education and Training

- ## Objectives:
  - ◆ Identify existing capabilities, institutions and infrastructure
  - ◆ Share expertise and experience
  - ◆ Identify education and training needs
  - ◆ Identify levels of education activities needed
  - ◆ Identify options and opportunities to:
    - Encourage increased coordination and cooperation'
    - Promote new programmatic focuses using existing delivery mechanisms
    - Identify new modes of technical assistance

- ## Make recommendations to PITAC