IFIP AGORA Seminar Addis Ababa

How to create a lifelong learning environment

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The aim of IFIP AGORA Seminar is to bring together experts and policy makers to prepare a regional and individual action plan to deal with LLL issues in an African context. Participants will bring their own problems to the seminar in order to develop individual and shared action plans.

Lifelong Learning is about how workers and students use and develop their knowledge work competence supported by e-competence. LLL action plans take account of each LLL situation as a contextual situation taking account of the level of access to ICT and the level of e-readiness and e-maturity of the national society and or organisation, dependent on cultural, social and economical context. LLL is about new ways of learning and sharing of knowledge supported by ICT. LLL when supported by effective action plans is a means to close the digital divide.

The target participants are policy makers and practitioners from across Africa who wants to solve concrete LLL problems making use of contributions and expertise from IFIP, UNESCO and OECD.
The **venue** of the seminar is Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia.

Conditions for acceptance in the seminar are that you have a concrete LLL problem for which you desire to complete an action plan in collaboration with other participants and the seminar moderators and are able to attend for all 3 days of the seminar.

The moderators of the seminar are Mike Kendall and Tom van Weert. Mike is Vice-Chair of international IFIP Special Interest Group on Lifelong Learning with extensive experience in the development of LLL situations in school and community education. Tom is member of the international IFIP AGORA LLL core group with extensive experience in research and implementation of LLL situations in higher education.

The **IFIP AGORA LLL seminar structure** is 3 days of intensive activity preceding WITFOR
- One the first day you will present your concrete LLL problems to the seminar participants, common issues will be identified and longer term objectives developed collaboratively
- On the second day you will work in small groups to develop an Action Plan to address your LLL problem
- On the third day you will develop with other participants' ways in building collaborations to realise the action plans and ensure learning from experience.
- The third day and the seminar will conclude with a poster session attended by IFIP experts at WITFOR giving feedback on your action plans and providing you with an opportunity to network for further collaborations.

The **AGORA seminar outcomes** will be a concrete action plan to solve your LLL problem and structures for future collaboration and knowledge sharing. The outcomes will also be used to provide input to the WITFOR Education Commission suggesting future WITFOR and IFIP activities.

The seminar is organised in conjunction with **WITFOR**. **The aim of WITFOR** is to examine different initiatives on effective, context sensitive development and use of ICT applications, access to quality relevant information, and the development of "fair use principles" in the Internet Age.

IFIP is the International Federation for Information Processing. **IFIP** is a non-governmental organisation bringing together experts from more than 56 countries.

Addis Ababa Seminar Workplan

Day 1 (Sunday August 19)	Day 2 (Monday August 20)	Day 3 (Tuesday August 21)
9.30 **Opening presentation** a. IFIP Agora Initiative on Lifelong Learning b. Structure of the seminar	**9.00** **Identified personal/group goals** Group presentations	**9.00** **Presentation of Action Plans** Group presentations
10.30 **Coffee break**	**10.30** **Coffee break**	**10.30** **Coffee break**
11.00 **Presentations of participant cases** Summary of similarities and differences	**11.00** **Presentation** *Developmental approach* Rapid prototyping-Seoul 2.0	**11.00** **Organising knowledge sharing** Plenary discussion
12.30 **Lunch break**	Maturity levels **Personal** Seoul 2.0 **Organisation**	**12.30** **Lunch break**
14.00 **Presentation Selected Models** Selection depending on presented cases	IFIP Secondary Curriculum-Seoul 2.0 **Environment** Economist/IBM	**14.00** **Finalisation of group/personal presentations** Group work
Personal level **LLL competencies** OECD-UTeacher-Seoul 2.0	**12.30** **Lunch break**	
Work level **Working method** Adapted Deming Cycle-Seoul 2.0	**14.00** **Development of Group/personal Action Plans** Small groups	
Project level **Developing/Sharing of knowledge** Studios-Ateliers Seoul 2.0	**15.30** **Tea break**	**15.30** **Tea break**
Organisation level **Key success factors** EFQM-Seoul 2.0	**16.00** **Presentation of African Regional Action Plan (ARAP)**	**16.00** **Presentations of seminar results** Group/personal presentations IFIP/WITFOR experts give feedback
15.30 **Tea break**	**16.30** **Fitting of Action Plans into ARAP framework** Small groups	**Results** • Action plans within ARAP framework adapted to local context
16.00 **Defining personal/group goals** Group work		• Defined personal/group goals • Organised knowledge sharing • Networking with WITFOR participants
17.30 End of work Day 1	***17.30 End of work Day 2***	***17.30 End of seminar***