

# Commonwealth Connects 2007

## International e-Partnership Summit

Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, India  
23 -24 March 2007

The Commonwealth Connects – International e-Partnership Summit is a high-profile launch event for the Commonwealth Connects programme. The Summit will bring together ICT Ministers from around the Commonwealth, CEOs, Managing Directors and other senior people from the private sector and ICT world, Government officials, international agencies and senior representatives from Civil Society.

The Commonwealth Connects Programme aims to bridge the deepening Digital Divide across the 53 countries of the Commonwealth. In an attempt to mitigate this increasing digital fragmentation, a collaborative effort of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth partner agencies and member countries has formed the Commonwealth Connects Programme.

The Commonwealth Connects Programme focuses on 5 specialised areas:

- Building Policy and Regulatory Capacity**
- Modernising Education and Skills Development**
- Entrepreneurship for Poverty Reduction**
- Promoting Local Access and Connectivity**
- Regional Networking, Local Content and Knowledge**

The summit aims to foster effective global partnerships between the public and private sectors to help develop and deliver the objectives of the Commonwealth Connects programme.



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## Confirmed Speakers



**H.E. Abdul Kalam,**  
President of India



**Dayanidhi Maran,**  
Minister of ICT,  
India



**Don McKinnon,**  
Commonwealth  
Secretary  
General



**Geraldine Fraser Moleketi,**  
Minister of  
Public Service  
& Administration,  
South Africa



**Dr. Michael Frendo,**  
Minister of  
Foreign Affairs,  
Malta



**Mutahi Kagwe,**  
Minister of  
Information and  
Communication,  
Kenya

### **Hon. Prof Tissa Vitarana**

*Minister of Science & Technology  
Government of Sri Lanka*

### **Hon. Neneh Macdonall-Gaye**

*Minister of Communication,  
Information & Technology  
Government of Gambia*

### **Hon. Dr Lenny Saith**

*Minister of Public Administration &  
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Government of Trinidad & Tobago*

### **Hon. Etienne Sinatambou**

*Minister of IT & Telecoms  
Government of Mauritius*

### **Hon. Neneh Macdonall-Gaye**

*Minister of Communication,  
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Government of Gambia*

### **Chris White**

*Chief of Staff  
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