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1. Describe your country's/agency's overall strategy or approach in using ICT for Development

a) Overall strategy

b) Guiding principles for use of ICT for development

c) Objectives

Sida supports the rapid integration of ICT in countries with which Sweden has a development cooperation programme in order to improve communications and the exchange of information, both within countries and globally.

Sida wants to integrate ICT as a natural and important part of the Swedish development cooperation activities

Programmes:

- Mainstreaming of ICT in ongoing bilateral sector and project support programmes.
- Infrastructure and competence development for universities.
- Support to national ICT institutions and national ICT policy processes

d) Areas of application

- Enabling environment
- Access and connectivity
- Competence development
- Content development

e) References and web-links to any relevant strategy documents or guidelines

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2. Identify the main modalities for ICT integration in your overall development strategy

b) Partnerships including the private sector

infoDev, Bellanet

c) Participation, if any, in joint or multi donor ICT for development programmes

Co-financing with DFID (Catalysing Access to ICT in Africa project)

d) Estimate of a global amount of funding with indications on the time frame it covers

Specific ICT projects around 8 million USD per year

f) Cases that are particularly illustrative: examples of best practices

SchoolNet Namibia (www.schoolnet.na), University ICT support (see document ICT- Transforming the World by Transforming Universities at Sida webpage, under Sector Information and ICT)

3. Describe the institutional arrangements made by your country for mainstreaming ICT within its development strategy

a) Main agencies involved in ICT for development (e.g. development co-operation agency, ministries, research institutes)

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b) The agencies' roles in the various stages (e.g. strategy, operations)

Financial support

c) Contact details of your country's/agency's ICT for development focal point

ICT for Development Secretariat, Department for Infrastructure and Economic Development, Sida

4. Country/regional focus of the ICT-enhanced development strategy

a) Description of regional and country focus:

Around 10 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, mostly African countries