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ANNUAL INFORMATION SOCIETY AND DEVELOPMENT MULTI- STAKEHOLDER FORUM

31 March - 1 April 2011 - Gallagher Estate

“ICT for Rural Development and Job Creation”



Radhakrishna L. Padayachie (Roy), MP
Minister of Communications

The Minister of Communications, **MR. RADHAKRISHNA L. PADAYACHIE (ROY), MP**, is hosting the Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Information Society and Development from **31 March - 1 April 2011 at Gallagher Estate Convention Centre in Midrand, Gauteng. Starting time: Day 1 - 10:30 Day 2 - 09:30.**

The Forum is taking place as a national-level follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) which took place in Geneva in 2003, and Tunis in 2005, respectively. South Africa, through the Department of Communications, was a key participant in these events.

This Forum serves as a platform for stakeholders to discuss strategies, showcase achievements, debate ideas, and share expert knowledge and solutions in striving to accelerate the building of a people-centred, development-oriented, inclusive Information Society.

The two day event will consider the important matter of ICT sector contribution to rural development and job creation. The Minister will outline the elements of the ICT Rural Development Strategic Framework and present tasks for stakeholders to work together to create jobs as per the target of the New Growth Path.

Participants will include: Industry Executives, Government policy makers, academic experts, representatives from State Owned Enterprises, and non-governmental organisations, Labour, as well as International guests. The theme for the 2011 Forum is “ICTs for Rural Development and Job creation”.

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“We have an amazing opportunity before us. By working together and by joining hands, we can become the change we want to see.”
Minister Padayachie - Media conference held on 11 November 2010

