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Introduction to the ACM Digital Library Proceedings of ICTD2010

This proceedings presents selected papers from the fourth International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development, held in London, U.K., Dec. 2010. ICTD2010 built on the conferences held previously in Doha, Qatar (2009); Bangalore, India (2007); and Berkeley, U.S.A. (2006). Under the leadership of General Chair Tim Unwin and General Programme Chair Dorothea Kleine, ICTD2010 expanded to a four-day event that explicitly reached out to non-researchers and sought open discussion. The two days of paper presentation, which have formed the research program of ICTD from the beginning, were complemented by two days of participatory activities involving panels, workshops, and other interactive sessions. The conference registered nearly 600 participants.

The paper program attracted 140 submissions, of which 30 were returned to authors without review because they were not full-length research papers. 110 papers went onto a double-blind review process, each involving 3 reviewers – two reviewers were intended to match a paper's domain and methodology, and one reviewer was chosen from outside of the paper's field to provide an outside perspective that is critical to interdisciplinarity. For 2010, a Senior Programme Committee was also formed to guide the review process and to provide an additional layer of reading for controversial papers. Ultimately, 19 papers were accepted for oral presentation, and an additional 35 papers were chosen for poster presentation.

In 2010, there was a midstream switch in our choice of publisher, from IEEE to ACM. As a result, camera ready papers submitted to ICTD2010 were not in the final format required for publication in the ACM Digital Library. This required a reformatting of papers after the conference, as well as the considerable delay in online publication, for which I sincerely apologize.

I have since attempted to track down all authors to ask them to reformat their papers for archival publication. Unfortunately, I was unsuccessful in doing so for several papers, which are noted below. Readers interested in finding those papers are referred to the ICTD2010 website (http://www.ictd2010.org) and the authors' own websites. These papers were accepted to and published at ICTD2010, exactly as the other papers.

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Papers that do not appear in the ACM Digital Library, but which were accepted to ICTD2010:

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- Shikoh Gitau, Kathleen Diga, Nicola Bidwell, Gary Marsden. "Beyond being a Proxy User: A look at NGOs' Potential Role in ICT4D Deployment."
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- Julian May. "Digital and Other Poverties: Exploring the Connection in Four East African Countries."
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