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# CyberVolunteers

**Win-win partnership: volunteers from the North and the South make grassroots projects happen. A concrete contribution to an information society accessible to all**

## PATRONAGE

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## BECOME A CYBER-VOLUNTEER

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If you would like to apply as a Cyber-Volunteer, please fill in our online registration form on our web site at [www.icvolunteers.org/en/registration/](http://www.icvolunteers.org/en/registration/) and send your CV to [cyber@icvolunteers.org](mailto:cyber@icvolunteers.org) with the mention "CyberVolunteers Programme".

## ASK FOR HELP FROM THE CYBER VOLUNTEERS

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If your organization or institution wishes to apply to work with a Cyber-Volunteer, please write to [cyber@icvolunteers.org](mailto:cyber@icvolunteers.org).

# CYBER VOLUNTEERS

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**A Program that connects grassroots projects & volunteers with information and communication technology skills**



**ICVolunteers**

## CONTEXT

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Often little known and recognized, volunteerism has a significant impact on development in general and on information and communication technologies (ICTs) in particular. Be it for software development, the creation of web sites or capacity building programs, volunteers have played and continue to play a significant role in the construction of the information society as we know it today.

This contribution is highlighted in the report of the World Summit on the Information Society Volunteer Family (phase 1) ([www.worldwidevolunteer.org/wsis2003](http://www.worldwidevolunteer.org/wsis2003)). The Plan of Action adopted by Heads of States at the Summit in December 2003 highlights that "volunteering, if conducted in harmony with national policies and local cultures, can be a valuable asset for raising human capacity to make productive use of ICT tools and build a more inclusive information society."

## CYBER VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

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The CyberVolunteers Program recruits, trains and coordinates volunteers with information and communication skills, who participate in local, regional and international projects for a period of several weeks or months. They may offer their skills in areas such as web or software development, system administration and content generation.

The Program values in particular South-South exchanges, but also includes South-North and North-South cooperation. A young citizen from Burkina Faso can for example become a cyber-volunteer in Mali, Switzerland or Cameroon. International cyber-volunteers always work together with local cyber-volunteers. The exchanges at CERN (European Center for Nuclear Research), through Informaticiens Sans Frontières (ISF), make it possible for volunteers from the South to get involved in projects such as Africa@home.

It is implemented by ICVolunteers ([www.icvolunteers.org](http://www.icvolunteers.org)), an international volunteer organization working with volunteers from many countries around the world.

## BENEFICIARIES

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- Grassroots NGOs
- Populations
- Local authorities

## PROJECTS

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**Mali:** The initiative "e-governance in Mali" is a capacity building project aimed at local authorities in the field of the use and implementation of ICTs.

**Republic of Congo (Brazzaville):** The ICT training centers offer training to young women active in associations/NGOs in Congo. The project is aimed at women living in both urban and rural areas.

**South Africa:** Cape Town Volunteer Center.

**Uganda:** Conservation Through Public Health Telecentre, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

**India:** training of trainers

**Tanzania:** Supporting AIDS Victims, specifically focusing on knowledge-sharing

**Mali, Mozambique and Senegal:** National ICT4D Resource Centers for the Community Multimedia Center scale-up initiative launched by UNESCO

**Cameroon:** Capacity building centers in Cameroon, aiming at the socio-economic reintegration of school dropouts living in poor neighborhoods, who need to be reintegrated into the active work force.

**Europe:** Africa@home at the European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN) and the African Grid to share the Central Processing Unit (CPU) and the saving of resources among universities and research centers from around the world, through the net.

**Burkina Faso:** Biblio'Brousse, multimedia bus offering training.

**Brazil:** ICT and community projects for youth of poor neighborhoods in Rio de Janeiro.

## PARTNERSHIPS

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A range of partners and projects can benefit from the CyberVolunteers who are selected and trained according to specific requests coming from the field. In the context of the various exchanges, it is also possible to transfer knowledge about technology and science linked to the information society, thus favoring long-term cooperation and collaborations.

## COMMITTEES

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The CyberVolunteers Program is accompanied by an Honorary Committee, composed of personalities actives in the field of ICTs and providing support and advice to the Program. The Advisory Committee is composed of experts who work in the field of new technologies and some have projects working with cyber-volunteers. As to the Technical Committee of the Program, it deals with its daily activities.

### Honorary Committee

- President: H.E. Adama Samassekou, former Minister of Education of Mali and President of the WSIS PrepComs, phase 1
- Amadou Top, Vice-President of Digital Solidarity Fund and President of OSIRIS (Senegal)
- Alain Modoux, former Deputy Director-General of UNESCO

### Advisory Committee

- Dr. Kumi Naidoo, Secretary-General of CIVICUS
- Dr. Olivier Nana Nzepa, President of ANAIS AC (Cameroon)
- Sylvie Niombo, President of AZUR Développement (Republic of Congo)
- Henri Valot, UNVolunteers (Mali)
- Malick Ndiaye, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Senegal
- Tracey Naughton, Focal Point of the WSIS Media Caucus (South Africa)
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### Technical Committee

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