

## Broadband Commission for Digital Development

International Telecommunication Union ITU and UNESCO established in May 2010 a top level Broadband Commission for Digital Development which will define strategies for accelerating broadband rollout worldwide and examine applications that could see broadband networks improve the delivery of a huge range of social services, from healthcare to education, environmental management, safety and much more.

The Commission comprises over 60 top names from around the world, representing not just technology leaders, but leaders from across a wide range of business and social sectors. It is co-chaired by President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Mr Carlos Slim Hélu, Honorary Lifetime Chairman of Grupo Carso. ITU Secretary-General Dr Hamadoun Touré and UNESCO Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova, serve as joint vice chairs.

Minister of Communications Suvi Lindén has been invited to the Broadband Commission.

The Commission will deliver its outcomes to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on 19 September 2010 at an official side event of the UN MDG Summit in New York, which starts on September 20.

A list of Commissioners

<http://www.broadbandcommission.org/commissioners.html>

Press releases

ITU, 5 May

**ITU and UNESCO announce top-level global Broadband Commission**

[http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press\\_releases/2010/18.aspx](http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press_releases/2010/18.aspx)

MINTC 5 May.

Minister of Communications Suvi Lindén invited to a high-level UN Broadband Commission

<http://www.lvm.fi/web/en/pressreleases/view/1162187>

MINTC 9 July.

Minister Lindén to attend the Broadband Commission in Geneva

<http://www.lvm.fi/web/en/pressreleases/view/1170597>

ITU 12 July.

World leaders define vision for globally connected society

[http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press\\_releases/2010/30.aspx](http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press_releases/2010/30.aspx)

Photos

Photos from the July 11 meeting can be downloaded at:

<http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/photolibrary/display.aspx?event=82&ple=200&et=s>