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Gender and the Digital Economy

Perspectives from the Developing World

Editors: Cecilia Ng/ Saswati Mitter

Price: Rs 540/

Pages: 262



This book comprises selected articles from different issues of the international journal Gender, Technology and Development based at the Gender and Development Field of Study, The Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. At a time when all the discussions on ICT today gets concentrated on outsourcing and the loss of service sector jobs from the developed world, this book instead,

focuses on the positive aspects of the digital economy as they relate to women in the developing world.

Gender and the Digital Economy narrates with case studies from different countries like Argentina, Morocco, India, Malaysia and Philippines on how economic empowerment through the medium of ICTs can change the position of women within their families and the workplace even in the face of an uneven development process.

The book explores the gender related facets of the emergent information society along with questioning about the implications of the digital economy on women's work and lives. It will certainly be a helpful book for the academics, researchers of ICTs and women studies, international communication, and technology and development studies. ■

Digital Reach

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As the second phase of the World Summit on Information Society aims at implementation of the action plan and building partnership to achieve the goal of connecting people to the benefits of information and communication technologies, Digital Reach, the official commemorative volume for the summit, is a real try to make it a summit of solutions.

The book is jointly produced in preparation for the Tunis summit by International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the lead UN

Agency organizing the summit and Tudor Rose, the UK-based publisher. The book published in November, has been timed to cover all the key thematic areas for the summit and will debate how these issues will be met in the times to come.

Digital Reach is a helpful volume for sharing respective resources to engage the official governmental, international, institutional and professional interests in displaying the extent and variety of their efforts to reduce the digital divide. As access to information and knowledge are the prerequisites to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to resolve the conflicts as well, there is every scope that the book is to bring in the digital revolution before the summit meets and to bridge the digital divide hastening the peace-making process over Tunis. ■

Proceedings

Conflux 2005 and Digital Learning 2005

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Pages: 85



Proceedings- Conflux 2005 and Digital Learning 2005, has wrapped up all the information of the three day long e-Government conference jointly organised by Centre for Science, Development and Media Studies (CSDMS) and the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and the two day long e-Learning conference 'ICT and Education-

Challenges and Practices', held parallel in Delhi in October 2005.

The two conferences designed to create platforms to bring experts from different countries, key government representatives, industry and academia are put on record through this Proceeding which briefs about the conference themes, about all the sessions, speakers and about the abstract of the papers too. A valuable guide for the conference attendees and the e-Governance and ICT practitioners, Proceedings also carries information on the organisers, co-organisers, institutional and supporting partners, etc. of the two international events.

At a time when e-Government has become a key tool for enhancing the public sector efficiency and effectiveness for the governments globally and digital learning becoming more relevant in bridging the digital divide, the Proceedings of the two conferences has come up as a valuable record storing the things starting from the information, the platform to the informer as well. ■