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Centre of Excellence in E/M-Government

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The Problem

- ▶ Technology has made it easier than ever for government to interact with community
- ▶ However, there is a dizzying array of options
- ▶ While there are many tools, governments need help and leadership to know what works best
- ▶ The UN has decided to fix this with a Centre of Excellence – and we want it to be here.



Role of the Centre

- ▶ To provide the research, information, tools & data to enable E/M government.

- ▶ Four key tasks:
 1. Policy & Framework Development
 2. Training and Capacity Building
 3. Technology and Application Development
 4. Data Accessibility and Interchange



Benefits to the Illawarra

- ▶ Research & Development
 - Connecting leading researchers in field with UOW
- ▶ E/M–Government Adoption
 - Illawarra will become an innovator & “road test” new approaches to citizen engagement using technology
- ▶ Regional ICT Industry Opportunities
 - ICT businesses can create E/M–Government technology in conjunction or for use by the Centre
- ▶ Training & Conferences
 - Export income & conference tourism opportunities



Next Steps

- ▶ Seeking establishment funding
 - Australian Commonwealth
 - United Nations (UNDESA)

- ▶ Two year initial phase
 - Research into best practice
 - International Policy & Framework development
 - Validate Research & Framework activities by using test-beds within the Illawarra
 - Creation of initial training & enablement content



Questions & More Info

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Web resources;

- ▶ www.unpan.org
- ▶ www.unpan.org/dpepa.asp
- ▶ www.itu.int/wsis



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