

Gender and the Information Society

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WSIS and the Challenge

“The modern world is undergoing a fundamental transformation as the industrial society that marked the 20th century rapidly gives way to the information society of the 21st century. This dynamic process promises a fundamental change in all aspects of our lives.”

(Source: from the first WSIS-brochure, 2001)

Resolution A/RES/56/183

The UNGA, in its Resolution 56/183, inter alia:

- √ **Recognized** the urgent need to harness the potential of knowledge and technology for promoting the goals of the UN Millennium Declaration and to find effective and innovative ways to put this potential at the service of development for all.
- √ **Called** for a meeting at the highest political level, for the development of a common vision and understanding of the Information Society.

Summit Outcomes: Geneva

Geneva Declaration:

A common vision of the Information society

“We [...] declare our common desire and commitment to build a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society, where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information and knowledge, enabling individuals, communities and peoples to achieve their full potential in promoting their sustainable development and improving their quality of life...” (Declaration, Paragraph 1)

Summit Outcomes: Geneva

- a) to connect all villages with ICTs
- b) to connect all educational institutions
- c) to connect all scientific and research centres;
- d) to connect all public libraries, museums and archives
- e) to connect all health centres and hospitals;
- f) to connect local and central government departments
- g) to adapt all primary and secondary school curricula to meet the challenges of the Information Society;
- h) to ensure that all have access to television and radio services;
- i) to encourage the development of content on the Internet;
- j) to ensure that more than half the world's inhabitants have access to ICTs within their reach.

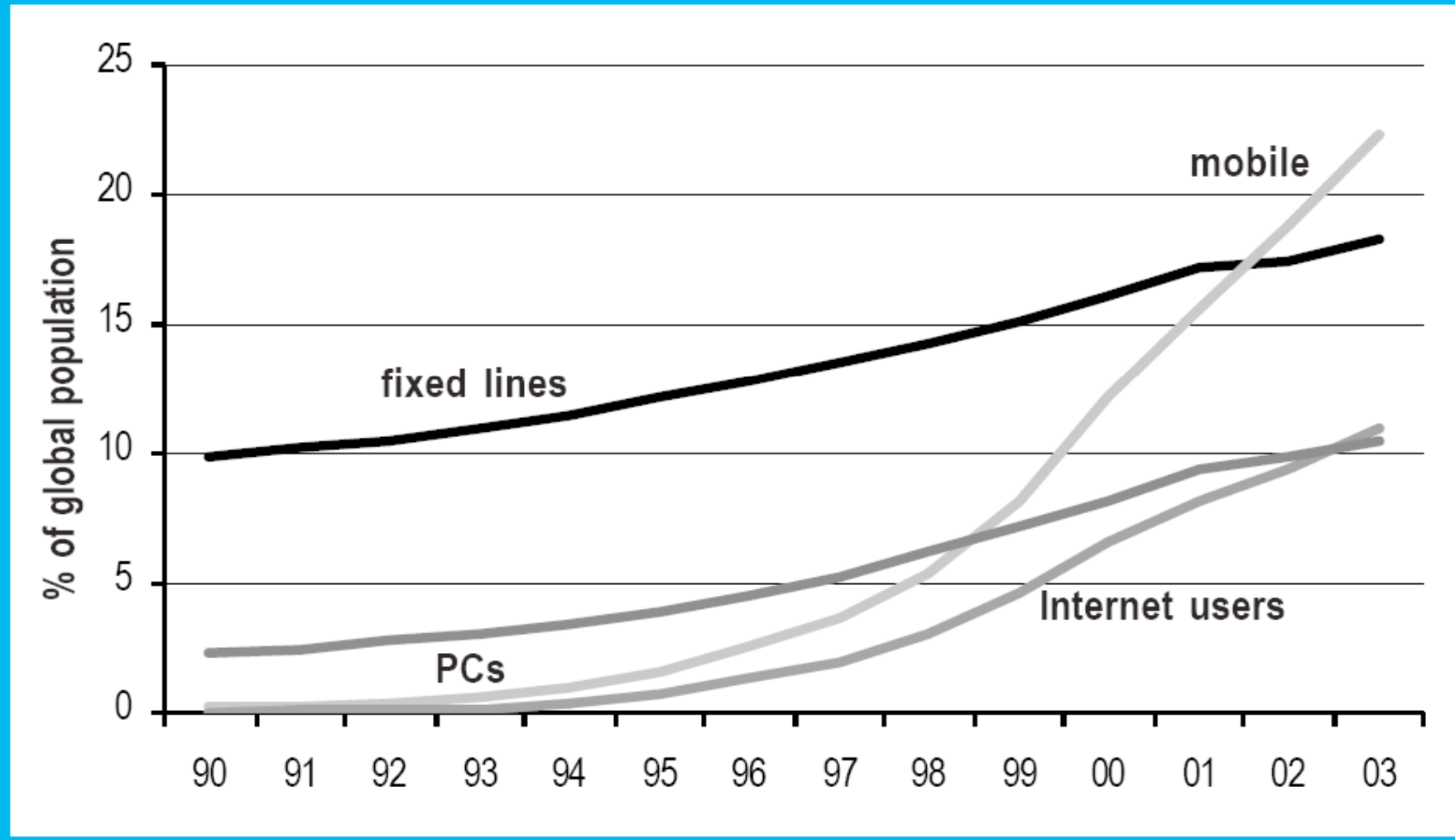
Numbers from Geneva and Tunis

- √ 11'000 participants, 4590 from Governments
 - √ 174 States, with 44 Heads of State or Government
 - √ 100 UN and International Organizations 1192 participants
 - √ 3310 representatives from 481 civil society entities
 - √ 514 representatives from 98 business entities
 - √ 979 media representatives from 631 media entities
- √ 19401 participants, 5857 from Government
 - √ 174 States, with 50 Heads of State or Government
 - √ 92 UN and International Organizations with 1508 delegates
 - √ 6241 representatives from 606 civil society entities
 - √ 4'816 representatives from 226 business entities
 - √ 979 media representatives from 642 media entities

Gender Statistics, Geneva

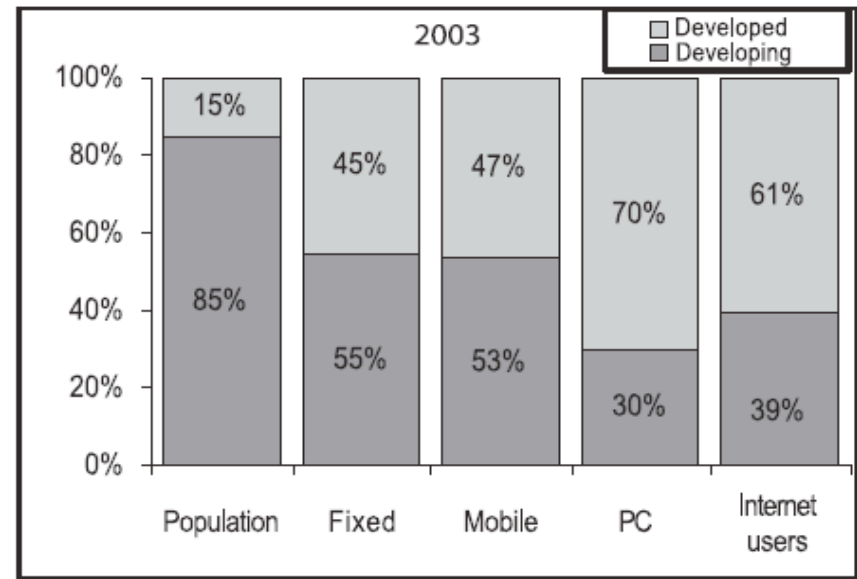
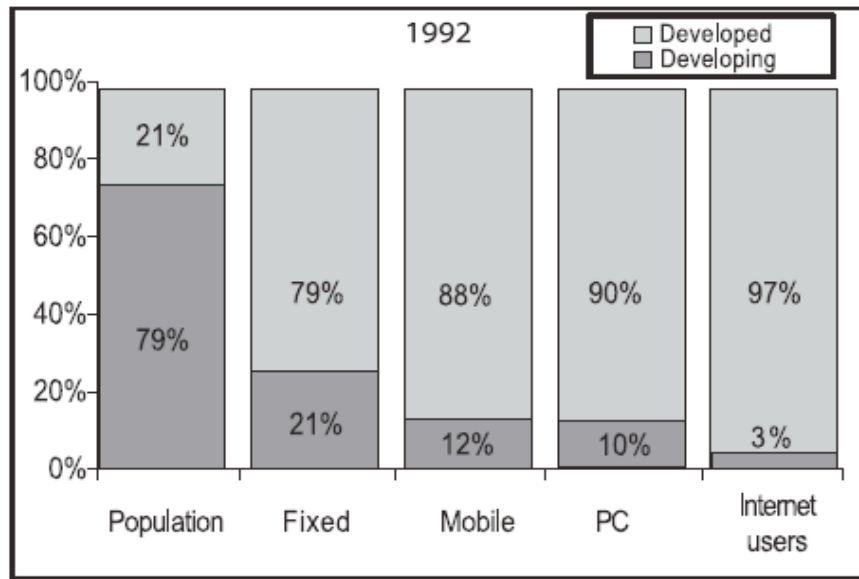
- √ 193 ministerial speakers (25 women)
- √ Platform of leaders: 58 speakers (6 women)
- √ UNESCO high level symposium: 20 speakers (2 women)
- √ WSIS magazine (4 articles by women out of 31)

Chart 2.1 **ICT users worldwide**

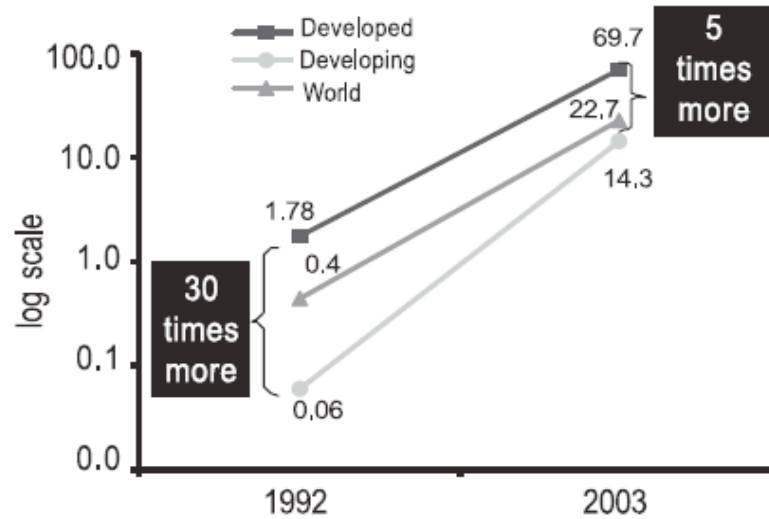


Source: *ITU World Telecommunication Indicators Database*

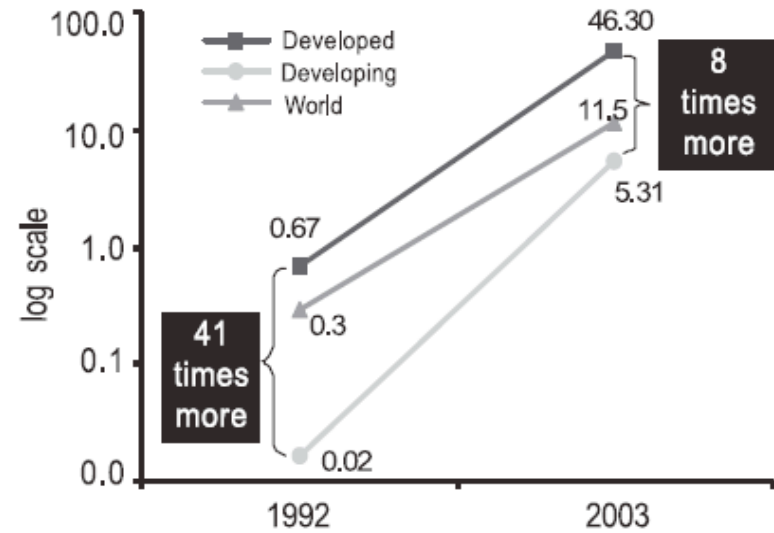
Chart 2.4 Comparing developed and developing economies



Mobile telephone subscribers per 100 inhabitants



Internet users per 100 inhabitants



Source: ITU

Table 6.6 Computer and Internet use by sex and level of education, Turkey, 2004

	Total number of individuals .000	Computer use			Internet use		
		Total	Female %	Male	Total	Female %	Male
Literate without a diploma	7,188	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.5
Primary school	21,135	2.2	0.4	1.8	1.3	0.2	1.1
Secondary school and vocational school at secondary school level	6,156	24.1	6.0	18.1	17.6	3.6	14.0
High school	8,992	37.8	11.7	26.2	29.8	8.3	21.6
University/Master/Doctorate	3,567	69.7	26.2	43.5	60.1	22.6	37.4

Source: *State Institute of Statistics (Turkey), ICT Usage Survey on Household and Individuals 2004*

Note: *Survey reference period is April-June, 2004*

Table 6.10 Home workers by sex and type of business, Japan, 2001

Type of business	Male	Female
	%	
Text entry	6.4	30.4
Engineering, Drafting, Design	38.2	15.6
Writer, Translation	14.5	11.0
Data entry	0.9	14.8
Systems design, Programming	20.9	6.5
Desk Top Publishing (editing), Computer typesetting	6.4	6.8
Website creation	3.6	3.0
Audio-typing	1.8	1.9
Research, Consulting	0.0	2.7
Computing, Information search service	0.9	1.1
Business document preparation, Document organization	0.0	0.4
Other	5.5	5.3

Source: *Statistics Bureau of Japan, Ministry of Internal Affairs & Communications, IT Statistics for Japan 2003*