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Alice: Which way should I go? *Cat*: That depends on where you are going.

Alice: I don't know where I'm going!

Cat: Then it doesn't matter which way you go!





Winston Churchill

A politician needs the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month, and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen.

IPU 15 September democracy day

Strengthening links between parliaments and citizens









IPU 15 September democracy day

- The unique role of parliament: to serve and represent the people
- Ensuring that people are fully informed and understand their parliament
- Breaking down barriers: making parliaments welcoming and accessible
- Just like us: parliament as a reflection of the people
- Listening to, speaking for and addressing the people's concerns
- Trust and accountability: at the heart of an effective relationship







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E-Democracy

- E-democracy is one of several strategies for supporting democracy
- E-democracy must respect and implement fundamental freedoms, human rights and minority rights, including freedom of, and access to, information;
- E-democracy concerns all sectors of democracy, all democratic institutions, all levels of government, and a wide range of other parties;
- E-democracy stakeholders are all individuals and institutions involved in and benefiting from democracy;
- E-democracy is closely linked to good governance, which is the efficient, effective, participatory, transparent and accountable democratic exercise of power in electronic form, and includes informal politics and non-governmental players





PARADOX

- Too much information
- Risk to democratic dialogue
- Cost Vs. opportunities
- Developed countries









• Key areas

- Development of IS policies that advance equity and inclusiveness;
- Enhancing the link between parliaments and citizens;
- Ensuring access by all to laws and legislative process;
- Implementing ICT to support fundamental parliamentary functions;
- Establishing sustained and coordinated technical assistance programmes;

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Recommendation for key areas

- Policies
- Planning and management
- Communication
- Transparency and accountability
- Technical infrastructure
- Regional and global cooperation





Policies

- Open&inclusive society
- Narrow the digital divide
- Parliament role
- Planning and management
 - Involving members and staff
 - Force
 - Training
 - Education





CommunicationNew media

 Transparency and accountability
 Parliament and democracy in the XXI century (IPU)





Technical infrastructure

- Development and maintenance of adequate technical infrastructures and systems;
- Massive standardization of:
- Processes, data format, technologies
- Regional and global cooperation
 Crucial outcome from this event





Technology trends

- Technology without major changes
- Internet III
 - Internet will become a thriving, low-cost network of bilions of devices by 2020

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- Virtual words, more productive online than offline
- Mobile network, 4G, minimum Gigabit/sec
 - anywhere, anytime
- Mobile telephony channel more relevant
- Web 2.0 -> Web 3.0
- Going green



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Public sector trends

• Budget constraints

 $\circ~$ To do more with less

Lot of taxes Vs. better service from government

• The public-sector landscape

- Technology deployment
- Outsourcing of non-core services
- Shift from ICT infrastructure investment -> Business development, knowledge management, product development

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• Workforce education

- Change school curricula
- Significant cross training
- Developing management & interpersonal skills and communication



ICT & policy for participation

e-dialogue

✓ Engaging&involving

e-Participation

e-Deliberation



Young generation Key phases of political process

✓ Political technologies

e-Consultation







Party activities

Constituency office

Forums



Plenary session

Parliamentary group

Delegation

Committee







- Violence (Luddities 19 century)
 - Privacy
- Interoperability
- Going green (tough requirements)
- Government regulation







Conclusions



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"A nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people."

John F. Kennedy

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