



# ICT for a Global Sustainable Future

How can ICT durably contribute to the wellbeing of all citizens around the world?

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## Millennia 2015

Women actors of development for the global challenges  
*Research Process and International Conference*

## Women and ICT for a Global Sustainable Future

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### Introduction

Let me thank the Paradiso's team for this great opportunity of sharing this strategic international conference. I will present the process of Millennia 2015 in which most of the topics dealt with in the Paradiso conference are studied from a special angle, the point of view of Women as actors of development for the global challenges.

Women represent about half of the world population: many of them do not even imagine they could benefit from a Global Sustainable Future, because they live in war, in slavery, in deserts, in hunger or because they are kept away from all the global Human Rights.

On the other hand, many women, some of them present here, are at the top level in life, in jobs, careers, enjoying wellbeing even if gender equality is still a real concern.

With Millennia 2015, we are caring to use ICT in order to durably contribute to the wellbeing of all citizens around the world. Millennia 2015 gathers all women and men concerned by those questions, in order, to think, to decide and to act, at the horizon 2015.





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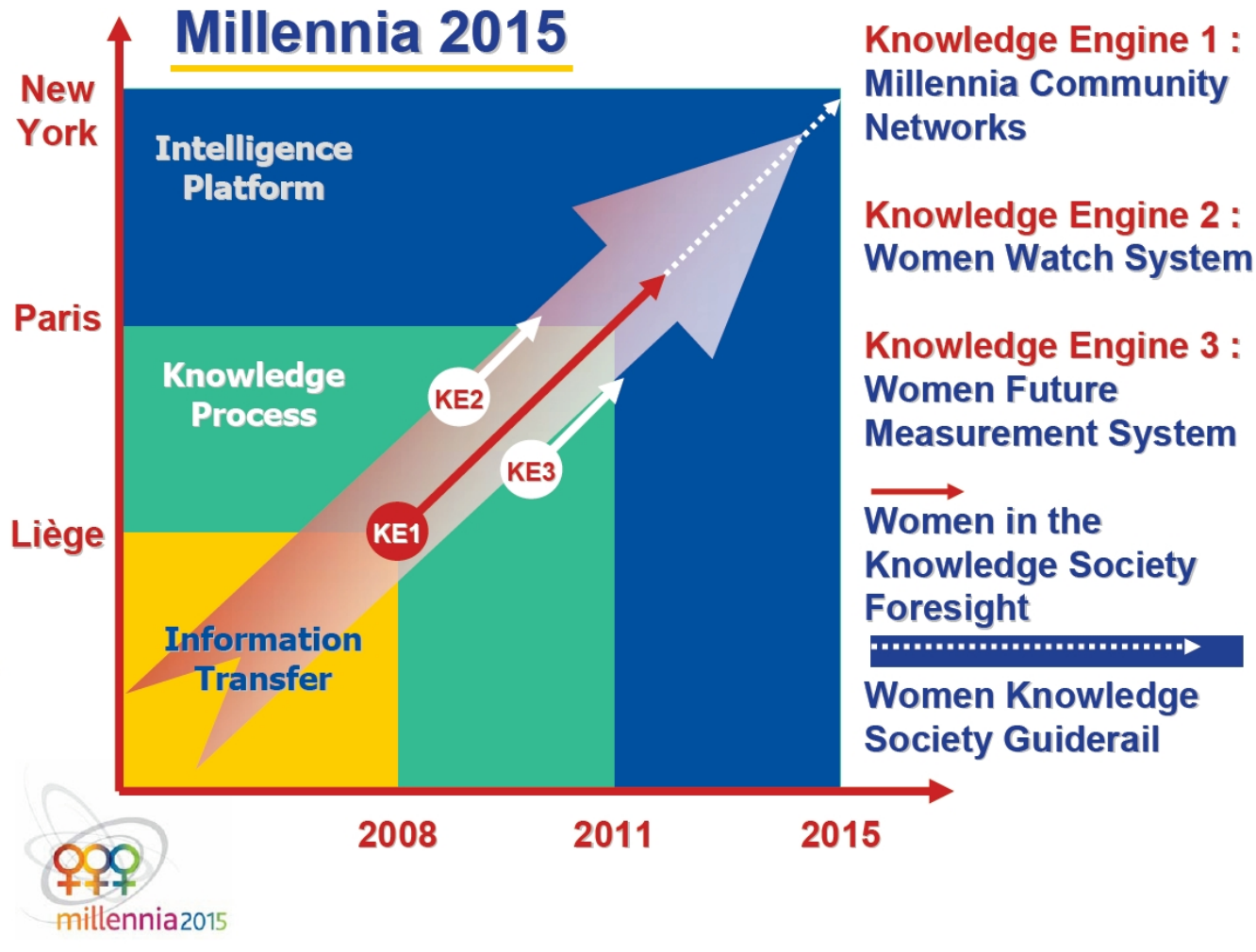
1. **The Destree Institute** is a **European research centre** based in Wallonia (Belgium), with a special expertise in foresight, ICT, the information society and governance. In 2007, we have developed the concept of **Millennia 2015**, a "think and action tank" to enhance the driving force of women, with the title "**Women actors of development for the global challenges**", precisely **to envision a Global Sustainable Future**, with ICT and the information society as tools to connect women from all around the world.
2. Millennia 2015 is a **foresight research process**, structured in **3 sessions**:
  - **Liège 2008: "Information Transfer"** ([http://www.millennia2015.org/Actes\\_2008](http://www.millennia2015.org/Actes_2008))  
Exchange and transmission of data as well as of analysis already collected or built used to inform the participants or to question the society.
  - **Paris 2011 (Unesco): "Knowledge Processes"**  
Interactive building processes, step-by-step, for an innovative knowledge and a strategy made of precise actions.
  - **New York 2015 (United Nations): "Intelligence Platforms"** Collective dynamics with exchange of real field experiences and recombination of tools realized in order to learn together as well as to launch innovative initiatives.



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3. The **Community of Millennia 2015** is composed of women and men experts from **all the continents and from the United Nations** (more than 30 countries in 2008). The main tool is the **collaborative portal** <http://www.millennia2015.org>. We will transform the information collected into **shared knowledge** to develop an **interactive and multilingual knowledge database**.

The **interaction** with Millennia has already been activated with many partners around the world. Regional sessions of Millennia will be organized. Millennia 2015's main funding partner is the **International Organization of Francophonie** and most active collaborator is the **Millennium Project of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)**.

4. **Millennia 2015: Women and ICT for a Global Sustainable Future**

A conclusion of the first session of Millennia 2015, attentive to the Agenda 21, is that **Women are actors of development and architects of the future**. Women represent half of the world and we must help those who have neither power nor resources.



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### 5. Seven goals identified for Millennia's community to prepare the 2011's session

1. Understand present and possible **alternative futures** in key domains of society:
  - **politics** (to respect and enforce women rights),
  - **education** (developing education for women, eradicate illiteracy, encouraging girls to study science, mathematics and new technologies, as drivers of economic and social development, that means drivers of change in the status of women),
  - **employment** (breaking the glass-ceiling),
  - **development** (empowering women as actors of social change),
  - **health**, (in partnership with the World Health Organization),
  - **access to ICT, information and knowledge**;
2. Promote a **culture of respect**, of **diversity** and of **peace**;
3. Acknowledge the ability of women as **drivers of social change** and as **mediators for a peace culture**;
4. Recognize women as **bearers of rights**, as **actors of changes** and as **builders of alternative futures**,



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5. Develop **training and research** (by, for and about women), in order to enforce **equality between men and women** in all respects and to formulate new concepts;
6. Enhance our **critical, exploratory approach**, in coherence with society, trying to **measure the obstacles and the progresses**: it is important to create a **State of the Future Index (SOFI) on the status of women** and to organize **foresight workshops** in every country, in order to prepare action;
7. **Build networks** around major issues on the **United Nations Agenda**, in partnership with the **European Commission**, in respect of **cultural and linguistic diversity**.

[http://www.millennia2015.org/Actes\\_2008](http://www.millennia2015.org/Actes_2008)

We have proposed a "**Methodology to achieve Millennia's Goals in 2015**" adopted in partnership by the WFUNA Millennium Project Planning Committee in Washington. The work is going on and we plan to impact on the political agenda at all levels.

**Your suggestions are very welcome, involve us in Paradiso !**  
Thank you!

