

Smart Partners' Hub, London
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Smart Partners welcome to "Join us at Global 2011 if you cannot join us!"

"Join us if you cannot join us!" is the message from Smart Partner Dr Andrew Taussig which is going out to the Smart Partnership group near and far this week, as final preparations are made for the Global 2011 Dialogue.

Smart communication team's work before and during Global 2011 (LID) in Malaysia from June 19th to 21st, is geared to ensuring everyone involved with Smart Partnership – whether they're in Malaysia or in their home nations worldwide – has the opportunity to be involved and inspired in the major Smart Partnership activity of the year.

"Smart Communication means we can use both the Smart Partnership website and the social networking sites of Twitter and Facebook to encourage and enable topical two-way conversations involving the many Smart Partners worldwide who cannot attend this year's Dialogue," says Dr Mihaela Smith, Chief Executive of CPTM and Joint Dialogue Convenor.

"So if you can't join us in Malaysia you can still join us at the Dialogue in a virtual sense, through pictures and quotes, frequently updated summaries and glimpses of activities through our website. We will bring you all 'as-it-happens' updates during the pre-Dialogue day of June 17th and again during the Malaysia-Africa Business Forum on June 18th, then also from the Dialogue itself on June 19th and June 21st".

The Dialogue's formal opening will be marked by the arrival of Hon.Dato Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

HE Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of Uganda and Chairman of the Smart Partnership Group, will attend Global 2011 (LID), along with Heads of State /Government, CPTM Fellows Emeritus and Fellows including: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia, CPTM Fellow Emeritus and Companion; Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, former Prime Minister of Malaysia, CPTM Fellow Emeritus and Head of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons' Group; HE Mr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of Tanzania and CPTM Fellow; Hon Bethuel Pakalitha Mosisili, Prime Minister of Lesotho and CPTM Fellow, Lord David Craig, GCB, OBE and CPTM Fellow, alongside Smart Partners from Caribbean, North America, Asia/Pacific, Mediterranean, Africa and Europe who are among the 500 participants.

Rebecca Wilson, Smart Partnership facilitator added that "the Smart Media Group will be extremely busy with activities throughout Global 2011 (LID), and we would welcome your feedback on what is going to be made available to you throughout the event."

The Smart Media team who are participating in Global 2011 (LID) are:

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Izham Khairrudin (Malaysia)

Armando Pedro Muiuane (Mozambique)

Martin Dlamini (Swaziland)

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