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VOICES: EU-FP7 project

- VOIce-based Community-cEntric mobile Services for social development
- Total costs VOICES project: 2.9 M EUR
- Contribution from EC: 2.0 M EUR
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Project Partners

- World Wide Web Foundation
- France Telecom
- TNO (NL)
- VU University Amsterdam
- CRS4 (Italy)
- CSIR (South Africa)
- North West University (RSA)
- ESMT (Senegal)
- Sahel Eco (Mali)
- W3C (US/F)
- Fondation Mériteux (Senegal)
- Portugal Telecom Inovação

Project aim: integrate Web with mobile access & voice services

- service development toolbox, field deployment in Africa & make a sustainable business out of it
Web in Society:
the big picture R&D questions

• Q1 [immediate]: Can the Web (be made to) mean something for knowledge sharing even under very constraining conditions?
  o No internet, no computer, no electricity
  o Multitude of languages, levels of literacy

• Q2 [Web future]: Can we have a Web of Speech?
  o After all, human communication: talking >> writing

EU/FP/international considerations

• Support of “triple helix” collaborations: university – industry – public/gov institutions
• Innovation [EU Work Programme]: research & technology development, incl. experiments, demos and field pilots
• Mechanism for dissemination & uptake of results
• Built-in international – even global – outlook