



Speaker Biographies – OLPC Countries Meeting

Gary Shainberg

Vice President
Technology and
Innovation Support
BT Group Technology Office

Gary Shainberg is responsible for ensuring BT's Innovation and Technology programmes deliver (radical) solutions to business problems – which in turn drives improved business performance. Particular areas of focus are BT's ground breaking Mobility and Convergence solutions, BT's 21st Century NGN transformation program of which Gary is one of the Global Evangelist and the delivery of rapid impact assessment of new and emerging technologies.

Calestous Juma

Prof., Practice of
International Development
Director, Science
Technology and Innovation
Harvard University

Calestous Juma is a former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and Founding Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies in Nairobi, and he also served as Chancellor of the University of Guyana. He has been elected to several scientific academies including the Royal Society of London, the US National Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World. He has won several international awards for his work on sustainable development. He holds a PHD in science and technology policy studies and has written widely on science, technology, and environment. He teaches courses in developmental policy as part of the MPA/ID Program. He is lead author of *Innovation: Applying Knowledge in Development*. He is editor of the *International Journal of Technology and Globalisation* and *International Journal of Biotechnology*.

Carla Gomez Monroy Learning Consultant

Carla Gomez Monroy was the Education Specialist at Schlumberger Excellence in Educational Development (SEED) Foundation, fostering constructionist projects in schools in the developing world including Nigeria. Carla received her M.Sc. in Media Arts and Sciences from the MIT Media Laboratory.

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Marta Voelche

Researcher
Cognitive Studies Lab.
Federal University of Rio
Grande do Sul, Brazil

Marta Voelche graduated from Catholic University of RS State, Brazil in 1991 with a degree in Management. She did an “especializacao” in administration of NGOs as well as a Masters in Social and Institutional Psychology at the Federal University of RS State.

Irene Ficheman

Researcher
University of São Paulo

Irene Ficheman graduated in Mathematics and Computer Science at the Tel Aviv University, Israel in 1984. She worked for National Semiconductors in their R&D centers in Israel and the United States, and has been living in Brazil since 1987 where she initially worked for ITAUCOM. Irene concluded her Masters degree in Electrical Engineering at the Escola Politécnica da USP in 2002 with a research in the area of Interactive Electronic Media Applied to Collaborative Learning. She is today a PhD student, a researcher at the Laboratório de Sistemas Integráveis da POLI-USP and the Núcleo de Aprendizagem, Trabalho e Entretenimento research group manager.

Clotilde Fonseca

Executive Director
Omar Dengo Foundation
Costa Rica

Clotilde Fonseca has a Masters in Public Administration with emphasis on Education and Technology Policy from Harvard University. She completed graduate studies on mass media at the University of Navarre, Spain. Ms. Fonseca is Executive Director of the Omar Dengo Foundation, a Costa Rican non-profit organization created to promote socio-economic and human development through the appropriation of new technologies. She was Executive President of the Costa Rican Institute for Social Assistance (IMAS), which is in charge of the country's anti-poverty programmes and has done consultancy work for UNDP, USAID, and CABEL. At present she is a member of the Hemispheric Advisory Board to the Institute of Connectivity of the Americas. Ms. Fonseca has published extensively on issues of education, technology, and socio-economic development.

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Alan Kay

President
Viewpoints
Research
Institute

Dr. Alan Kay is best known for the ideas of personal computing, the intimate laptop computer, and the inventions of the now ubiquitous overlapping-window interface and modern object-oriented programming. His deep interests in children and education were the catalysts for these ideas, and they continue to be a source of inspiration to him.

One of the founders of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), he led one of the several groups that together developed modern workstations (and the forerunners of the Macintosh), Smalltalk, the overlapping window interface, Desktop Publishing, the Ethernet, Laser printing, and network "client-servers."

Nick Truman

Head
Internet Security
BT Retail

Nick is the Head of Internet Security for BT Retail and is responsible for setting and enforcing the policies under which BT's customers use the Internet. He joined BT in 1989 and has worked in many areas of the company from technical support, computer operations to customer services.

He has been involved in the Internet business since 1997 – soon after BT Internet first started. Since 1999 Nick has been responsible for managing the BT Internet customer security team and mass market Internet customer security issues.

He is now the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Family Online Safety Institute, has been on the board of the Internet Watch Foundation and Chair of the IWF's funding council, represents BT on the UK's Home Secretary's Task Force for Children Protection on the Internet and the Internet Crime Forum as well as many other Internet security related fora.