



The 17th IFIP Working Group 9.4 Conference on the Implications of Information and Communication Technologies for Development

20-22 May 2024, Cape Town, South Africa

Conference website: TBA

Theme: “Reshaping an Unequal World Through Social Justice and Digital Technologies”

In a world where digital technologies have become the linchpin of global progress, a stark reality has emerged: a society characterised by inequalities and injustice. The glaring inequality in the distribution of essential resources, as exemplified by the unequal access to COVID-19 vaccines, was underscored by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa during the New Global Financing Pact summit in Paris, France, in June 2023¹. It serves as a reminder of the enduring disparities that define our world.

Digital technologies remain a force with the potential to disrupt existing power structures and democratise access to opportunities. They have empowered communities to engage in social, political, and economic spheres that were once out of reach. The impact of digital technologies has extended to catalysing global social justice movements and creating platforms for marginalised voices. Yet, the transformative potential of technology is nuanced and replete with complexities.

The 17th Working Group 9.4 Conference of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP WG 9.4) gathers scholars and practitioners dealing with how ICT affects social development. The conference theme, “Reshaping an Unequal World Through Social Justice and Digital Technologies,” aims to initiate the journey to explore digital technology’s multifaceted role in forging a more equitable and just world. The conference aims to provide a platform for rigorous discourse, innovative solutions, and collaborative endeavours that leverage the potential of digital technologies to tackle global inequalities and champion social justice.

We invite you to submit full research papers and research-in-progress (RIP) papers to the 17th International Conference on the The Implications of Information and Digital Technologies for Development. Papers are invited to be submitted to the following 15 tracks. Track 12 welcomes research papers and RIPs in indigenous African languages related to the conference theme in general. RIPs in English should be submitted to all other tracks.

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMsO6h1buy0>

Conference Tracks

1. Artificial Intelligence, Inequalities, and Human Rights
2. Technology & Social Justice
3. Diverse and Inclusive Digital Transformation
4. ICT in Displacement and Conflict Zones: Ideas, Disconnects, & Innovations
5. Giving Voice to Marginalised Perspectives in IS Research
6. Human-Computer Interaction for Ethical Value Exchange and Social Inclusion
7. Smart Collaborations & Crowdsourcing
8. Philosophical, Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Researching ICT4D
9. ICT Curriculum and Education
10. Information and Computer Security
11. Digital Inclusion through e-Government
12. Research in Indigenous African Languages
13. Digitalisation for Indigenous Emancipation
14. Digital Platforms in the Global South
15. General Track

Important Dates

Submission deadline: **15 November 2023**

Decision notification: **15 January 2024**

Submission of final (revised) papers: **15 February 2024**