http://www.unite-it.eu/profiles/blogs/acsis-and-gdco-african-civil-society-start-wsis-2016-very-strong

GDCO Sudan and its partner specially Sudacad and NIC prepared their exhibitions 4 inauguration tomorrow. On Friday 6th May 2015 GDCO and its partners will organize a workshop (Sudan and GDCO Sudan Strong Partnership for Sustainable Development) from 9:00 to 10:45 @ Room C1, ITU Tower. ALSO ACSIS will have a workshop on Thursday 5thMay 2016 11:00 – 13:00 Room L, ITU Montbrillant on How to Develop Appropriate Strategies for Linkages Between ICT and Sustainable Development goals?

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Agenda/Sessions/Exhibition

http://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Agenda/Session/143

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Agenda/Session/171

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http://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Media/RP/AdobeConnect/Session/143

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Media/RP/AdobeConnect/Session/171

African Civil Society on the Information Society (ACSIS) started today it series of workshop contributing to the implementation of the sustainable development goals by raising a big question on WSIS+10 and Beyond. Where do we Stand in Africa? What are the Main Challenging Issues and Proposals for Implementation? Also raise a question of what work in Africa? What is not work in Africa? what is the next step in Africa? Many distinguished panelist including ministers including her excellency Dr. Tahani Abdalla Attia the minister of communication and information technology in sudan. Honorable Houlin Zhou the ITU secretory general, private sector, Ambassadors, ICANN, Yahoo, CESIR,

UNECA, GDCO Sudan as member of ACSIS and civil societies members (ACSIS).

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Agenda/Session/140
https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/Media/RP/Webcast/Archived/ (look for session on 2nd may about wsis and click floor to watch the session archive

Her excellency Dr. Tahani mentioned (look @ floor wsis+10 webcast 06:02 to 15:17 time) that sudan has excellent natural resources especially water, agriculture and minerals. Sudan population is more than 35 million and area wise is the 3rd country in Africa. In sudan there is more than 31 thousand kilometers of fiber optic, 28 million mobile subscribers, 11.5 million internet subscribers. There are 4 operators in sudan 3 of them are mobile operators and two have landlines. Three of these operators are foreign investment (Zain is Kuwait, MTN is South Africa and Canar (landline Etisalat UAE). The national operator is Sudatel which is 30% government and 70% is Sudanese shareholders. More of internet penetration in sudan is concentrated on the social website like facebook, twitter and whatsapp which the lower internet quality with less benefit. Finally, she committed on behave of the Sudan government to connect people and work on pana-africanism to one Africa. Excellency minster send a message to African participants in the workshop to have a meeting during this wsis forum to unite Africa (message 1:34:10 to 1:35:10 time)

Ahmed Mahmoud Mohamed **Eisa** the chair of Gedaref digital city organization mentioned that GDCO is a civil society in Sudan founded in partnership with DSE-Netherlands through the twinning of Gedaref and Eindhoven municipalities. GDCO is part of the Telecentres movement where more than 87.000 Telecentres, in 52 countries, 72 national networks and 6 multi-lingual networks are sharing knowledge, experiences and best practices for the development of marginalized, disadvantage and underserved communities.

Telecentres overcome barriers that limit the sustainable development, reduce the impact of poverty, empowering women through ICT include the excluded. Telecentres are strong tools for eradication of the resources of illiteracy and improve the quality of education @ reduced costs through ICT.

GDCO mentioned in webcast floor **1:36:05 to 1:32:23 time** many things can be done or can work in Africa for better implementation of SDGs
1- We need to develop strong win-win people public private partnership (PPPP)
2- We need to share our knowledge, experience and best practices specially for marginalized, underserved community to save time and money
3- we need to develop a sustainable project that create a revolving fund

4- we need to connect the unconnected specially people with disability

5- we need to empower girls and women through ICT and we have a good example that telecentre.org foundation and its partners specially ITU in 2014 trained one million women the basic computer courses and internet to develop their skills

6- There is a severe problem of more than 60 million out of school children due to poverty, climate change and war need to be tackle

7- in Gedaref digital city organization sudan we are working on the 2nd phase of e-Agriculture which will include crop market crop portal with agriculture extension and weather forecast, cloud computing to connect illiterate farmers and GPS implementation this

In this crop portal we send daily 2000 messages and get 40% of each message cost from the telecommunication company. In addition to advertisement and other services

8- GDCO developed telemedicine partnership between Sri-ramachandra University (India) and Gedaref university (Sudan) & another 4 universities, hospitals and health academy will join the partnership for quality capacity building of medical staff and final medical student and treat our community online & physically (India) it is an entrepreneur