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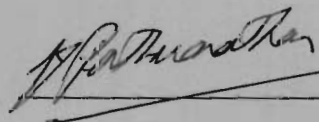
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ABSTRACT

Growth in information and communication technologies, and specifically the internet, has the potential to offer a new generation of tools for rural development. The internet, with its huge quantities and variety of content, is increasingly becoming an effective delivery and exchange system for information and knowledge, continuing education and learning. However, rural information and communication technology (ICT) requires special efforts to create appropriate access to the required information by the rural people and communities.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| | | |
|---------|---|--|
| ASP.net | : | Active Server Page.net |
| AJAX | : | Asynchronous JavaScript and XML |
| CREN | : | Collaboration Research and Education Network |
| DARD | : | The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| FAMA | : | The Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority |
| FAQ | : | Frequently Asked Question |
| IADP | : | Integrated Agricultural Development Project |
| ICT | : | Information and Communication Technologies |
| IDRC | : | International Development Research Council |
| IP | : | Information Portal |
| ISPs | : | Internet Service Providers |
| JISC | : | Joint Information Systems Committee |
| MARI | : | Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute |
| MIMOS | : | The Malaysian Institute Of Microelectronic Systems |
| NI | : | Northern Ireland |
| RIP | : | Rural Information Portal |
| RP | : | Rural Portal |
| SE | : | Search Engine |
| UCC | : | Uganda communication commission |
| UML | : | Unified Modeling Language |
| UNESCO | : | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| UNIMAS | : | Universiti Malaysia Sarawak |
| URL | : | Uniform Resource Locator |
| XML | : | Extensible Markup Language |

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