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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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