



December meeting of the City Council

MALAGA CITY COUNCIL JOINS THE GLOBAL DIGITAL SOLIDARITY FUND

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20/12/2007. Today's meeting of Malaga City Council unanimously approved the accession of the city to the Global Digital Solidarity Fund, making the city of Malaga the first Spanish city to become an official member of the organisation.

The Global Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF), a foundation headquartered in Geneva, was created on the initiative of the President of Senegal, Abdoulaye Wade, within the framework of the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva, 2003), and was validated during the second phase (Tunis, 2005).

The Fund was officially inaugurated on 14 March 2005 in Geneva, in the presence of several heads of state, ministers, mayors and other figures from around the world.

It is supported by twenty-five members: 15 nation States; eight cities and regions; one international organisation; and one private company.

The objective of the Fund is to remove barriers to access to information technologies between the world's richest countries and less developed countries. The Fund works to reduce the digital divide and build an inclusive information society based on principles of solidarity.

As its first initiative in collaboration with the Fund, the Malaga municipality, through its New Technologies Department, will organise in spring 2008, a "Mediterranean conference on forms of collaboration with less developed countries in the area of information technologies".

It is anticipated that this event will be attended by some 300 delegates, representing national governments, regions and cities of the Mediterranean.

This will establish Malaga as a platform and mouthpiece for the Mediterranean region in relation to countries that are less developed in the field of new technologies.