



**Document of expression of interest in attending the Seminar W3C
"Mobile Technologies: their role in the Promotion of Social Development"**

The CDI-Sao Paulo is a subsidiary of the Committee for Democratization of Information Technology, a non-governmental non-profit that, since 1995, develops the pioneering work of promoting social inclusion using information technology as a tool for building and exercise of citizenship.

Acting in the Greater Sao Paulo and surrounding area since 2001, the CDI - Sao Paulo is responsible for implementing the CDI's educational program in the capital through the creation Schools of Information Technology and Citizenship (EICs) in partnership with community associations, businesses, NGOs, government agencies and public institutions that deal with persons who have special needs such as physical and visual disabilities, young people in conflict with the law, among others, in communities of low income.

The EICs are spaces for informal education, promoting not only the technical training in computer, but the opening of new horizons for hundreds of thousands of young people through reflection and discussion of its main themes related to their social reality.

In 2008, CDI-Sao Paulo began a pilot project called "Diving in the Community" in EIC Nossa Senhora Aparecida, located in Vila Jacuí - a poor neighborhood of the area east of Sao Paulo (Brazil). The objective of the initiative was to use the mobile phones to make videos, as an activity of exercise the citizen look at the dynamics of the neighborhood where the young participants of the project live.

During the month of April 2008, the entire network of educators of the CDI - Sao Paulo made a training in pocket video offered by the IPSO - Institute for Research and



Technological and Social Projects. The goal of CDI-Sao Paulo is encouraging educational use of cell phones, exploring other uses beyond telephony.

In May 2008, also in partnership with the IPSO, the 30 young people attended by EIC Nossa Senhora Aparecida will make a qualification to train as "popular researchers" and as an exercise they will research the use of cell phones in the neighborhood where live. At the end of May, the search results should be tabulated and we would like to present them in the Seminar.

Besides promoting social inclusion using information technology as a tool for building and the exercise of citizenship, the CDI-SP has experience in using mobile phones in popular projects for development. For these reasons, expressed interest in attending the seminar W3C "Mobile Technologies: their role in the Promotion of Social Development."