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Dinner speaker for CPRsouth6: Wangay Dorji, Head, Telecommunications, Bhutan Info Comm and Media Authority

The mandate of the dinner speaker at CPRsouth is to inform and inspire. I believe that Mr Wangay Dorji, the person most responsible for energizing the ICT sector in Bhutan by managing an auction for the second mobile license in 2006, can do both well.

As a young engineer fresh from his Bachelor's in India, Mr Dorji joined the regulatory agency as it was created. Subsequently, he was awarded a scholarship to obtain his Master's degree from the Technical University of Denmark. His first task upon his return was to manage the award of a second mobile license, which would end the integrated government monopoly structure of the ICT sector. The fiercely independent country that introduced the world to the concept of Gross National Happiness had many misgivings about liberalization. They were overcome and a transparent auction was conducted. There were no appeals or controversy around the award. Mr Dorji also managed to persuade the government to dedicate the considerable proceeds of the auction (USD 17.3 million for a market that is less than one million people) for the provision of universal service.

Today, Bhutan's citizens enjoy broad connectivity, low prices and choice. Mr Dorji is an exemplar of a regulatory official who uses knowledge, continues to draw on expertise in regulatory proceedings, and encourages young people in his organization to learn. He has sent several young scholars to CPRsouth, in recognition of which he is being nominated for a position on the Board, effective 2011 December.

If approved, he will be the youngest Dinner Speaker in the series.

Annex 5: Curriculum vitae of Mr. Wangay Dorji

Decision: Wangay Dorji, Head, Telecommunications, Bhutan Info Comm and Media Authority as the dinner speaker at CPRsouth6

Name of the Board Member	Approve / Disapprove