e-Accessibility Summit 2012 outcomes

The first ever e-Accessibility summit of the CTO was held in London on 30th to 31st August 2012 with the support of the UK's Department for Culture, Media, and Sport. The event brought together Ministers, senior officials, and regulator in the ICT sector with representatives of disability councils of Ghana, Gibraltar, Jersey, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Trinidad & Tobago, UK and Zambia. The summit highlighted the importance of ICTs for people with disabilities and concluded with the delegates agreeing on an eight-point agenda to improve the use of ICTs for people with disabilities:

1. The inclusion of e-inclusion on the CHOGM agenda;
2. Policies and practices so that people with disabilities should have equal access to, and not have to pay any more for, ICTs and accessible information than anyone else;
3. An e-inclusion champion in every Commonwealth country;
4. An e-inclusion policy in every Commonwealth country;
5. The sharing of examples of existing good practice in the Commonwealth and beyond;
6. Government and business use of ICT procurement to encourage inclusive design;
7. The Accessible Technology Charter; and
8. Effective training programmes on e-inclusion for governments, the private sector and civil society.