

ICT Standardization: I Have a Dream

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Speaker's Comment

- Title, content, delivery inspired:
 - Dr. Martin Luther King, civil rights activist
 - August 28, 1963, Lincoln Memorial
- Intent
 - Extend his spirit into a contemporary setting: ICT Standardization

Historical Setting

- In the beginning there were the inventors.
- Digital devices pervade modern society.

Introduction

- Standardization is the keystone.
- There were abuses by the powerful.

The Ills

- They continue today, largely unabated.
 - Inflated prices
 - Lock-in mechanisms
 - Stymied innovation

Call to Action

- Together, we must rid the world of these problems, for the benefit of all.

The Dreams

- Infrastructures should meet needs.
- Leaders should lead their organization.
- Collaborate in standardization; compete in the marketplace.

More Dreams

- There is more to standardization than specification development.
- Interoperability is a requirement.
- Consortia are the equals of formal SDOs.

Summary

- Together we must pursue those dreams for the sake of all.