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"The Maitland Report was ahead of its time in acknowledging the fundamental role that information and communication would play in the social and economic spheres of society... It envisaged that widespread and effective communications would result in a safer and better world to live in..." Prof. Victor Ayeni / Devindra Ramnarine.

"So what would or should a new Maitland Commission consider if it were established now? ... Strategic priorities for ICTs are still poorly interlinked with those for poverty reduction and other developmental targets... A modern Maitland Commission could add value if it ... increased understanding and consensus between ICT specialists and the wider development community" David Souter.

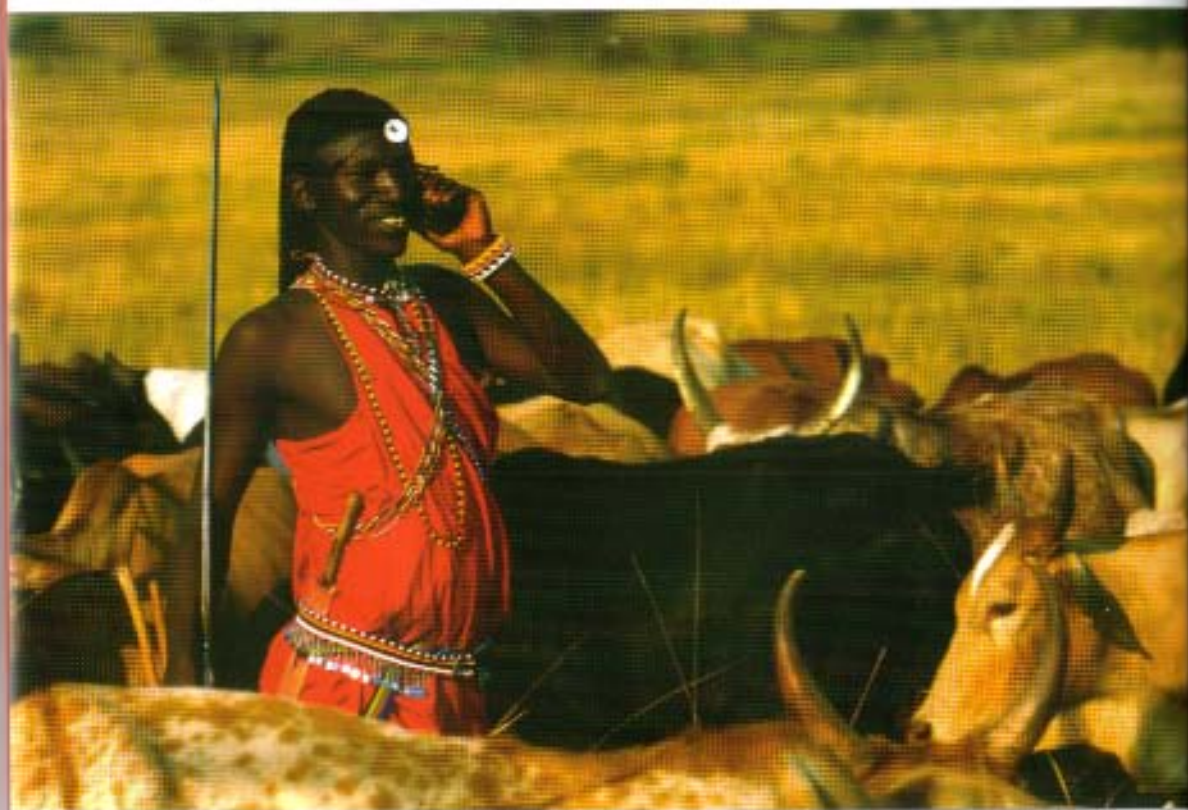
"...strategies towards gender inclusion, gender equity and women's empowerment through ICTs need to assume the form of system-wide interventions that seek to transform the societal structures that perpetuate gender discrimination." Shafika Isaacs.

"In 1985, I suggested a fund of US\$ 2 billion would be needed to help overcome the missing link... For the next 20 years, we need similar ambitious levels of funding, but directed at human capital rather than networks and equipment." Dr. David Cleevely.

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