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<b>Title: From Outside, Coming in</b>		
Main characters	What Happened	Results
2 “outsiders: Freya, a public servant from Belize and Adam, a young person working with OAS	Freya heard of CIVIC at an ICT steering committee meeting and was invited to this forum. Adam heard about CIVIC from Beatrice [Briggs] and could not believe the multi stakeholder approach.	Freya is so amazed at the use of knowledge to mobilize this forum. She intends to join [CIVIC] and is here for the consultation. Adam is willing to include more young persons and thinks that this is a “perfect place to learn” Both are excited by knowledge sharing and collaboration.

<b>Title: WSIS involvement = CIVIC 2.0 preparation = or “Roots, Fruits, Seeds”</b>		
Main characters	What Happened	Results
CIVIC members working together and connecting islands in cyber space	CIVIC participation internationally; CIVIC preparation for a new vision	International and regional contribution by CIVIC

<b>Title: Opportunity Now</b>		
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Lea, Dorienne (?), Liz	Serendipitous connection re greening/recycling ICTs and [illegible]	Self-appointed small group to take leadership on greening and share with CIVIC

<b>Title: Growing Up in CIVIC” or “Broadening thinking from pure IT to ICT4D</b>		
Main characters	What Happened	Results
Kevin Harris, Consortium, CIVIC members	Since becoming involved in CIVIC in 2005, Kevin has gained a lot of knowledge and encouragement in the use of IT tools in improving human/social development initiatives.	Kevin is now actively involved in social development work in Belize. His involvement in a project and portal called “Stay in School!” is a direct result of his interest in ICT4D, fostered by being a member of CIVIC.

<b>Title: St Vincent Providing Publicity</b>		
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Rudi Daniel	Minister of Technology presented himself	1. Civil society representative on National ICT

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	as a CIVIC member in a public Gathering and asked Rudi to be a voice for CIVIC in a national ICT task force	<p>Advisory forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rudi supplies regulatory advice and/or comments</li> <li>Business development for SMEs in country areas</li> </ol>
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<b>Title: Next Generation CIVIC: From the Now to the Tomorrow</b>		
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Caribbean ICT4D students (of all ages), CIVIC members/"experts" of the "new" ICT4D generation	New CIVIC members (i.e., student of e-commerce master's program UWI) are motivated to share knowledge/interact with CIVIC members/"experts"	CIVIC membership increased. Need to pen spaces for youth to speak up and new members to interact with experts. This led to thinking about mechanisms to promote that participation.

<b>Title: Domain Name Rescue Mission</b>		
Main characters	What Happened	Results
CIVIC members	CIVIC assisted St. Kitts and Nevis in retrieving their domain name as ownership was being threatened	Mission successfully accomplished!

<b>Title: Connecting People</b>		
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In 2005 , Rafik Abdesalam (sp?) , a consultant for Taiguy Foundation from Algeria, saw an announcement in CIVIC of a training in Port au Prince, Haiti on Linux and open source, with trainers from Bulgaria, Haiti	Rafik attended the training	<p>Professional: Linux admin expertise; good sense of Linux security; help partners; conduct training in France</p> <p>Personal: Networking with people, teachers, trainees; discover Haitian art, food.</p> <p>Wishes: Keep initial ethic: democratic participation, sharing information amongst experts, practitioners and end users. More active role. Not impose. Try to influence policy development in our countries.</p>

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<b>Title: The Happy Lurker</b>		
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Elizabeth Terry (ICT4D) Jamaica	Members share their ICT-related interests challenges, initiatives and lessons learned, particularly in regard to the development process of CIVIC.	<p>ICT4D Jamaica learned from the CIVIC experiences, opinions and suggestions as they were pulling together their national network. The informal influence also went from ICT4D Jamaica to CIVIC through joint members such as Valerie and Yacine.</p> <p>Wishes: More harvesting documentation and dissemination of lessons learned across the region (including evolution of CIVIC). Capacity building – especially for the establishment of national networks</p>

<b>Title: Broadening Horizons through Collaborations</b>		
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CIVIC community, consortium, IDRC	Growing into a consortium; presented proposal to ICA (one of 2 out of 12 funded); Received CIVIC mandate to undertake strengthening of the process; presented Caribbean paper to WSIS paper; commitment of individual members	Big community (support, wealth of knowledge and expertise, commitment); there is more presence in the region; Professional growth of members; becoming regional experts; exploitation of potential of hard and soft skills and knowledge
Valerie's personal story		I learned to deal with diversity of cultures and ways of working, harvesting the best of people. Opportunity to grow professionally and gain Caribbean expertise. I had never traveled in the islands. Made great friends contacts and relationships in all the islands

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<b>Title: Networking Pays Off</b>		
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Dorienne Rowen-Campbell, Carlton Samuels, some farmers in Grenada	In an off-agenda meeting at the CIVIC 2.0 event in 2008, Carlton learned about some farmers in Grenada that would be an asset for a work he is doing.	Dorienne gave the contact info for Carlton to reach the farmers and add them to his research

<b>Title: CIVIC helping People</b>		
Main characters	What Happened	Results
four CIVIC members	In 2005, they discussed ICT in disaster management (pre and post) virtually over a period of 3 months. They gathered input from other CIVIC members, distilled the information and drafted a concept note in one month – record time, given that the collaboration was virtual.	ICT in disaster management brief submitted to CARICOM and the UN task Force. Pioneer effort in Caribbean in area of ICT in disaster management.