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Development delivery will change with the increasing deployment of ICTs. The use of ICT in areas like health, education, agriculture extension and in law and social justice programs portends many changes to the delivery of these services...

At the community level through radio and telecentres, it is possible for women to access content on agriculture and other sustainable topics, video-conferencing with experts located far away from various domains is a reality in rural areas.

Programs that consciously aim at women's participation in development can ensure that women benefit from these new opportunities.

Government administration is also undergoing a transformation through ICT and within this is the opportunity for women to demand accountable governance.

Indeed, ICTs in themselves cannot bring good governance but the transparency of information that they make possible, is a first step to include the disenfranchised in public discourse.

From the point of women's empowerment therefore, ICTs have multifarious meanings.

They are:

- ◎Development tools
- ◎Vehicles for greater participation in governance structures
- ◎Platforms for business
- ◎New media spaces allowing women to connect, network, find a voice, own and control information and knowledge. ICTs also enable them to tackle issues that affect everyday life.

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