

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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7. **Multilateral organizations** have a key role in providing guidance, facilitating peer dialogue, exchange of experience and familiarization with good practices, offering technical assistance in the design of national *and regional* e-Strategies, *and in measuring their impact*.
- International and regional organizations, including financial and development institutions should assist developing countries in integrating the use of ICTs in the development process and making available the necessary resources.
 - They should assess and report regularly on progress towards the Information Society.
 - Consistent with the laws of each Country, They should also ensure non-discrimination—whether based on sex, race, age, language, ethnicity, culture, religion, or disability—for all members in their programmes, projects and contractual engagements, with the aim of creating equitable opportunities for the growth of ICT sectors of developing countries.
 - All organizations should contribute in their respective areas of competence and expertise.*

25. To maximize the economic and social benefits of the Information Society, governments need to create a trustworthy, transparent, and non-discriminatory **legal, regulatory and policy environment**, capable of promoting technological innovation and competition, and to provide appropriate incentives to favour the necessary investments in the deployment of infrastructures and development of new services and content. To this end, the following actions ~~will be necessary to~~ should be considered:

27. The **radio frequency spectrum** should be managed in the public and general interest and in accordance with the basic principle of legality, with full observance of national laws and regulations and as well as relevant international agreements:

Actions	Level
a) Governments should support a generous allocation of frequencies <u>in accordance with their needs and their national laws</u> for local radio stations at reasonable prices. A transmitter network concept should <u>may</u> be used which takes into account the federal, pluralist, democratic and cultural requirements of each country.	N

29. *It is necessary to broaden the participation of all stakeholders in the governance of the Information Society. Internet governance* should be multilateral and transparent, taking into account the needs of the public and private sectors, as well as those of civil society and multilingualism. An ~~international~~ intergovernmental organization should ensure multilateral, democratic and transparent management of root servers, domain names and Internet Protocol address assignment.

Actions	Level
a) In co-operation with the relevant stakeholders, and respecting the sovereignty of States, governments should work to internationalize the management of Internet resources in order to achieve a universally representative solution.	I
b) Foster international dialogue among all interested parties (governments, private sector, civil society and relevant organizations) in order to ensure the most appropriate management structure. The second phase of WSIS in Tunis should review the outcome of this dialogue.	N, R, I
c) <u>The management of country code top-level-domain names CCTLDs must be the responsibility of each individual country by 2004</u>	N
d) <u>An intergovernmental organization should ensure multilateral, democratic and transparent management of root servers, domain names and Internet Protocol address assignment by 2004.</u>	I