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| PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WSIS OUTCOMES BY MEMBER STATES AND ANALYZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN THE TUNIS AGENDA FOR THE INFORMATION SOCIETY | |
| **Purpose**  This contribution proposes to discuss the implementation of the WSIS outcomes by Member States and analyze the implementation of the objectives set out in the Tunis Agenda and confirmed by subsequent UNGA resolutions.  **Action required**  CWG-Internet is invited **to consider** the proposal and **decide** to hold a discussion on the above topic.  **References**  PP [Resolution 101](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-101-E.pdf), [102](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-102-E.pdf), [130](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-130-E.pdf), [133](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-133-E.pdf), [180](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-180-E.pdf) (Rev. Bucharest, 2022); [Council Resolution 1305](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0136/en) | |

**Introduction**

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) provided an opportunity for experts in various fields of knowledge to jointly develop principles and priorities leading to the creation of a democratic information society for all. The issue is about the development at the national and international levels of a society in which the possibility of access, exchange and transfer of information and knowledge is considered as public goods and contributes to the development of cultural diversity and economic well-being in the world.

There are two years left until the UNGA high-level meeting dedicated to the overall review of the WSIS outcomes implementation, and it is necessary to assess the fulfillment of the objectives set by the Tunis Agenda and confirmed by subsequent UNGA resolutions, including aspects of the international public policy issues related to the Internet and building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies.

It is necessary to rethink what has been achieved, highlighting the progress and problems that have arisen, considering that about 2.6 billion people around the world, primarily in developing countries, do not have access to the Internet at all. An important task is also to develop proposals on the opportunities of further development of the Internet, and the role of the IGF, in particular, for the period after 2025, taking into account the importance of telecommunications/ICTs for achieving the SDGs by 2030, bearing in mind the decisions of the upcoming Summit of the Future in 2024 and Global Digital Compact.

**Discussion**

First of all, it is necessary to note a clear relation and connection between the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and the implementation of the Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030 in the interests of building a knowledge society with universal and equal use of all the opportunities and potential of modern telecommunications/ICTs, as well as increasing international scientific and technical cooperation. That is why the Internet is critically important for achieving the SDGs, as it is a key infrastructure shaping the global information society and digital economy, and has an impact on the political, economic and socio-cultural spheres of life at all levels – from global to national.

Questions related to the implementation of the Tunis Agenda are raised by various stakeholders on relevant international and regional expert platforms. In this regard, we would like to emphasize the relevance of the principle contained in the Tunis Agenda, according to which governments should have an equal role and perform their functions in addressing international public policy issues related to the Internet. This is a serious challenge that necessitates cooperation between all States in order to give the global network the status of a real asset of all humanity. To fulfil this, state regulation of the telecommunication/ICT development should be balanced, in order to, on the one hand, strengthen the security of the use of digital technologies, and on the other hand, serve as a motivation for its development.

It seems appropriate for the Member States to evaluate the implementation of the objectives set out in the Tunis Agenda in the CWG-Internet. Taking into account the ITU area of responsibility and the competence of specialists, it is of significant importance to facilitate the exchange of best practices, analyze lessons and challenges in the development and implementation of the provisions of the Tunis Agenda, and consider achievements and problems in the field of regulation of telecommunications/ICTs. Stakeholders draw attention to the need of such a dialogue between States.

During the Tunis phase of the WSIS, civil society set a number of important goals in the formation of the information society, in this regard, it is the duty of States to provide feedback and comprehensive information on the achieved results, present best practices and identify problems and gaps.

**Proposal**

The tasks of the CWG-Internet are to identify, study and develop matters related to international Internet-related public policy issues. ITU Council Resolution 1305 defining the public policy issues to be addressed in the CWG-Internet contains the topic “International public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses”.

Thus, within the framework of the ITU mandate, this makes it possible in the CWG-Internet to assess implementation of the objectives set out in the Tunis Agenda concerning the activities/responsibilities of States, including on international public policy issues related to the Internet.

Proposed plan:

1 to organize a discussion in the CWG-Internet with the participation of Member States and all relevant interested parties (through the open consultations) in order to assess the results related the activities/responsibilities of States achieved during the implementation of the Tunis Agenda;

2. to invite Member States to prepare contributions with an assessment of their progress in the implementation of the WSIS decisions and an analysis of the implementation objectives set by the Tunis Agenda;

3. to define during the discussion priorities for international cooperation of the Member States in the implementation of the Tunis Agenda for the period up to 2025;

4. to discuss the development of strengthening cooperation in the future after 2025, according to paragraph 69 of the Tunis Agenda;

5. to discuss how ITU's cooperation with other international organizations and stakeholders can contribute to the process of implementing of the Tunis Agenda and role in contributing to the achievement of the SDGs;

6. to propose other actions that Member States in cooperation with other interested parties could take for the process of implementation of the Tunis Agenda.

7. to summarize the views expressed during the broad discussion on the topics outlined in paragraphs 1-6 above for publication on the ITU official website in the CWG-Internet section and for transmission to the ITU Secretary-General for consideration in preparation for the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025.

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