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| WSIS+20 REVIEW PROCESS AND THE VISION OF WSIS BEYOND 2025: CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUMMIT OF FUTURE | |
| **Purpose**  This document serves to inform the Group about the preparation towards the WSIS+20 review and the vision of WSIS beyond 2025.  **Action required**  Members are invited **to consider** the contribution**.**  **Relevant link with the Strategic Plan (s)**  Convening platforms; partnerships and international cooperation**.**  **Financial implications:** within the allocated resources in the financial plan | |

The World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis and the Geneva Plan of Action established a robust and comprehensive framework to build a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society and in support of a sustainable digital transformation. Since then, digitalisation has become the norm in most societies and new developments have fundamentally changed the ways how people access information, interact, work, learn and govern.

We appreciate the role of the ITU in implementing relevant WSIS action lines and the efforts of the ITU Secretary General to implement the WSIS+20 roadmap approved at PP-22. We also recognize the efforts by the ITU towards the preparations for the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, as an extended version of the WSIS Forum 2024, to be co-hosted by Switzerland and the ITU, and co-organized with UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD.

In accordance with the ITU Secretary-General's roadmaps, PP-Resolution 140 and Council Resolutions 1332 and 1334, the ITU should provide to the UNGA WSIS+20 an overall review and a final report on ITU's role in implementation of the WSIS outcomes, in accordance with the review process established by UNGA.

At the same time, ECOSOC Resolution 2006/46 mandates the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 57/270 B and 60/252, to effectively assist the Economic and Social Council as the focal point in the systemwide follow-up to the WSIS implementation, in particular the review and assessment of progress made in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit of the Information Society.

In light of the above, the WSIS Forum 2024 should, inter alia, be used to:

1. Analyse the implementation, over the last 20 years, of the WSIS action lines attributed to the ITU;
2. Identify gaps and new developments within the mandate of the ITU that would require a review of WSIS action lines or targets;

The WSIS Forum 2024 should be preceded by a multi-stakeholder preparatory process, consisting of several consultative meetings, led by the ITU and Switzerland as co-hosts, in close cooperation with the CWG WSIS&SDG Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The chair and co-chairs of the WSIS Forum 2024, in cooperation with the Forum’s co-organisers and the Chair and Vice-Chairs of ITU CWG-WSIS, are kindly invited to summarize the discussions during the Forum in a Chair’s Summary, which should serve as a substantive input to the ITU’s contribution on its role in implementing the WSIS agenda, to be submitted to the CSTD’s synthesis report on the process of the implementation of the WSIS twenty years after the adoption of the WSIS outcomes, which will be made available at 28th session of CSTD in March 2025 and at UNGA WSIS+20 overall review, in accordance with the review process established by UNGA.

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