



BUILDING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Consultation Meeting on Implementing WSIS outcomes related to Action Line C2

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Report on previous activities & Current Action Line facilitators

Geneva, 18 May 2006, 15:00-18:00, ITU, room H

Following the Tunis Phase of the WSIS a meeting of moderators/facilitators of action lines was jointly organized by ITU, UNESCO and UNDP in Geneva on February 24 2006. Among other conclusions, the meeting decided that¹:

- 1. "The **list of action line facilitators** should continue to be regarded as indicative and non-exhaustive. This means that entities can propose themselves as candidates for a facilitation or co-facilitation role at any time.
- 2. The **facilitation process should be bottom-up and inclusive**, with the main role of the lead facilitation agencies and facilitators being to assist stakeholders in the implementation process, at the national, regional and international levels.
- 3. One of the important roles of the facilitators for each action line is to actively seek **partners and participants** among the different stakeholder groups.
- 4. The entities named under each action line are encouraged to **start work on those action lines**, so as not to lose momentum, and to identify other stakeholders that could be involved, to ensure a multi-stakeholder approach, and to develop appropriate working methods, on the basis of the revised terms of reference."

ITU initiated the Action Line C2 consultation in Doha (9 March 2006) the main conclusions of which are²:

- a. A wide range of stakeholders need to be involved in C2 implementation, since it is not only technical work. The participation of financing institutions and the user community in the development field is essential. Efforts should be made to involve a financing institution as a co-facilitator.
- b. The action line facilitation process at the international level should be linked to regional and national actions.
- c. Meetings of the different action lines should take place at the same time in order so allow better participation by different stakeholder groups.
- d. In order to include as many stakeholders as possible in the process, a written consultation about the work of Action Line C2 could be launched.

http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/docs/consultations/feb2006/summary-report.doc

² The full summary report is available here:

http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/c2/docs/doha/summary-report.doc

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- The report of those consultations could be presented during the week of 17th of May in Geneva.
- e. Extensive use of online work and tools will be important to involve more stakeholders. The different online tools should be interoperable and accessible to all.
- f. Sub-groupings may be useful at some point, but are premature at this time.

The general WSIS stocktaking should be fine-tuned and adapted to provide the following capabilities:

- a. Monitoring or evaluation component of projects so as to be able to measure results and not just intentions and to identify effective partners and projects.
- b. Record both projects that work and those that fail.
- c. Searchable in many categories, to be more useable as a tool and to avoid duplication.
- d. A tool to consolidate and promote partnerships.

Current list of Actioon Line facilitator

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C7. ICT Applications

This table shows the situation of provisional facilitaors and co-facilitator as well as Action line focal points.

For action line C2, the Association of Progressive Communication (APC) offerd to be a co-facilitaor with the ITU.

A virtual group sharing a reflector <u>wsis-actionlinec2@itu.int</u> was created to facilitate communications.

WSIS Action Lines Moderators/Facilitators - Annex to Tunis Agenda (Revised) **Action Line** Moderators/Facilitators **Focal Point** C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development ECOSOC/UN Regional Commissions/ITU/[**UN DESA**] Mr. Sergei Kambalov (UN DESA) Contact C2. Information and communication infrastructure **ITU**/[*APC*] Mr. Touré Pape-Gorgui (ITU) Contact **C2 Virtual Group** Contact C3. Access to information and knowledge ITU/UNESCO/[FAO/UNIDO] Mr. Axel Plathe (UNESCO) Contact C4. Capacity building undp/unesco/itu/unctad/[un desa/fao/unido] Ms. Radhika Lal (UNDP) Contact C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs ITU Mr. Robert Shaw (ITU) Contact C6. Enabling environment ITU/UNDP/UN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS/UNCTAD/[UN DESA/UNIDO/APC] Ms. Radhika Lal (UNDP)

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C9. Media UNESCO Mr. Axel Plathe (UNESCO)

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C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
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C11. International and regional cooperation
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Note: Additions proposed at the meeting of action line moderators/facilitators on 24

<u>February</u> are <u>[underlined and in square brackets]</u>. Civil society entities are indicated in *italics*. Those agencies shown in **bold** would be the provisional focal point for each action line