

BUILDING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

**Consultation Meeting on
Implementing WSIS
outcomes related to Action
Line C2**

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Making the process truly multistakeholder in nature

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Possible solution for virtual meetings:

Not all stakeholders can afford to participate in all face-to-face meetings organized by action line focal points. The need to use online facilities was pointed out as one of the ways to facilitate the participation of all stakeholders.

Online tools for the follow-up

Clustering WSIS Action Line Meetings – Linkage between C2 and other action lines

The following mapping was proposed with a view to identifying:

1. the Action lines that are needed prior to the deployment of infrastructure (predecessors);
2. the action lines which cannot be implemented without infrastructure(successors);

This is a “first degree” linkage of Action lines aiming at identifying among them the combination of which is necessary for each. For instance, the facilitation of Action Line C2 (AL-C2) at least requires the cooperation of facilitators of C1, C2, C4, C5, C6 and C11 ; action lines to which the contribution of C2 is mandatory, namely C3, C7 and C9, could also be considered for a longer list. These could be seen as the prospective members of the “AL-C2 team”.

| A ¹ → B ¹ | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5 | C6 | C7 | C8 | C9 | C10 | C11 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| C1: Role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICT for development | - | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | x |
| C2: Information and Communication Infrastructure | | - | X | | x | | X | | X | | |

¹ The direction of the arrow indicates that “B” depends on “A”

| A ¹ → B ¹ | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5 | C6 | C7 | C8 | C9 | C10 | C11 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| C3: Access to information and knowledge | | X | - | X | | | X | X | | | |
| C4: capacity building | | X | X | - | | X | X | X | | | |
| C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs | | X | X | | - | X | X | X | X | X | |
| C6: Enabling environment | | X | | | | - | X | | | | |
| C7: ICT Applications | | | X | X | | | - | | | | |
| C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic identity and local content | | | X | X | | | | - | | | |
| C9: Media | | | X | | | | | | - | X | |
| C10: Ethical dimension of the Information Society | | | X | | | | | X | X | - | |
| C11: International and Regional cooperation | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | - |

Nevertheless, how to operate practically such a team might be challenging.

Another possibility might be to consider identifying sub-groups based either on priority themes, or on concrete initiatives implemented at the global, regional and/or national levels.

The following themes could be considered among others:

- Making the case of how and how much ICT can impact human development
- Mainstreaming ICT in Development, including Integrating ICT into disaster risk reduction for sustainable development
- Demand/supply analysis on ICT-enabled services,
- Model policies to support national e-Strategies,
- Harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks at the regional level
- Financing national broadband networks by means of public-private partnerships,
- Promoting local entrepreneurships and risk mitigation,

Sub-groups could also be created around ICT-related initiatives registered, by the beneficiaries/promoters among priorities of countries concerned.

Document 8 contains a description of the 25 regional initiatives adopted by the 2006 World telecommunication Development Conference, Doha (Qatar) March 2006.

Sharing themes and initiatives with other action lines groups might be a way to inviting these to express their interest and propose creation of joint sub-groups.