Consultation Meeting on Implementing WSIS outcomes related to Action Line C2

Oversight of the implementation of ALC2: International versus Regional/National

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Implementing action line C2 alone would not be very useful. It is obvious that at the end of the process something must be offered to the end-users: information, communication or societal application. Consequently the first focus is to be put on the broader development of ICT in general as shown in **Figure 1** below. Three main components are identified: building e-Readiness, promoting usage of ICT and creating multistakeholder partnerships to serve the ultimate goals:
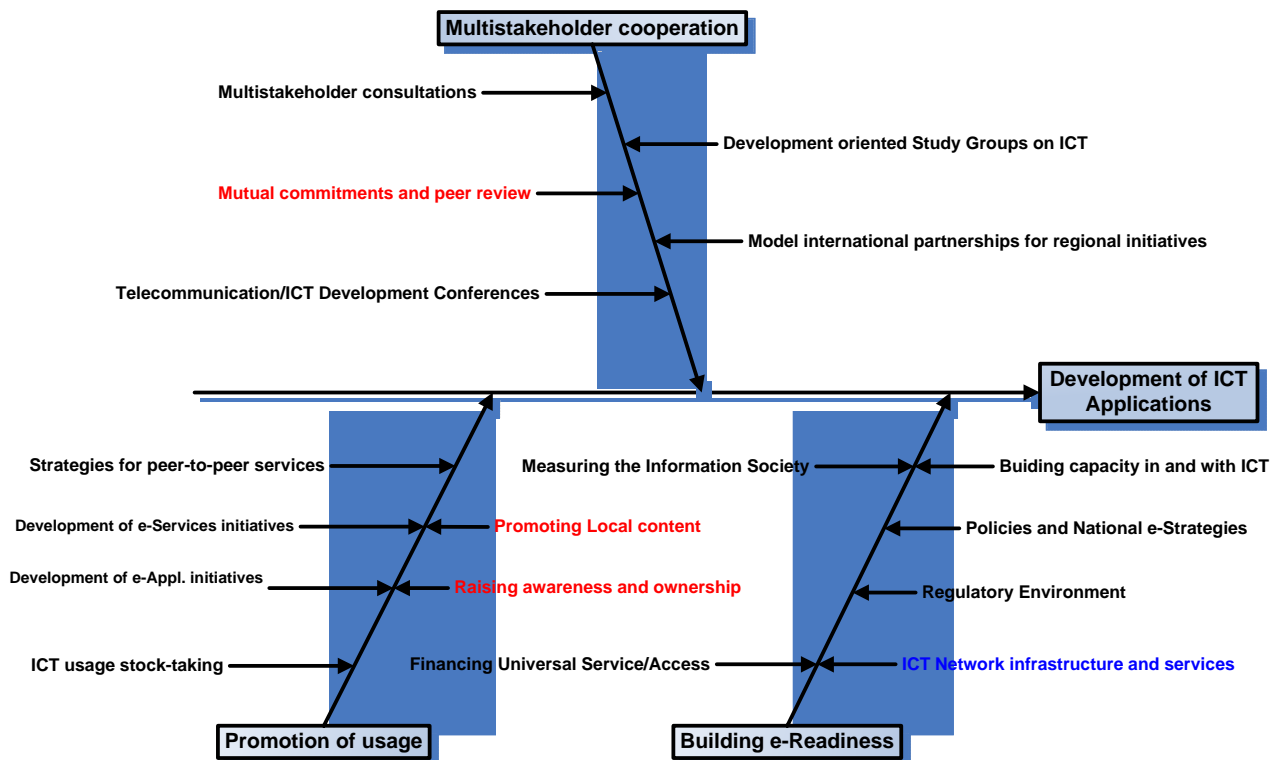
Figure 1: Requirements for the development of ICT

The existence of appropriate infrastructure is one of the most critical e-Readiness factors. The infrastructure can be developed to benefit of the entire community only if enabling conditions are created: legal and regulatory framework, National policies and e-Strategies, universal service/access funding mechanisms, human capacity and sound measurements of the values and volumes of ICT-enabled services as well as the impact on human development.

With these conditions met, the development of infrastructure can be achieved as indicated in **Figure 2** below, following the core component that are 1) access networks, national broadband backbones, regional/international networks interconnection, interconnection of networks at the national level.
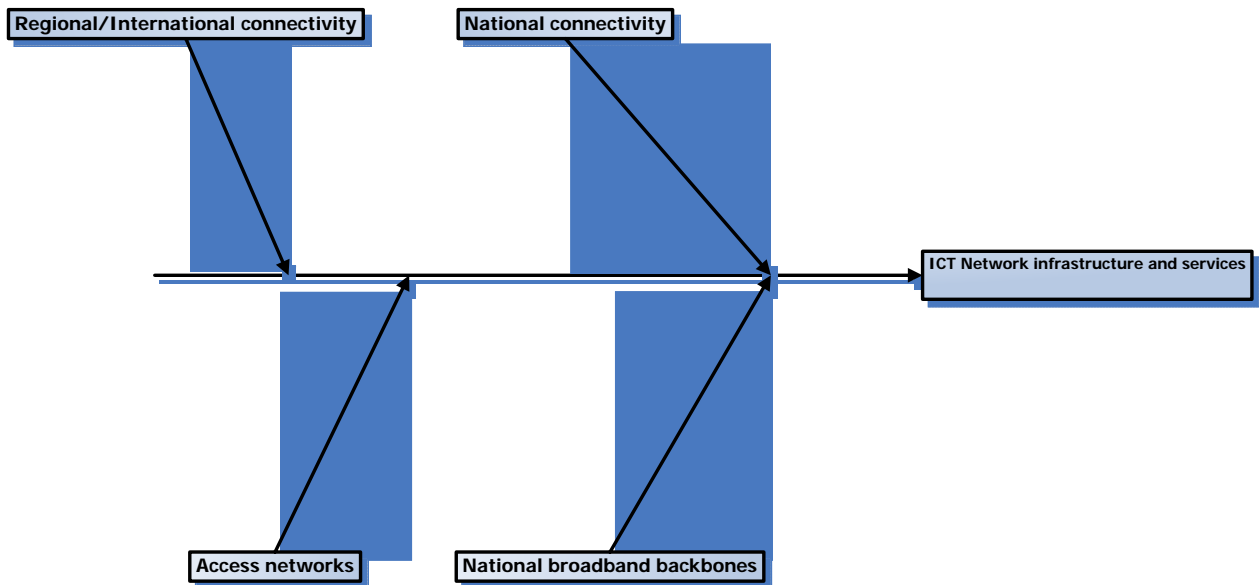
Figure 2: Building ICT-enabling infrastructure

Regional and large-scale national infrastructure related initiatives aiming at sustainable provision of information, communication and ICT-enabled societal applications to end-users, as described in TAIS20 may be the best way to address the issue.

Figure 3 provides an example, based on ITU activities, of linking activities undertaken at the international, regional and national levels.

Figure 3: Linking international, regional and national levels of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes

How the ITU-D could contribute to implementing the goals of the Information Society

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- ODA mechanisms
- Development goals
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- Development goals (including MDGs)
- National e-Strategies
- Regional e-Strategies
- Model national e-Strategies
- policies
- Harmonization of policies
- Guidelines and assistance on: Regulations; Financing mechanisms; Use of innovative technologies;
- National initiatives
- Regional initiatives
- New strategies for ICT development Once every 4 years (WTDC)
- Infrastructure
- Applications
- WSIS follow-up activities (including RPMs)
- Assessment of national implementation
- Regional ICT statistics
- Assessment of World ICT development
- National multistakeholder partnership
- regional multistakeholder partnership
- International multistakeholder partnership
- Virtual financing platform
- Private investments where possible