



## WSIS Forum 2013: Open Consultation Process

### Main Topics

*Note: This document captures the main topics emerging from the official submissions made during the open consultation process on the thematic aspects and innovation on the format. To read all the submissions in detail please visit:*

<http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/2013/forum/ocp/finalreview.html>

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- 1) Enabling Environment:
  - Developments in the regulatory model and moving it from price competition towards quality of service (QoS) competition;
  - Formulation of conducive ICT policies that foster entrepreneurship, innovation and investment.
  - Net Neutrality
  - Cloud Computing
  
- 2) E-Agriculture
  - Critical issues in cross-cutting policy matters in ICT services, in particular e agriculture.
  - ICTs for Agricultural products and services
  - M Agriculture
  - Transforming agriculture through ICTs
  - Impact of remote sensing to hydraulic research and agricultural development
  
- 3) E-Government
  - Collection of best practices
  - Citizen participation and engagement: post 2015 development agenda
  - Measurement and evaluation tool for e-participation readiness
  - Governance and anticorruption
  - mGovernment
  - Standardized set of software tools for developing and running e government applications.

- ICTs for social accountability , governance and anti-corruption
- 4) Promotion of partnerships in the ICT sector
    - Linkages with the broader science and technology and innovation agendas.
    - International cooperation
    - Public Private engagements: lessons learnt
  - 5) Framework for measuring the Information Society
    - New Analytical Methods in Measuring the Information Society
    - Exploring a new framework for measuring the Information Society
  - 6) ICT and Disability
    - Connecting people with disability
    - Developing and designing applications for persons with disability
    - ICTs for multiple disabilities
  - 7) ICTs and Gender
    - Women and technology-ICTs
    - Women and internet
    - Recruitment, retention and advancement of technical women
    - Girls in ICT/Women in the ICT career pipeline
    - Removing gender barriers to ICT education and training
    - Best practices on the integration of gender perspectives in education
    - Mobile applications for women
    - Free and Open Source Software and women
    - New wave of women citizen journalists
  - 8) ICT and Youth
    - Digital literacy for rural youth employment
  - 9) Impact of ICT on social – economic development
    - Connectivity
    - Jobs in the ICT sector
  - 10) Cybersecurity
    - Child online protection
    - Online safety for consumer trust
    - Cybercrime in West Africa
    - Information security
    - Internet privacy and cybersecurity best practices

## 11) ICT Infrastructure:

- Broadband Backbone
- Sharing national information on infrastructure
- Backbone infrastructure in Sub Saharan Africa.
- Cloud computing: realities and perspectives
- Exchange points (IXPs)
- Transition to IPv6 in developing countries: the role of specialized agencies
- Availability of Radio Spectrum world wide

## 12) Capacity Building

- E-skilling for equitable prosperity and global competitiveness for developmental states
- Mobile4D e-readiness and capacity building
- Capacity Building and use of ICTs
- Capacity building for e governance programmes

## 13) Smart citizens

## 14) Innovation

- Social Innovation for citizen empowerment through ICT
- Innovation and mobile applications for development.
- Role of ICT in promoting scientific research and innovation in developing countries.
- Mobile software development

## 15) Emergency Communications

- Multilingual customer care in emerging countries

## 16) ICT for Education

- Out of school children e-education
- ICTs integration in education and training
- Smart phones as a device for learning
- mEducation
- New role of libraries in open education
- ICTs and Education for Africa's sustainable development

## 17) Social Networking

## 18) ICT Industry in World Economic Crisis

- The relations between monetary creation and information and communication technologies Privacy, human rights, capacity building, access.



#### 19) Involvement of local people and outreach

- Telecentres
- Coordination of regional activities with regard to ICTs
- Facilitation of regional events with local partners
- Sustainability models of the public access points
- Public access and the role of libraries
- Access & Diversity Emerging economies

#### 20) E environment

- evolution of tools and devices
- Expanding access to information on weather, climate and water

#### 21) ICT and MDGs on the role and importance of ICT in various sector to reach the MDG

- Jobs, Technology and Employability: Mobile applications have the power to create more jobs and skilled workforce.

#### 22) Human Rights and Freedom of Expression

- Information society and human rights.
- ICTs are a critical means and platform for citizens and activists around the world to exercise their right to freedom of expression (FOE)

#### 23) E business:

- E-commerce for Development
- ICTs for Trade Facilitation: Success stories (Africa)
- M Banking

#### 24) Space Applications for building the knowledge society

#### 25) Media:

- Auto regulation and freedom of press
- Digital media and freedom of press Future of Digital media
- Community Media
- Use of Radio

#### 26) Internet Issues:

- Internet Resource
- Internet Governance
- Internet governance landscape



- Multistakeholder approach to internet governance
- Internet rights
- Internet for sustainable development

27) ICTs and legal jurisdictions

28) WSIS Review Process

- Academic Insights
- WSIS+10 Sessions
- Process of self-evaluation national review reports.
- Preparation of HL Meeting in 2014

29) Cultural Diversity:

- ICT policy development to pay more attention to sustain online cultural identity
- Cultural Heritage conservation and scanning Information Society and Challenges for digitization and preservation

30) ICT and rural connectivity

- The grassroots use of ICTs in rural areas and among the urban poor
- strategies for using ICTs to give marginalized rural and urban populations the means to participate
- Bridging the gap in Rural Connectivity
- ICTs as a necessary approach for engaging the grassroots through ICTs in the development process
- establish new procedures and processes that promote best practices

31) Stocktaking:

- International practices and case studies
- Scaling up of the Successful Pilot projects

32) ICT Resources: Financial Mechanisms / Human

33) E health:

- Access to e health facilities to girls and women
- Use of ICT aids for augmentative communication.
- The challenges of M health

34) ICT and improving Road Safety

35) Ethical dimensions of ICTs

**Suggested additions to the Format:**

- Knowledge management techniques
- More stakeholders from developing countries
- More interaction during workshops
- Limited use of PowerPoint
- Increase participation of Journalists
- Multistakeholder from Developing Countries