WSIS+10 High-Level Event: Open Consultation Process

3rd Physical Meeting

ITU Headquarters, Geneva
17-18 February 2014

Main Outcomes by Chairman

1. The third physical meeting of the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform (MPP-WSIS+10) (www.wsis.org/review/mpp) was held on 17 and 18 February 2014, in the ITU Headquarters, as part of the fourth phase of the six phase WSIS+10 High-Level Event Open Consultation process. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct the first reading of the remaining proposals, proposals pending the 1st reading since the MPP meeting in December, for the first drafts of the WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation on WSIS Outcomes & the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015.

2. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. V. Minkin (Russian Federation), Chairman of the Council Working Group on WSIS and the Vice Chairs of the meeting were Egypt, Switzerland and Saudi Arabia.

3. More than 140 participants from 70 Countries participated in total in the meeting, in a remote and physical manner. All WSIS Stakeholders, that is, governments, private sector, civil society and international organizations took active part in the meeting.

4. The Secretary-General of the ITU, Dr. Hamadoun Touré provided opening remarks while thanking all the stakeholders for their strong commitment and dedication towards the open consultation process. Dr Touré informed all the participants that it is proposed to hold the WSIS+10 High-level Event on the 10th to 13th of June at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, he also added that the Fourth Physical Meeting of the WSIS+10 MPP will be held on the 14 to 18 April 2014 at the ITU Headquarters, Geneva and the Fifth Physical Meeting of the WSIS+10 MPP will be held from 28 to 31 May 2014 in Egypt (venue to be confirmed). Dr Touré highlighted the open and multistakeholder character of the MPP process.

5. The opening session benefitted from the contributions by Mr. C. Wachholz representing UNESCO and Mr. T. Fredriksson representing the CSTD Secretariat. They underlined the importance of the process being an important effort leading towards the Overall Review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes by 2015. Meeting was informed on the status of the discussions taking place at the UN General Assembly regarding the modalities of the Overall Review.
6. All the action line facilitators including, ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, WMO, UNEP, WIPO, WHO, UPU, ITC, ILO, FAO, UN Women and UN Regional Commissions contributed towards the development of the first drafts, within their respective mandates and presented the drafts of their respective action lines during the meeting. All UN organizations serve as secretariat to the preparatory process, coordinated by the ITU.
7. The meeting also acknowledged the presence of colleagues from UN Agencies , both in a physical and remote manner, ensuring that the WSIS+10 preparatory process is the one-UN process and that the UN family was working together ensuring that there were no duplications of efforts and resources.
8. The meeting conducted the first reading of the remaining proposals, proposals pending since the MPP meeting in December, for the first drafts including compilations reflecting the comments received by WSIS Stakeholders from 19th December 2013 to 24th January 2014. All the detailed submissions are available at http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html for consideration.
9. During the two days the meeting concluded several documents listed below including first reading of the following documents and (available at: http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html):

WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

- Paragraph submitted by the Ad-hoc Group on Youth during the third Physical Meeting S3/A0
- Paragraph submitted by the Ad-hoc Group on Human Rights during the third Physical Meeting S3/A1
- Paragraph submitted by the Ad-hoc Group on Gender during the third Physical Meeting S3/A2
- Paragraph submitted by the Ad-hoc Group on Vulnerable People during the third Physical Meeting S3/A3

WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015

➢ **Chapter C:Action Lines**
- C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development

- C3. Access to information and knowledge
- E-government
- E-business
- E-health
- E-employment
- E-environment
- E-agriculture
- E-science
- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- C9. Media
- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
- C11. International and regional cooperation

➢ **Chapter E: UNWOMEN, International Organization:** The WSIS Focal point at UNWOMEN, New York provided a briefing on their proposal of a new action line on Women's Empowerment and Full Engagement in the Information Society. The meeting noted UNWOMEN's proposal of creating a new Action line, i.e Action Line 12 and congratulated UNWOMEN on their efforts towards this important proposal. As an outcome the UNWOMEN proposed to structure the Action line following the existing format of a 100 word Vision, 5-10 Pillars and targets, this will be considered in the next physical meeting.

10. Egypt, the Vice-Chair of the MPP volunteered to consolidate the WSIS+10 Statement Chapter A, B and C.

11. A statement was made by the US delegation with some observations regarding the WSIS+10 MPP process, proposing to concentrate on the implementation activities of WSIS (see Annex 1). This statement was supported by several participants.

12. The Chairman responded to the statement by emphasizing that, not only ITU but, all UN Agencies responsible for Action Lines (ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, WHO, ILO, FAO, UPU, ITC, UNEP, WMO and UN Regional Commissions) are dedicated and committed to the WSIS+10 MPP and the WSIS+10 High level event, he brought attention to the full text of the resolution 1334 that resolved to establish an open and inclusive MPP, for developing the WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating agencies, for ITU under its responsibilities and other interested UN Agencies, under their responsibilities (please see Annex 2 for details).

13. While responding on the observation made on implementation of WSIS Outcomes, the Chairman also brought attention to the 10 Year Reports of Action lines that have been prepared and were submitted to the second meeting in December 2013. The challenges and the emerging trends of Action Lines have been captured each year at the WSIS Forum during the Action Line Facilitators Workshop, the WSIS Forum Outcome Document and the Emerging Trends document, as well as the report on Measuring the Information Society. In addition the Chairman highlighted that several 10-Year country reports have also already been submitted to the WSIS+10 MPP process.

14. It was agreed at the meeting that the action line facilitators will prepare a summary of the 10 Year reports to help the participants prepare for the next meeting.

15. The meeting took note on the announcement that WSIS+10 High-level Event, an extended version of the WSIS Forum, is scheduled to be held on the 10-13th of June at the ITU Headquarters, Geneva and that the Fourth Physical Meeting of the WSIS+10 MPP will be held from the 14-18 April 2014.at the ITU Headquarters, Geneva and the Fifth Physical Meeting of the WSIS+10 MPP will be held from 28 to 31 May 2014 in Egypt (venue to be confirmed). The meeting noted the following deadlines, dates and agreed for the way forward:

1. **WSIS+10 Statement (Chapters A, B and C):**

   Vice Chair's (Egypt) - draft proposal:
   o Published online on 7 March 2014
   o Deadline for receiving comments: 14 March
   o Deadline for publishing compilation of comments: 21 March

2. **First Readings of all Action lines and the zero drafts of Chapters A, B and E of Vision:**
   o Already online
   o Deadline for receiving comments: 14 March
   o Deadline for publishing compilation of comments: 21 March

3. **Executive Summaries of AL Reports:**
   o Published online on 1 March (ITU Action Lines C2, C5 and C6)
   o Published online on 10 March (Other Action Lines)

4. **Chairman's Summary of WSIS+10 MPP Third Physical Meeting:**
   o Published online on 25 February

16. The fourth physical meeting will be held on the 14-18 April 2014, ITU Headquarters, Geneva.

17. The meeting decided that to share views, methods and proposals through emails. A reflector email wsis-info@itu.int has been provided for this purpose.

18. In closing the meeting, the Chairman extended his personal thanks to all the WSIS Stakeholders who participated physically and remotely in the work of the 3rd physical meeting, the Vice-Chairmen Ms N. El Saadany (Egypt), Mr M. Almazyed (Saudi Arabia) and Mr F. Riehl (Switzerland); Dr. Hamadoun Touré, ITU Secretary General, and Mr Houlin Zhao, ITU Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Brahima Sanou, BDT Director, ITU, H.E. Janis Karklins, Former Assistant Director General, UNESCO, Ms. Anne Miroux, Head of the CSTD Secretariat, Mr J. Ponder and Ms. G. Sah (ITU), Mr. C. Wachholz (UNESCO), Mr. T. Fredriksson (UNCTAD) as well as all UN agencies including ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, WMO, UNEP, WIPO, WHO, UPU, ITC, ILO, FAO, UN Women and UN Regional Commissions.

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Minkin
(Russian Federation)

Link to Documentation:

- Results of the first reading during the Second Physical meeting: http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html
- Proposed first drafts: http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html
- Zero Drafts: http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/#outcomes
- Background Documents: http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/#background
- Link for Webcast: http://www.itu.int/ibs/council/201310cwg/
- Link for Adobe Connect Virtual Room:
  17 Feb.: http://connect.itu.int/p1549p0060d/
  18 Feb.: http://connect.itu.int/p2gyzu8iz7i/
  18 Feb.: http://connect.itu.int/p4qi0dq4dke/

ANNEX 1:

Statement made by US Delegation:

The United States fully supports the MPP process and looks forward to the critical development-related discussions at the WSIS +10 High Level Event. We would like to ensure, however that the MPP processs is brought more fully into line with both Resolution 1334 and the MPP's Terms of Reference. Resolution 1334 states that the event should review the WSIS outcomes, and develop a new vision, in "<u>the area of ITU's responsibility</u>."

The Terms of Reference for the MPP state that this process should "facilitate inputs from membership on the ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes," and "review the preparations of ITU for the review of the progress achieved in relation to the WSIS goals…"

Based on this guidance, we believe that the MPP's work should "focus on the WSIS Action Line and measurement of their implementation," as stated in the Chairman's Report on the WSIS+10 High Level Event: Open Consultation Process.

We look to the chair for guidance on how we can adapt our working methods to achieve these aims in the remaining time available. We look forward to working with other member states and stakeholders in assessing implementation of ITU's WSIS action lines with meaningful specificity on the progress made in the past 10 years.

Annex 2

RESOLUTION 1334 (MODIFIED 2013) : RESOLVES PARA D

Resolves

d)To establish an open and inclusive preparatory process similar to that of WTPF 13, Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform, for developing drafts of the outcome documents for consideration by the WSIS+10 High-Level Event, by 1st March 2014, (for ITU under its responsibilities and other interested UN Agencies, under their responsibilities)

- Draft WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

- Draft WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating agencies