



WSIS+10 High-Level Event

Open Consultation Process

Official Submission Form #1 on the Outcome Documents of the WSIS +10 High-Level Event 13-17 April 2014, Sharm el-Sheikh

Background: The WSIS+10 High-Level Event will be an extended version of the WSIS Forum to address the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes related to the WSIS Action Lines under mandates of the participating agencies, while providing a platform for multistakeholder coordination of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, with involvement and participation of all WSIS action line facilitators, other UN agencies and all WSIS stakeholders.

The WSIS+10 High-Level Event will review the WSIS Outcomes (2003 and 2005) , in particular, related to the Action Lines with a view to developing proposals on a new vision beyond 2015, potentially also exploring new targets. The meeting will be organized taking into account decisions of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly.

This open and inclusive open consultation process will result in:

- Draft Outcome Documents for consideration by the WSIS+10 High-Level Event, by 1st March 2014:
 - Draft WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes
 - Draft WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating Agencies

(Please see the Official Submission Form #1)

- Multistakeholder guidance on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format of the WSIS +10 High-Level Event.

(Please see the Official Submission Form #2)

Please note that formal submission should be sent to the wsis-info@itu.int not later than **20 September 2013**.

A. Your Information

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B. Formal Input on the WSIS+10 High-Level Event Outcome Documents

Referring to the background documents i.e. the WSIS +10 Visioning Challenge, the Final Statement and Final Recommendations from the WSIS+10 Review Event Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development, the Booklet WSIS Forum 2012 & 2013: Identifying Emerging Trends and a Vision Beyond 2015 and the WSIS Forum 2013 Outcome Document, all WSIS Stakeholders are kindly invited to provide formal submissions and inputs towards the Outcome Documents of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event.

1. Draft WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

(Please note that the anticipated length of this Statement is two pages)

Since the two Summits, in 2003 and 2005, WSIS Stakeholders have made every effort in implementing a common vision of the Information Society.

Overall;

- a) What are the main achievements in the area of the information society, in particular, in the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines, in the past ten years?

Attached document titled "e.Oman achievements since 2003"

- b) What key identified challenges would need to be addressed in the next 10 years?

- **Open Government Data**
- **Security**
- **Telecom tariffs**
- **Government accountability and transparency**
- **ICT research and innovation**

- c) What do the WSIS Stakeholders envision for an information/ knowledge society ensuring that the youth, women, poor, persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples benefit from the enormous opportunities provided by the ICTs?

Stakeholders should provide all facilities that give youth, women, poor, persons with disabilities and indigenous people fair chance to use ICT in their life and get benefits from new technology. In short, they should be treated equally.

2. Draft WSIS +10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating agencies (Definition of new priorities and objectives for WSIS Action Lines beyond 2015)

Please note: Participating agency refers to the Agencies tasked by the WSIS Outcomes to lead facilitation of WSIS Action Lines; See Annex to the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.

- a) In your opinion, what are the **key emerging trends** in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) landscape that should be considered in the implementation of WSIS Action Lines beyond 2015? **Please specify the Action Line you are providing an input for.**

Please note: You may wish to refer to the WSIS Forum 2012 & 2013 Booklet on Identifying Emerging Trends and a Vision Beyond 2015, available at www.wsis.org/review/mpp.

- C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
 - Clear and precise regulation and policies for open data and social media
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
 - Promotion of cloud computing
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
 - Click here to enter text.
- C4. Capacity building
 - ICT curriculum to be mandatory for general education – UNESCO to assist on this.
- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
 - Click here to enter text.
- C6. Enabling environment
 - Click here to enter text.
- C7. ICT Applications:
 - E-government
 - Big data and social media
 - E-business
 - More emphasis for business sector to adapt the use of ICT
 - E-learning
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-health
 - Promote eHealth in the urban and rural areas and its essential role in improving the health care sector
 - E-employment
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-environment
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-agriculture
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-science
 - Click here to enter text.
- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
 - Click here to enter text.
- C9. Media
 - Click here to enter text.
- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society

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- C11. International and regional cooperation
 - Click here to enter text.

b) What are areas that have **not been adequately captured by the framework of the existing 11 WSIS Action Lines** and would need to be addressed beyond 2015? **Please specify the Action Line you are providing an input for.**

- C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
 - There is a need for more to be done by authorities and stakeholders to ensure that each of the socio economic sector promotes the use of ICT.
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
 - Click here to enter text.
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
 - Click here to enter text.
- C4. Capacity building
 - Click here to enter text.
- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
 - Click here to enter text.
- C6. Enabling environment
 - Click here to enter text.
- C7. ICT Applications:
 - E-government
 - There was no emphasis on E-Government discussed during the WSIS Forum, for example, we would like to see the new eGovernment trends and issues discussed (such as big data and social media)
 - E-business
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-learning
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-health
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-employment
 - We would like to see more emphasis and discussion on this issue and it is a critical sector where ICT can provide solutions
 - E-environment
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-agriculture
 - Click here to enter text.
 - E-science
 - Click here to enter text.
- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
 - Click here to enter text.
- C9. Media
 - Click here to enter text.
- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
 - Click here to enter text.
- C11. International and regional cooperation
 - There was not much done in this action line, we would like to see more international cooperation

c) In your opinion are there any priority areas that need to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS Beyond 2015.

Oman recommends to focus on the following areas :

- Security
- Open government data
- Telecom tariffs
- Social media

3. Ensuring accountability of the WSIS Action Lines beyond 2015 (Targets and Indicators for an open and inclusive information/knowledge society for all beyond 2015)

Please note that information provided under this point will be relevant to the second physical meeting of the open consultation process on WSIS+10 High-Level Event.

a) How can the **monitoring and evaluation** of future implementation of the WSIS process, in particular, the Action Lines be better enabled?

Measuring progress at different levels should be integrated within countries planning frame work. It is clear that comprehensive measurement and benchmarking of national development along with international comparisons enhance countries advancement. The Sultanate has been working on benchmarking and core indicators aiming at evaluating and developing strategies and action plans for continuous improvement to ensure proper monitoring and achieving WSIS Goals.

b) What are the **priority areas** that the post-2015 WSIS process should focus on and which goals and targets could monitor the new vision for WSIS beyond 2015?

- Measuring the progress and report it.
- It might be a good idea to rank countries according the progress made in achieving WSIS targets.

4. Any additional comments or suggestions

-To share the participation plan, sponsorship package, activities and relevant issues with us as soon as possible in order to prepare the country participation in the event.

- If possible to reduce the parallel sessions so participants will have more chance to attend workshops of interest and don't miss important sessions.

- The format of highlevel session might be better if it is open floor discussion style rather than speech.

- WSIS Project Prizes: need to be announced earlier to allow for winners preparation and travelling logistics.