WSIS+10 High-Level Event

Open Consultation Process

Official Submission <u>Form #1</u> 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?

   (i)Establishment of Digital Library for the people of Akwa Ibom state,
   (ii) Training a large number of the teeming youth on ICT related programs,
   (iii) Extension of Internet Services to some government offices and
   (iv) Training of Secondary School students through Mobile Internet Units.

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

   Establishment of National Policies that will give Information and Communication Technology a Priority

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?

   Centers for acquisition of ICT skills should be opened for this people who are less privileged

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
     - **Governments should use legal instruments to enforce the use of ICT as a tool for development by embracing ICT in all spheres of public governance as practical example to members of the public'**
   - C2. Information and communication infrastructure
     - **The Infrastructure procured for the ICT operations should be sufficient and reliable**
   - C3. Access to information and knowledge
     - **Access to information and knowledge through ICT should be given a priority**
   - C4. Capacity building
     - **Adequate training should be carried out to increase efficiency**
   - C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
     - **Provision of reliable ICT services and procurement of reliable infrastructure will create confidence in the entire system**
   - C6. Enabling environment
     - **ICT on its own when given a good place it deserves will provide enabling environment**
   - C7. ICT Applications:
     - E-government
       - **The application of ICT in Government will automatically enhance the operation and functionality of government**
     - E-business
       - ☐ **The application of ICT in business will automatically enhance the operation and functionality of business**
     - E-learning
       - ☐ **The application of ICT in learning will automatically enhance the operation and functionality of learning**
     - E-health
       - **The application of ICT in health care will improve on the successes of its operations**
     - E-employment
       - **The automated method of employment is by far cheaper and more effective**
     - E-environment
       - ☐ **The application of ICT in environment will automatically enhance the operation and functionality of environment**
     - E-agriculture

- - ☐ **The application of ICT in agriculture will improve on the successes of its operations**
      - E-science
        - ☐ **The application of ICT in science will improve on the successes of its operations**
- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
  - ☐ **The application of ICT in culture will improve on the successes of its operations**
- C9. Media
  - ☐ **The application of ICT in media will improve on the successes of its operations**
- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
  - **Application of ICT in ethical dimension of the Information Society will enhance the control and operations of the society**
- C11. International and regional cooperation
  - **ICT application will make the international and regional cooperation more controlled and effective**

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
  - **The public governance authorities and stakeholders should initiate ways of using ICT to effect positive change in the system**
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
  - **The coverage of ICT infrastructure should be expanded to affect those in rural areas especially in the developing countries**
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
  - **The access to information and knowledge to all should be the target especially in developing countries**
- C4. Capacity building
  For there to be a remarkable ICT growth, capacity building has to be taken very seriously
- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
  - **The reliability of the ICT infrastructure and services will bring about confidence and reliability in the system**
- C6. Enabling environment
  - **For ICT to thrive enabling environment must be ensured**
- C7. ICT Applications:
  - E-government
    - Click here to enter text.
  - E-business
    - **Application of ICT in business will make it more efficient and functional**
  - E-learning
    - Inadequate E-learning skills and resources to reduce the cost and stress of learning
  - E-health
    - ICT facilitates the operations of health care
  - E-employment
    - ICT facilitates the management of the employment
  - E-environment
    - ICT facilitates the management of the environment

- o E-agriculture
  - ICT enhances the operations of agriculture
- o E-science
  - ▪ ICT enhances the operation and functionality of Science
- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
  - o Diversity, identity, linguistic diversity and local content can be controlled in a better way with ICT
- C9. Media
  - o The performance of Media can be remarkably improved by ICT
- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
  - o ICT controls the ethical dimensions of the information Society
- C11. International and regional cooperation
  - o International and regional cooperation can be monitored and controlled with ICT

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

Increased use of ICT to fight terrorism for the world to be a safer place to live in, security of life and property to be guaranteed.

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?

All the stakeholders should their monitoring and evaluation data available for analysis. These data can be sent through e mails.

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?

The post 2015 process should focus on how to harness Cloud Computing in making information available and to narrow the Digital Bridge between the Developed and Developing countries in the world.

4. Any additional comments or suggestions

Growth and development in ICT across the world will bridge the gap between the developed and the developing countries in the world, will make the entire world more transparent, free from terrorism, more productive and more safe for us to live.