



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?

The significance of ICT for development is better understood by policy and decision makers

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

Integrate ICT in Post-2015 development agenda

- 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?

Digital inclusion

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
 - Greater coordination and cross-sectoral collaboration needed at regional and national levels, donors need to commit themselves more to ICT4D
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
 - Coverage, quality and affordability still need to be addressed
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
 - New payment/merit schemes are needed to release scientific publications in open access
- C4. Capacity building
 - Digital literacy among girls and women should be prioritized
- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
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- C6. Enabling environment
 - Cross-sectoral pro-poor regulatory regimes and policies still needed
- C7. ICT Applications:
 - E-government
 - Social audits and e- local government with greater community participation
 - E-business
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 - E-learning
 - Teachers need to be prioritized
 - E-health
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 - E-employment
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 - E-environment
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 - E-agriculture
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 - E-science
 - All universities and institutes of higher learning should have broadband access
- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
 - Cultural institutions like libraries and museums should receive more support for digitalization of cultural heritage and to be able to offer public access to Internet
- C9. Media
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- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
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- C11. International and regional cooperation
 - Cross-sectoral collaboration needed

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
 - Funding mechanisms
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
 - Green ICT
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
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- C4. Capacity building
 - Girls and women, people with disabilities
- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
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- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
 - Museums and libraries
- C9. Media
 - Social media and mobile convergence
- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
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- C11. International and regional cooperation
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c) In your opinion are there any priority areas that need to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS Beyond 2015.

Broader ownership of the process, beyond telecommunications/ICT sector

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?

Academia should be involved in M&E at all levels

- 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?

4. Any additional comments or suggestions

Stronger linkages needed between practice and research in ICT4D