



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?

Much progress has been made in the field of information society for the last 10 years. The number of internet users have increased dramatically and internet has empowered people around the world by promoting freedom of expression, increasing accountability in the society, exposing corruption, creating new business opportunities, facilitating free trade and serving as a platform for cultural exchange. Further media has become increasingly accessible and interactive.

The Internet Governance Forum has served as an important platform for multistakholder exchange on important issues pertaining to WSIS-action lines. Other multistakholder fora have also played an important role in facilitating dialouge and progress on the WSIS action lines.

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

Some of the main challenges are to ensure that all human rights, including the freedom of expression and the right to privacy, are protected online, to bridge the digital divide by promoting an affordable and accessible internet and increase ICT-literacy, to avoid trade protectionism in the field of ICT, to ensure an equal participation of all stakeholders in internet governance and to better make use of ICT:s to improve all fields of human development.

- 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?

It is important to increase affordable access, increase ICT-literacy, promote local content production, promote multilingualism and protect human rights.

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
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- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
 - Cloud computing. Smart phone development. Broadband internet.
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
 - Information is increasingly accessed online. This is true for daily news as well as knowledge banks and artistic works.
- C4. Capacity building
 - Increased use of e-education.
 - ICT focused development cooperation.
- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
 - Many confidence and security solutions are developed in cooperation between different stakeholders including industry, academia and governments. Important international cooperation is occurring in many fora including the Council of Europe, the Internet Governance Forum, APEC and the OECD.
- C6. Enabling environment
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- C7. ICT Applications:
 - E-government
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 - E-business
 - An increasing portion of world commerce is conducted on the internet and/or is dependent on the free flow of data and an open internet.
 - E-learning
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 - 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
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- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
 - More languages are represented. An increased production of local content has taken place.
- C9. Media
 - More live updates. Increased access. Increased interactivity with media consumers. This has contributed to strengthen democracy in many societies.
- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
 - The importance of protecting human rights online has been underlined. Corporate social responsibility is becoming increasingly important. The significance of user education and user awareness has been highlighted.
- C11. International and regional cooperation
 - The inclusive and open multistakeholder model has evolved where governments, industry, civil society, the technical community and academia interact on an equal footing.

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
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- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
 - Deregulation of some telecommunication sectors. Promotion of free competition in the market. The opening up for foreign investments in some sectors of importance to ICT development including infrastructure.
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
 - It will be of great importance to continue to insure the free flow of information. Blocking and filtering should be avoided.
- C4. Capacity building
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- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
 - Dialogue on confidence and security issues between all stakeholders should be promoted. The security of the individual must be further prioritized.
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 - C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
 - More focus on user education and awareness is needed. The promotion of corporate social responsibility online should be continued.
 - C11. International and regional cooperation
 - An increasing portion of world commerce is conducted on the internet and/or is dependent on the free flow of data and an open internet. This contributes to the promotion of ICT for development. All stakeholders should work together to ensure an open internet, the free flow of data and the avoidance of trade protectionism.
- c) In your opinion are there any priority areas that need to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS Beyond 2015.
- The protection of human rights online.
 - Promoting of affordable internet through infrastructure development and free competition.
 - Ensuring a the free flow of data to promote e-commerce and international free trade.
 - The promotion of net neutrality.
 - Use the information society as a tool to realise the post 2015 development goals.
 - Use ICT to combat climate change.

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?

Through streamlined reporting to the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development. The CSTD shall carry out an annual review of the progress made. A continued dialogue with all stakeholders in various fora should also be encouraged.

- 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?

ICT for human development. How can ICT best be used to eradicate poverty, improve health and education?

ICT for human rights and democracy.

ICT for free trade and economic development.

4. Any additional comments or suggestions

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