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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**.

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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;

Under the perspective of AL C3: Access to information and knowledge we are covering aspects concerning policy and national guidelines and strategies in providing access to citizens, open data and facilitating accessibility of ICTs for all, including persons with disabilities.

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?

With the increasing connectivity of people through mobile networks, a gradual shift of the access discussion from access to infrastructure towards access to skills and relevant content can be observed. The open source community and various community projects have served to spur a variety of innovations, which are addressing user needs and are also supporting this shift. A heightened awareness in the general public around the importance of multilingualism and of disabilities led to an increase in initiatives in these fields and also resulted in greater international cooperation among interested stakeholders.

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

Recent developments, which show South-North knowledge flows, need to continue stimulate innovation across the globe. Online banking (m-pesa) and the crowdsourcing of information (ushahidi) are well-known examples. Accessing stable and sustainable funding continues to pose challenges and while this is not restricted to initiatives aimed at providing access to persons with disabilities, this presents a striking example of this challenge.

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?

Accessibility considerations should be based on a human rights approach, be a design feature of all projects and be built into the national procurement policies and strategies. National authorities should request the development and integration of accessible and inclusive ICTs and these should also be integrated into national ICT teacher training programmes. Efforts to promote the shift to accessible public information services and products should be supported by active awareness campaigns.

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.

Capacity building of key populations
Inclusion and empowerment
Open solutions

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
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- C3. Access to information and knowledge
  - Governments in high- and low-income countries are increasingly recognizing the importance of making government data widely available in a variety of non-proprietary formats. This move to "open data" is giving rise to new data-enabled services that support a broad range of development goals. This data can support transparency, inform citizens and is also a "raw material" for example when this data is used in various apps in the knowledge economy. Entrepreneurial programmes targeting youth and disadvantaged which seek to leverage these resources should also be promoted.

- C4. Capacity building

- o   Inclusive ICTs for key target populations such as teachers.
- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
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- C6. Enabling environment
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- C7. ICT Applications:
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  - o   E-business
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  - o   E-learning
    - ▪   There has been rapid increase in the availability of high-quality, free educational content backed by reputable and globally known educational institutions, however these free courses typically do not provide academic credits or certificates recognized by employers.
    New types of literacies are emerging in the 21st century, not only digital, but multiple literacies.

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- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
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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**.

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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.

While continuing with the existing priorities, new priorities need to be set ensuring that there is continuity and transition between the two. Among the new priorities we could mention the following:
- Various sustainable access "business models" based on diverse community and cultural models
- Mechanisms for accreditation of on-line learning
- Open Hardware, open innovation

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?

It could include other supporting data collected by national and international partners, the set of current indicators is too much focused on quantitative indicators which provide data on easily measurable issues, and fewer on less measurable issues such as ethics, inclusion, competencies and diversity.

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?

Inclusion and empowerment

4. Any additional comments or suggestions

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