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.

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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?

   There is an increasingly shared understanding that ethical principles for inclusive knowledge societies derive from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and comprise the right to freedom of expression, universal access to information, particularly that which is in the public domain, the right to education, the right to privacy and the right to participate in cultural life.

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

   One of the most challenging ethical issues is the continued inequity of access in terms of human capacities and access to technologies between countries, and between urban and rural communities within countries.

   Along with the benefits of a digitally connected world come the threats of misuse and abuse.

Already countries are building mechanisms to protect their people against these risks, for example to ensure the safety of children on the Internet, but clearly a lot more needs to be done to address the ethical implications of the information society. There are continued challenges in building and reinforcing linkages among ethicists, scientists, policy-makers, judges, journalists, and civil society to assist Member States in enacting sound and reasoned policies on ethical issues in science and technology. In the field of ethics, there is a continued need to:

Address the emerging ethical challenges by providing an intellectual forum for multidisciplinary, pluralistic and multicultural reflection on ethics of science and technology, through a laboratory of ideas.

Enhance standard-setting, by pioneering normative action based on the:
Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights (1997);
International Declaration on Human Genetic Data (2003);
Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (2005);
Ongoing discussion on revision of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (2011~).

Provide a free global repository of updated information on ethics institutions, experts, legislation, codes of conduct and teaching programmes around the world, through a clearinghouse.

Continue capacity-building efforts, by providing Member States and other stakeholders with the necessary tools and technical support for the enhancement of their national ethics infrastructure

Catalyze international cooperation, by cooperating with key international stakeholders in the field of ethics of science and technology and fostering coordination among the major actors.

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?

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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.

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- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
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- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
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- C9. Media
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- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
  - **The international and interdisciplinary reflection and debate on the ethical challenges of emerging technologies and the information society increasingly displays a multi-tiered character that implicates policy and advisory bodies - with particular attention to the participation of developing countries and sensitivity to their needs – and users. Among themes of particular relevance in examining the interface between information technologies, social transformation and governance are the relation between human rights and ethical principles for the information society; the challenges of inter-culturality in information ethics; the possible tensions between freedom of expression and moral harm; issues of privacy and security; issues of free access to public and governmental information; and the fundamental question of personal and collective identities in a digital world.**
- C11. International and regional cooperation
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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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    • In order to support equitable participation of all stakeholders, efforts should be made, including through UNESCO programmes where appropriate, to build or strengthen regional and national capacity to analyse, discuss and respond - including through the formulation of policy - to the ethical challenges of the information society;
    • Freedom of expression should be affirmed as a fundamental right and as the basis for reflection on its responsible use in the context of broader consideration of freedom of access to information, particularly public and governmental and of the right to communication in a framework of cultural sensitivity, tolerance, and dialogue;
    -Awareness should be raised of the ethical implications of the information society, particularly among young people, along with life-long education initiatives to equip all citizens with the skills and competence to participate actively and knowledgeably in the

information society. New info-ethica and info-civic pedagogical paradigms, including but not limited to e-learning, could be envisaged in this regard to support new modes of global citizenship fully integrating digital media and virtual political spaces;

• Consideration should be given to the ethical principles that bear on technological and social issues in the information society and underlie specific regulatory frameworks, whether or not such principles are enshrined in existing normative instruments or codes of conduct. Of particular importance in this regard is the analysis of gaps and lags that hamper policy in the face of the ethical challenges of the information society, with a view to supporting policy-makers and stakeholders in moving in synchrony with technological advance rather than reacting after the fact.

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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.

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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?

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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?

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4. Any additional comments or suggestions

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