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Summary of Session: Applying Internet Universality ROAM-X framework for WSIS+20 review and Global Digital Compact

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Key Issues discussed

- What follow up actions have been taken or should be taken following the ROAM-X assessments at national level to support the implementation of WSIS+20 review and Global Digital Impact?
- What are lessons learned and good practice to share in experimenting with a multi-stakeholder approach?
- What relevance of ROAM do speakers perceive at global level?
- How should ROAM-X indicators be revised and updated so as to address the evolving digital ecosystem, WSIS +20 review and Global digital compact?

Towards WSIS+20 and WSIS beyond 2025, please share your views on the <u>emerging trends, challenges, achievements, and opportunities</u> in the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines to date

- In the past few years, COVID-19 has become a challenge for the implementation of more human-rights based and inclusive Internet policies in areas such as meaningful access, equity etc. (WSIS Action lines C.3 and C.10).
- The pandemic has also impacted the role of journalism and media (WSIS Action lines C.9) with disinformation becoming a major threat in the current digital age.
- 15 years of WSIS implementation has advanced a human rights-based approach and humanistic framework to guide the ICTs development and digital transformation.

Tangible outcomes (such as key achievements, announcements, launches, agreements, and commitments

- The ROAM-X framework promotes values for a connecting society that are aligning with the Global Digital Compact: its multistakeholder approach is not only crucial for the completion of the voluntary national assessment but also for the development of the GDC as a global digital cooperation instrument.

- The unique strength of the indicators lays in its comprehensive and holistic approach as well as its multistakeholder approach, which was outlined by several global experts of the ROAM-X indicators. This approach allows various stakeholders to engage in policy reforms that secure digital cooperation and transformation at regional, national and global levels.

- The update of the indicators was discussed for the framework to reflect emerging digital trends and challenges including climate, energies and environment, fostering green digital transformation and meaningful connectivity.

Actionable plan

- Build capacity for more Member States to apply ROAM-X framework to assess national Internet development

- Update ROAM-X framework to adapt to the rapid technological development

Suggestions for thematic aspects that might be included in the WSIS Forum 2024 (WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event)

- Open data and privacy during AI and digital development

- Environment: What is the Internet contribution to climate change? How can actors in Internet Governance make a concrete change in implementing concrete policies for change such as reducing their carbon footprint or adopting green computing?

- Disinformation and misinformation

- E-health: How to prevent e-health from infringing privacy rights?

- Cross-cutting issues: How to improve the protection of women and children's rights online? How to promote gender equality on the Internet and the media?