



**WSIS+20 Review
Action Lines
Milestones, Challenges and Emerging Trends
beyond 2025**

The Evolution of Context

- Facilitate knowledge sharing and best practices among countries.
- Encourage joint initiatives and partnerships to address common challenges.
- Mobilize resources, both financial and technical, to support ICT for development programs in developing countries.

Collaborative approach

- Promote policy coherence: By working together, countries can develop harmonized policies that create an enabling environment for ICT investment and development.
- Ensure financial sustainability: International cooperation can help to secure long-term funding for ICT for development initiatives
- Bridge the digital divide: By fostering cooperation, resources can be pooled to reach underserved communities and regions.
- Promote innovation: Sharing knowledge and expertise can stimulate innovation and the development of new ICT solutions for development challenges.



Key Milestones: 20 years of Achievements

- 2004-2010
 - Establishing International Cooperation Mechanisms
 - Mobilizing resources
- 2010-2015
 - Thematic partnerships
 - The rise of multi-stakeholder platforms
- 2015-2024
 - Focus on SDGs
 - Emerging technologies
- Beyond 2024
 - Integrating AI

Challenges in implementing the Action Line

Coordination and Collaboration: Bringing together diverse international and regional organizations, each with their own mandates and priorities, can be difficult. Effective communication and mechanisms for collaboration are essential for streamlining efforts and avoiding duplication.

Resource Mobilization: Securing adequate and sustainable funding for international cooperation initiatives remains a challenge. Competing priorities and limited donor resources can hinder progress.

Digital Divide Within and Between Countries: The varying levels of ICT development across countries create challenges. Developed countries may have different priorities than developing countries, making it difficult to find common ground. Additionally, the digital divide within countries can make it challenging to ensure that international cooperation benefits all citizens.

Differing National Policies and Regulations: Inconsistent policies and regulations regarding ICT across countries can create obstacles to collaboration and knowledge sharing. Harmonizing policies to create a more enabling environment for ICT development is crucial.

Sustainability of Initiatives: Ensuring that internationally supported programs are sustainable in the long run can be difficult. This requires building local capacity, developing exit strategies, and fostering local ownership of ICT for development initiatives.

Measuring Impact and Effectiveness: Quantifying the impact of international cooperation programs on ICT development can be challenging. Developing robust monitoring and evaluation frameworks is essential for demonstrating the value of these programs.

Emerging Technologies and the Evolving Landscape: The rapid pace of technological change can make it difficult for international cooperation initiatives to keep up. Adapting strategies and building capacity to utilize new technologies effectively requires ongoing effort.



Trends and Opportunities Beyond 2025

- Evolving Landscape of International Cooperation
 - Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships
 - South-South and Triangular Cooperation
 - Data-Driven Decision Making
- Focus on Emerging Technologies
 - Harnessing AI for Development
 - Bridging the Digital Divide with New Technologies
 - Cybersecurity and Digital Trust
- Addressing Global Challenges
 - Climate Action and ICTs
 - Achieving the SDGs
- Evolving Funding Mechanisms
 - Innovative Financing Models
 - Focus on Sustainability and Long-Term Impact