

Outcome Document

New Normal: are we ready for it?

EC MEDICI Framework

Wednesday, 29 May 2024 - 14:00–14:45 (UTC+02:00)

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Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- Digital Transformation, Discrimination, Cybersecurity, Digital Fragility
- Cultural Identity and mainstream content and global AI
- Digital World Governance, Access, Presence, ...
- Socio-Economic Inclusivity
- Cyber Ethics, AI potential biases, and Human Rights
- Meta Reality Side Effects, Cyber Bubbles, Cyber Isolation
- Digital World: Sustainability and Environment
- AI and ML Challenges

Towards WSIS+20 and WSIS beyond 2025, please share your views on the emerging trends, challenges, achievements, and opportunities in the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines to date (5-8 bullets)

- AL2 & 3: Digital World Governance, Inclusivity, Access, Accessibility, Affordability, Online Presence, Awareness, Open Science.
 - Re-crossing the Digital Divide through international aid and regional governance
 - Maintaining choices for users / potential users who don't can't always choose the newest, most expensive, or most technologically sophisticated devices.
 - Maintaining choices for users who do not have, or do not want, to connect only to nationally provided networks
- AL7: Cyber world: sustainability, ICT waste disposal, AI ML role in disaster recovery
- AL8: Cultural Identity: young generations trained by mainstream content v/s minoritizes, global AI v/s local AI (e.g. eastern AI, western AI, global south AI)
- AL10: Improving role of Cyber Ethics, C.E. experts as part of design teams, Ethical by design, potential risk to release humans from personal ethical analysis and related responsibilities.



Tangible outcomes (such as key achievements, announcements, launches, agreements, commitments, figures, and success stories (3-5 bullet points))

- Improving awareness
- Risk assessment
- Interdisciplinary analysis of mid- long- term impacts (technology/humanities)
- Set up SIG Cyber Impacts
- Foster the cooperation on Cyber Ethics

Actionable plan and key recommendations (2-5 points)

- Establish a cyber impacts SIG and related observatory
- Foster cooperation between technology / humanities
- Extended panel outcome document to be published by a specific scientific magazine
- Research the use of alternatives, to maintain users' personal, and regional choices and affordability
- Risk recursion and rise as a caveat to currently discussed international agreements.

Suggestions for thematic aspects that might be included in the WSIS Forum 2025 (one paragraph)

On WSIS 2025 we recommend setting up an Interdisciplinary session on actual and future emerging technologies and their impacts on Society. In addition, due to the actual relevant potential impact, we suggest establishing a Special Interest Group on the implementation and use of AI and ML to track the effective outcomes of the dissemination of these technologies in our daily life. On the sustainability side, it will be useful to activate an observatory on the recycling process and waste disposal of ICTs "garbage". Same as Actionable Plan above: Research the use of alternatives, to maintain user choices and affordability.