



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**.

A. Your Information

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Organization type: Civil Society **Country:** Switzerland

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;

- 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?

From the user point of view, expansion of mobile telephone and, to a lesser extent, expansion of access to Internet, but Internet is still not sufficiently available, and too expensive, in developing countries.

From the formal point of view, agreement to revise the ITRs (and the frank discussions that took place at WCIT-12), the revisions of relevant ITU Resolutions and Recommendations, and the WTPF outcomes.

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

Lowering the cost of connectivity for users in developing countries. Coming to an international agreement on the issues that proved contentions at WCIT-12, in particular security and combating spam.

- 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?

We all envisage this, the question is how best to achieve it. Discussions should continue in various forums, including ITU, regarding how best to achieve our common goals.

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.

- C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
 - This topic needs further discussion, given that there is still no common vision of the proper role of governments. Indeed, that role may vary by country: if so, this should be recognized, while striving to find commonalities.
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
 - It should be accepted that market solutions will not always result in the rollout of sufficient infrastructure. In some economies, government intervention of some form may be required for some portions of the infrastructure.
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
 - Access should be understood as affordable access, meaning that the price of access should be aligned with a user's disposable income. This is not the case today for Internet access in many developing countries.
- C4. Capacity building
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- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
 - There should be an international agreement to cooperate on security matters and to avoid unilateral assertions of national laws and to avoid extra-territorial actions. In this context, all countries should acceded to the 2012 ITRs and should consider the principles posted at "necessaryandproportionate.org", both when developing or revising national legislations, and as a possible new Resolution or Statement.
- C6. Enabling environment
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- C7. ICT Applications:
 - E-government
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 - E-learning

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 - E-agriculture
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 - E-science
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- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
 - Development of local content can help to reduce the cost of Internet access for developing countries.
- C9. Media
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- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
 - See C5: surveillance should conform to universally accepted human rights principles, as outlined at "necessaryandproportionate.org"
- C11. International and regional cooperation
 - Cooperation is required to combat spam, improve security, and reduce the cost of Internet access for developing countries.

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.**

- C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
 - See answer to (a)
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
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 - See answer to (a)

c) In your opinion are there any priority areas that need to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS Beyond 2015.

Cooperation regarding security, combating spam, and lowering the cost of Internet access for users in developing countries. Ensuring that surveillance conforms to universally accepted human rights principles.

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?

Monitor: (1) cost of Internet access as percent of minimum wage (2) percent users who have Internet access (3) number of countries that have acceded to the 2013 ITRs (4) number of countries that have agreed to consider the principles published at "necessaryandproportionate.org".

4. Any additional comments or suggestions

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