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Preamble

In 2003 and 2005, at the two phases of the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS), the international community agreed on a set of commitments that recognize ICTs as enablers for development. World leaders representing Governments, civil society, private sector and the international organizations translated the common vision and guiding principles into concrete action lines in the Geneva Plan of Action, to advance the achievement of internationally agreed goals.

The Action Lines capture the potential of ICTs in enhancing access, especially of vulnerable populations, to education, health care and other public services, provision of ICT Infrastructure, creating enabling environments, building confidence and security in the use of ICTs to information, finance and knowledge, and the role of ICTs for the protecting the environment, for mitigating natural disaster risks, ensuring sustainable use of natural resources and sustainable food production and for women's empowerment.

Though we have made considerable achievements, ten years since WSIS 2003, the ICT landscape has changed dramatically, several new trends have emerged in the information society like broadband, social networks, mobility and digital inclusion. These trends bring new Rapid innovation, diffusion and uptake of mobile technologies and improved access to the Internet have greatly expanded the gamut of opportunities that ICTs offer to promote inclusive development. As demonstrated by the ongoing overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes, international cooperation and multi-stakeholder collaboration on the strategic use of ICTs to address a wide range of issues during the past decade has produced a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise – valuable resources.

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Taking into account ongoing dialogue on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (MDG Review Process) and WSIS+10 review process it is important to note the possible interaction between both processes to ensure that efforts across the UN System are coherent, connected and coordinated to achieve maximum, sustainable impact.

The main task of bridging the digital divide and creating a people -centric, digitally inclusive and development oriented information society where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information and knowledge still remains.

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