









# **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 <a href="wsis-info@itu.int">wsis-info@itu.int</a> not later than 20 September 2013.

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#### 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?
  - 1. Development of e-health, e-commerce, e-learning, e-government, etc as the main aspects of using ICT in everyday life will facilitate achievement towards MDG goals.
  - 2. Developing countries and Non-developed countries will use ICT in their lives according to international ICT services.
  - 3. Convergence between mass media and new media lead to easier, more efficient and more affordable access to information and content
  - 4. Emergence of social media based on user generated content which produce and share the largest amount of knowledge and information in the human history while rise concerns about privacy, intellectual property right, safety and security of the users.
- b) What key identified challenges would need to be addressed in the next 10 years?
  - 1. Security, confidentiality and safety challenges have made great challenges for each person, company and country.
  - 2. Digital divide not due to access divide but because of inequality in usage and production of information has been intensified result in wider knowledge divide.
  - 3. The lack in producing content in local languages threatens the local cultures and life styles more than before.

- 4. Political conflicts between countries make barriers against the usage of ICT technologies and services that threaten the sustainable development of the Information Society.
- 5. Convergence of mass media and social media lead to situation in which the former regulatory standards for media are not effective anymore and new approach for regulation and self-regulation is needed
- 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?

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# 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 <a href="https://www.wsis.org/review/mpp"><u>www.wsis.org/review/mpp</u></a>.

- C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
  - While the integrated world with ICT have been constructed, but many conflicts will appeared between countries due to their profits in digital economy. So the international regulations are needed to solve these new conflicts that slow down the sustainable development of Information Society.
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
  - O Although the we try to decrease access gap by developing broadband and mobile technologies as the backbone of Information Society, but some barriers that restrict the development of the infrastructure, in non-developed and developing countries specially those have low income separate them from this new world and this gap will be more wider for them.
- C3. Access to information and knowledge

C4. Capacity building

- Publicize new technologies such as Satellite, Cloud Computing make new facilities for the developing and non-developed countries to be more active in ICTs market and related services.
- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
  - O Confidence and security issues will be the most important matters in the information society. So the governments and other stakeholders should run campaigns to promote people's

awareness about the importance of confidence, safety and security in cyberspace and empower them to protect themselves against the threats.

- C6. Enabling environment
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- C7. ICT Applications:
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  - E-business
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  - E-learning
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  - o E-health
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  - E-employment
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  - E-environment
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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
  - o 1- The governments should commit to facilitate local content production
    - 2- The governments should commit to remove the barriers among more developed and less developed communities to use ICT for production and sharing the local content.
    - 3- The developed countries commit to help less developed ones to provide necessary technologies and services for local content production.
- C9. Media
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- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
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- C11. International and regional cooperation
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- 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
    - To have a sustainable development in the Information / Knowledge Society, the cyberborders and related regulations should be defined to assure the rights of the countries in digital economy.
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- C4. Capacity building
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- C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs

- o Adding "Safety" to the first line: Confidence, and security are among the main pillars...
  - 1- Governments and private sector should commit to provide a safer ICT services particularly internet for child and family to fulfill their obligations based on the UN Convention on the Rights of Child and its optional protocols.
  - 2- All stakeholders should work to establish Child Online Protection (COP) framework to promote and harmonize the necessary activities to provide safer internet for child at regional and national level.
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- c) In your opinion are there any priority areas that need to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS Beyond 2015.

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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?
  - Information/knowledge society needs indicators which measure usage, and production of information in cyber space and the targets should not be restricted to accessibility.
- 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?

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### 4. Any additional comments or suggestions

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