



## 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](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int) not later than **20 September 2013**.

## A. Your Information

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**Organization type:** *International organization* **Country:** *international*

## B. Formal Input on the WSIS+10 High-Level Event Outcome Documents

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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?

International initiatives, standards-making work and programmes have been established under the ITU, the Basel Convention on Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, UNEP, UNIDO and other international organizations that provide sustainability standards and technical guidelines on environmentally sound life-cycle management of ICT equipment including e-waste.

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

Uncontrolled dumping of obsolete e-products and rudimentary material recovery processes without adequate protective measures have resulted in environmental pollution while exposing millions of people to toxic substances and emissions, particularly in less developed nations and countries with economies in transition. A good part of avoiding e-waste can be done because the technology for environmentally sound dismantling and disposal of e-waste exists, but it has to be linked to the product life-cycle to become economically viable. Sustainable supply chains are increasingly becoming strategic for executives, employees and consumers, but bring along a number of challenges including constant innovation, the realization that it is a process with mid-term gains and that sustainability advances quickly become obsolete especially in the ICT sector, where products are replaced in very short times.

- 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?

E-waste is a mix of risks, threats and opportunities in the public mind that requires the direct involvement of developing countries' experts and decision makers. An integrated approach for management of ICT equipment, which encompasses health, environmental and socio-economic considerations, is a crucial part of international and national sustainable development strategies.

## 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](http://www.wsis.org/review/mpp).*

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between stakeholders, particularly industry and governments, is essential to seize the opportunity and implement effective solutions balancing business and environment in a sustainable way.

Producers should develop equipment that is designed to minimize e-waste through optimized use of electronics, longer life and easy and efficient disassembly.

Governments should consider e-waste management as a multi-stakeholders approach and a part of integrated solid waste management building on the 3R concept (reduce, reuse and recycle), Life Cycle Assessment and Value Chain Assessment.

In developing countries, most wastes are handled by the informal sector. Governments need to look for integrated solutions to e-waste and other solid waste management together with the local garbage community.

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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.**

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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?

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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?

Avoiding or minimizing e-waste as well as protecting workers health and the environment have to be considered by producers, service providers, users and regulatory authorities as essential parts of the ICT equipment life-cycle management.

Standardization and regulation authorities should aim at ICT equipment that makes more efficient use of resources, is designed for longer life, for easy and effective dismantling and recovery of valuable parts.

### **4. Any additional comments or suggestions**

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