WSIS Stocktaking Exercise

Facilitating Collaboration amongst Stakeholders via WSIS Stocktaking Information System

The WSIS Stocktaking exercise, undertaken by the International Telecommunication Union, is primarily intended to fulfill the purpose of providing an inventory of activities undertaken by governments and all other stakeholders in implementing the WSIS declarations. Apart from this, the stocktaking exercise monitors the keeps track of the progress being made towards building the Information Society.

In order to facilitate the stocktaking progress, in October 2004, the ITU developed and launched a dynamic portal. This portal includes an information system, which is a rich source of information and can be openly accessed by anyone searching for current WSIS related development activities being carried out around the world. Currently the progress of more than 3300 unique projects can be tracked via this information system.

This portal has become an effective tool for the exchange of information on projects fostering development of the information society, structured along the 11 WSIS action lines. All WSIS stakeholders are encouraged to continue contributing information to this public database.

This memorandum is being delivered to bring forward the fact that currently, there are numerous activities being carried out at different organizations that are trying to replicate these efforts that have already been made. We would like to make the community conscious of the fact that WSIS Stocktaking Information System is publicly accessible and open to all users.

In order to maximize the utility and effectiveness of this information system for the entire WSIS community and aid the stocktaking exercise, we would request that each organization enable access to this information system from their own web-portals.
From an organizations point of view, this shall serve the following purposes –
- They will not have to invest valuable resources in the development of such an information system.
- They will automatically be able to access the content already available from WSIS Stocktaking information system.
- They do not need to administer nor maintain the information system.

If WSIS Stocktaking database is accessible via multiple sources, not only will it greatly facilitate domain-specific stocktaking activities, it will also promote WSIS follow-up at the regional, nation and international levels.

Here is a brief description of how this distributed approach can be made possible in order to achieve the goals stated above –

1. WSIS Stocktaking Information System

2. Individual Organization's web-portal

3. Combination of WSIS Stocktaking information system with Organization's web-portal

For technical implementation, please refer to Annex attached at the end of this document. In case there are any issues or questions, please contact infrastructure@itu.int

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Annex

In order to implement the steps of imbedding the steps described above, create an HTML file and add the following information to the file –

<html>

<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1">
<meta http-equiv="Content-Language" content="en">
<title>WSIS Stocktaking Tool</title>
</head>

<body>

<iframe src="http://www.itu.int/wsis/stocktaking/plugin/search.asp" width=700 height= 600 name="WSIS Stocktaking" scrolling="yes" frameborders="0" >

</body>
</html>

The descriptors above can be customized to meet individual needs.
The code above calls the search interface located at
http://www.itu.int/wsis/stocktaking/plugin/search.asp

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We shall be glad to support you in carrying out this implementation.