



**OPEN CONSULTATIONS ON THE PARTICIPATION OF RELEVANT
STAKEHOLDERS IN THE ACTIVITIES OF ITU RELATED TO WSIS**

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a) What “added value” might stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) bring to the work of ITU in its WSIS-related activities?

If the participation of relevant stakeholders can be well defined and organized, more professionals might participate in WSIS-related activities and more information could be shared.

b) What criteria could be suggested for defining which stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) might be “relevant” to participated in ITU activities related to WSIS, taking into account a) above ?

The suggestion is to define relevant stakeholders according to the vision of ITU, as well as Geneva Declaration of Principles and Geneva Plan of Action.

Geneva Declaration of Principles declares, Our challenge is to harness the potential of information and communication technology to promote the development goals of the Millennium Declaration, namely the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger; achievement of universal primary education; promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women; reduction of child mortality; improvement of maternal health; to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; ensuring environmental sustainability; and development of global partnerships for development for the attainment of a more peaceful, just and prosperous world.

As far as different regions are concerned, experts of poverty reduction, education, gender equality, women, child, health, environment and other relevant issues can work together to define specific criteria based on the demands and characteristics of different regions and academic disciplines; so they will work well and efficiently in different circumstances.

- c) **What are the challenges (including financial) to stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) posed by their participation in the activities of the Union related to WSIS, and how can such challenges be met ?**

One potential challenge is time for discussion will be longer, and it will be more difficult to reach consensus on some emergent issues. ITU members can discuss and recommend some activities for relevant stakeholders to participate in.

- d) **How can existing mechanisms (e.g. partnerships, symposia, seminars, workshops, focus groups, policy forums, experts) for participation by stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) be used more effectively, and what other mechanisms could be suggested ?**

N/a.

- e) **What specific efforts may be needed to mobilize and ensure the meaningful and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) from developing countries, and stakeholders in the development field?**

As for developing countries, ITU members can organize panels composed of ICT experts and relevant scientists who are familiar with local circumstances and can use their professional skills to ensure the meaningful and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders.