



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

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- a) **What are the spheres of competence that ITU Member States reserve for themselves with regard to WSIS stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) and the possible denunciation of their participation in ITU?**

The spheres of competence may include:

- Better access to the specific information resources;
- Better knowledge sharing among ITU Member States;
- Better possibilities for cooperation among appropriate partners;
- Better connectivity within the subject related issues;
- Benefits from objective communication and effective knowledge management.

- b) **Are the current definitions of Sector Members, Associates and experts contained in the ITU basic texts sufficient to include participation of all stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) in ITU WSIS-related activities?**

Yes, the current definitions are clear enough to include participation of all stakeholders in ITU WSIS-related activities.

- c) **What are possible amendments to the definitions of Sector Members, Associates and experts, in the ITU basic texts, which would enhance participation in ITU WSIS-related activities?**

The possible amendments may represent e.citizens' perspective as well, which may be important in some further on conclusions of an initiative.

As well there might be extension in terms like broadening it to actors of information society in general.

d) What might be the financial implications of the participation of all stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) in ITU-WSIS related activities?

There might be the financial implications of the participation of all stakeholders like an objective fee for the getting the knowledge, learning environment and publications.

e) What are the other challenges to the Union and its members posed by the participation of all relevant stakeholders (that are not members of the ITU) in the activities of the Union related to WSIS, and how can such challenges be met?

The challenges may include:

- the insufficient preparation of the ongoing processes;
- inexpedient participation/additional participation.

The challenges may be met in effective public relations and communication on the subject declaring the concrete objective and purpose of an initiative or action and feedback collection.

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

The “added value” might be seen as a fresh approach from aside as well as a way of innovation and connectivity. Knowledge management may be used in all its beneficial forms.

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

The criteria could be suggested as following:

- basic understanding and knowledge of the WSIS processes;
- basic orientation within ITU activities;
- identifying the expectations of an event;
- appropriate interpretation of other participants in the activity;
- the activities of the stakeholder is clearly related to information society in general and better to WSIS action lines;
- experience in the before mentioned activities might be additional value in selecting the appropriate participants.

h) 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?

The challenges mostly may include time management, travelling expenses and lack of human resources. This might be avoided by strengthening events and then promoting them – that should make more stakeholders to come.

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

The even better communication to all as well as objective communication (direct emails, interpersonal communication, networks and etc.) may guarantee the effectiveness of participation by stakeholders.

- j) **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?**

The specific efforts may be required to mobilize participation of all relevant stakeholders from developing countries and stakeholders in the development field may be called as a possibility to refund at part of the travelling costs, cover daily allowance to high level representatives.