



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

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

In general, we believe that all stakeholders (not members of ITU) participating into the ITU WSIS related activities is good and helpful for ITU to further promote the activities. In order to organize the work more efficiently and completely, in order to better understand all the stakeholders (non members of ITU), we recommend that all the stakeholders (non members of ITU) should participate into the related ITU activities through the member state which they belong to.

This is the prerequisite for all the following answers.

If a lot of stakeholders (non ITU members) in the future to participate into the related ITU activities, there would add a lot of additional financial burden to ITU, as they are not the ITU members, thus they don't pay the annual fee. Without proper organization and management, the stakeholders (non ITU members) participation might cause chaos in ITU, in terms of meeting venues, documents distribution, etc, other financial aspects. So there is a need for the member state they belong to control and coordinate in advance.

b) 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?

ITU members may not understand well all the stakeholders(non ITU members); meanwhile the stakeholders(non ITU members) can also have different understanding of ITU, which is a big challenge of the activities they are involved together, in terms of sharing the common understanding of

the objectives, the processes and the operational aspects. So we believe, these problems would be solved when the member state could coordinate or manage in advance.

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

Under the coordination of the member state, if the stakeholders (non ITU members) could participate into the ITU related activities in a controlled way, this might bring the “fresh blood” to ITU, might promote ITU’s activities and this could bring the “added value” to ITU.

d) 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 c) above?

The stakeholder (non ITU members) must be related to Telecommunication area, which we can refer to ITU’s definition. The member state they belong to should confirm their characteristics and activities are related to ITU.

e) 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?

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f) 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 existing mechanisms should be working for the stakeholders (non ITU members) participation. Besides, the training organized by their related member state would make the stakeholders quickly understand the process and working method of ITU, which would be very efficient. Furthermore, ITU itself can organize these kinds of trainings, which would be even more systematic and efficient in terms of stakeholders (non ITU members) participation in ITU.

g) 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?

First it needs the common understanding and the devoted efforts from all the member states, sector members and the associated members in ITU. Based upon that, the specific effort on objective setting, organization, process, financial aspects, etc, would guarantee the stakeholders (non ITU members) real participation in ITU. So effort on the training programs will be important at the beginning.