



**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?

All relevant stakeholders (non ITU members) should bear the corresponding costs to participate in the summit conference, which can increase financial income for ITU, otherwise, they will increase the financial burden of full membership and seriously affect the normal conference work.

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?

The challenges are as follows:

1. Non ITU members will bring various non-standardized program and application which will be directly involved in the ITU study group and interferes with the normal work of study group and not conducive to the ITU's stable, orderly and efficient work.
2. There is likely that individual stakeholders interfering with normal ITU meeting, leading to the meeting can not be held normally.

Measurements responding to these challenges:

1. Be clear of the scope of activities participated by non-ITU members.
2. Should strictly limit the eligibility of stakeholders, such as background checks on stakeholders, in order to confirm whether they can truly play a positive role in facilitating ITU development, rather than hinder or interfere with the work of the ITU; Request them to have certain economic, material, research and development and personnel strength and make commitment to following relevant provisions of the ITU and review their eligibility every year.

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

The stakeholders (non ITU members) who participate in the ITU's summit-related activities can receive part of information provided by the non ITU members and play a supporting role to formulation of the relevant resolutions of the meeting.

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?

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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?

1. If they can not undertake corresponding participation costs, ITU shall increase expenditure, bring the financial burden to the full membership, and seriously affect the normal work of ITU
2. Various non-standardized program and application which will be directly involved in the ITU study group and interferes with the normal work of study group and not conducive to the ITU's stable, orderly and efficient work.

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?

Establish specialized regional forums based on national or geographic regions to encourage release their own recommendations and results, stakeholders directly involved in the formal meeting are not recommended.

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?

1. Reduce or exempt the expenses for participants of developing countries.
2. Establish specialized regional forums based on national or geographic regions to encourage to release their recommendations and results.

The above recommendations are for your reference only.