
Arrangements for participation adopted at the first session of the Preparatory Committee (Geneva, 1-5 July 2002)

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The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the World Summit on the Information Society (PrepCom-1) decides that:

- Accredited NGOs and business sector entities are encouraged to actively participate in the intergovernmental preparatory process and the Summit as observers.
- All of these actors would have the same status.
- NGOs and business sector entities will be allowed to make the following substantive contributions:
 - Substantive written contributions along with executive summaries thereof would be welcomed on the basis of the Summit themes with fixed deadlines. They will be published by the Executive Secretariat on the WSIS website and circulated upon request in hard copies to the governments.
 - All executive summaries would be compiled by the Secretariat in a document according to the Summit themes, identifying the sources.
 - The document will be widely circulated before the second preparatory meeting and all stakeholders would have the opportunity to discuss its contents and hold workshops and meetings to coordinate positions.
 - As an informal part of the Preparatory Committee meetings, a number of multi-stakeholders thematic roundtables will be organized. The outcome of these thematic roundtables will be a Chairman's summary of the discussion, which will be submitted to the preparatory committee and incorporated in its records.
 - They are invited to nominate speakers to make statements in the Preparatory Committee, in accordance with the rules of procedure, reporting on the proceedings of parallel and networked series of events, with a view to contributing effectively to the success of the Summit.