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Draft WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015

### B. Priority areas to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS Beyond 2015.

[Insert text on mainstreaming?]

[Proposed text on mainstreaming: Given the success of WSIS Action Lines in spreading the benefits of the Information Society and Knowledge Economy since 2005, there are some elements that no longer require attention under the WSIS process. To acknowledge the success of the WSIS process, WSIS Stakeholders should identify Action Lines which are now mainstream within society, and consider those Action Lines complete. This will allow all stakeholders to focus resources on those remaining Action Lines where the objectives are yet to be achieved.

In addition, tThere a number of priority areas that needs to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS beyond 2015, due to its effect in the development process and strengthening the move towards building Information Society and Knowledge Economy. Those areas come in light of the improvements that emerge from the ICT sector itself, in addition to the demands of the other sectors of the economy and the society which urges its enhancement.

We, the WSIS Stakeholders have identified the topics below as priority areas to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS Beyond 2015:

* *Bridging* the **digital divide** will remain a crucial task: as technology moves on, bringing its benefits to early adopters, it will contine to be important to ensure that others are not left behind
* *Increasing* **access to and use of ICTs**, including broadband and mobile services through continued and increasing practical implementation measures, should be the primary focus for WSIS for the next 10 years.
* *Renewing* attention to **update the actions** taken in implementing the Action Lines (with lessons learned over the past ten years).
* **Redefining the WSIS Action lines (where applicable)**, in order to address the challenges we face today, and refocusing attention and resources away from Action lines that have been completed, towards those that need increased attention.
* **Acknowledging successful mainstreaming of WSIS goals**, and retiring WSIS Action linesthat have been completed
* Emphasizing on the creation of **WSIS/ICT National Strategies and Policies.**
* *Cooperating* at the **National, Regional and Global level** is essential.
* *People*Building *people’s having confidence in their ability to manage their online experience*
* **Highlight best practice** to encourage confidence in the use of ICTs.
* *Setting* adapted **laws and frameworks that converge** with the basic principles of inclusive information society.
* **International, regional and national structures and organizationsorganizationorganizations** should all play a role in the follow up and evaluation of achievements.
* *Encouraging* and maintaining of **open standards and open innovation** in the ICT sector and the internet.
* *Focusing* on the **quality of e-services** is crucial.
* *Promoting a* **Digital Economy [**according to in line with WTO principles]**.**
* *Ensuring* the **free flow of data** to promote e-commerce and international free trade
* *Using* **providers of public access**, such as libraries as the main platform to access the information resources .
* *Exploring* all **affordable options** for to enable affordable information access, including but not limited to
* *Ensuring***accessibility for people with disabilities.**
* *Clear commitment* from governments and intergovernmental organizations to **support and facilitate enabling regulatory and investment environments**.?

**N.B. – it should be noted that the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) could provide a useful framework on comparison and listing of the issues mentioned above.**

* *Strengthening* the use and development of **transformative technology** to enable more sustainable social and economic development.
* *Using* the information society **as a tool to realise the post 2015 development goals**.
* *Ensuring* a connection between the key aim of the WSIS, that of harnessing the potential of information and communication technology to promote and realize development goals, and the **post 2015 development agenda**.
* ***Mainstreaming gender issues*** *within action line, to ensure action lines take account of continuing gender issues and redress discrimination.*
* -Ensure that the opportunities offered by the use of ICTs to reduce and redress discrimination, and to prevent violence against women and girls, are fully utilised.
* Prioritise the use of ICTs by women and girls for education and social equality, especially amongst the most vulnerable groups

*Ensuring* that women's rights are taken into account in **internet rights and principles** and dialogue.[.[.

* + *Ensuring* open and decentralized **multi-stakeholder models and mechanisms** in the WSIS Process.
  + Improvement in the **governance of ICTs**, including the extension of the multi-stakeholder principle of multi-stakeholder participation, which has been so successful in allowing all interested stakeholder to participate in discussions and decision-making in the Internet organizationson the **internet**, into other areas of national and international ICT governance.
* *Emphasizing* the importance of **maintaining an open Internet** based on open standards development processes, and open governance as key enablers for an inclusive knowledge and information societies as a priority issue in the next ten years.
* *Enabling* **Internet access** for all and Internet as a leapfrog for development.
* EnsuringPromoting the protection of the **internet's** security and integrity and lowering the cost of Internet access for users in developing countries.
* WorkingWorkingProtecting the universal, global interoperability of the Internet
* Working towards **multilingualization of the Internet** including email, search engines and native capability for Unicode.
* *Exploring* ***t*echnical evolution of the Internet** to address known weaknesses and to increase speed and capability, while maintaining full interoperability and stability.
* *Promoting* **affordable internet** through infrastructure development and free competition.
* *Building* **enabling environments** and ensuring the continued openness and neutrality.
* *Enabling* an open, democratic, transparent and multistakeholder mechanism for **internet governance**;
* *[Continuation* of **enhanced cooperation**, to enable governments and other stakeholders, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, with respect to public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.] – WSIS para 69 issue – CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation is currently discussing issue and is due to report in Spring 2014.
  + *Generating* trust in the use of ICTs should be deemed a priority, generating guaranteesparticularly regardingnotably for topics such as **personal data protection and cyber security** is critical. Governance and Strengthened Cooperation in Helping developing countries to identify cybersecurity best practice areis another other areas that should be prioritized.
  + Recognition that an essential element of cybersecurity is the certainty that access to and use of ICTs and Internet-based services will not be restricted or impaired,
  + *Protecting* the privacy of **ICT and internet users** against commercial exploitation and government intrusion.
  + *Promoting* **Cybersecurity** and attention to child on line protection.
* Respecting and promoting humanrights are essential prerequisites to realizing the **development and policy goals of a post 2015 development agenda and the WSIS Process beyond 2015.** .
* *Strengthening* the **interconnection between human rights online and offline** – both the reinforcement of the rights of freedom of expression, the right to privacy, information and association on the internet;
* *Encourage and facilitate* **people-centered and inclusive governance models** and mechanisms that are based on human rights and the rule of law.
* *Ensuring* that surveillance conforms to universally accepted **human rights** principles.
  + Provision of **affordable access to broadband and networks and services** for all citizens worldwide to ensure inclusiveness, social and geographical equity;
  + Developing and advancing broadbandnetwork that supports the **economic growth of the country and facilitate the utilization of ICT tools** by the citizens.
  + *Providing* **developing countries with assistance in rolling out broadband infrastructure and Internet Exchange Points** – which will enable more local content and local e-Services to be provided in those countries.
  + Providing assistance for those countries that would like to embrace **light regulatory regimes for their domestic telecoms/ ICT markets** in the future.
* Using ICTs to improve the inclusiveness and **responsiveness of government**Focusing on fostering ICT skills to help generate jobs and allow more people to benefit from the Information Society. **ICT professionalism** in the period 2015 and beyond, ensuring that professional expertise keeps pace with advancing technology. access to ICT skillswill not be able to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by services
* Addressing **e-environment** issues and challenges, developing of Green IT and using ICT to combat climate change.
* Integrating ICT with **educational initiatives** and activities.
* Exploring mechanisms for accreditation of **on-line learning.**
* *Implementation* of practical mechanisms to support **e-Science** related recommendations of the WSIS +10 Review process at the national, regional and global level. This includes funding modalities and financial support.
* *Inclusion* of **Indigenous Peoples,** who are a marginalized group, should be prioritized across all the action lines (for instance, e-learning, media, access are all of great importance to Indigenous Peoples). A separate action line focusing specifically on inclusivity of Indigenous Peoples would highlight this important issue.
* Addressing the issue of **affordable access** through removing barriers to the provision of low-cost and community based services
* *Encouraging* the full deployment of **IPv6 and IPv4**.
* *Deploying* of e**-services to marginalized and disadvantaged** members of society.
* Addressing **ethical issues related to emerging technologies** and the information society.
* *Developing* **agreed goals and time-based targets** along with enhanced monitoring and reporting.
* *Making* efforts towards **developing the content industry** to meet the diversity in cultural and religious aspects, and be in accordance with the WSIS target to assure on the multilingualism aspect.
* **Freedom of Expression and Association** are vital for WSIS beyond 2015 to guarantee adopting the policies and strategies for access and openness for the different actors to be engaged in those tools.
* *Promoting* the use of **ICT for Democracy**
* *Promoting* **Access for All;** Access to information and knowledge
* *Prioritizing* the sharing of **existing expertise and best-practice** solutions. between all stakeholders.
* ***Connecting* the unconnected** especially people with disability, and fully exploiting the opportunities for ICTs to help people overcome the challenges of living with a disability and to play a full part in society
* ***Generating* trust** in the use of ICTs should be deemed a priority. Generating guarantees regarding topics such as personal data protection, cyber security and continued access to services and information, is critical.
* *Continuing development of* **quality e-services.**
* *Highlighting* **network traffic management.**
* *Ensuring* **Network neutrality**.
* *Protection* of **data and network users**.
* Highlighting the importance and role of **National Centers for Warning and Management of IT Incidents Exchange and Personal Data protection** in Cloud computing.

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