



**WSIS+10 High-Level Event: Open Consultation Process**

**2nd Physical Meeting**

**ITU Headquarters, Geneva  
16-18 December 2013**

**Main Outcomes by Chairman**

1. The second physical meeting of the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform (MPP-WSIS+10) ([www.wsis.org/review/mpp](http://www.wsis.org/review/mpp)) was held on 16, 17 and 18 of December 2013, in the ITU Headquarters, as part of the third phase of the six phase WSIS+10 High-Level Event Open Consultation process. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct the first reading of the proposals for the first drafts of the WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation on WSIS Outcomes & the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015.
2. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. V. Minkin (Russian Federation), Chairman of the Council Working Group on WSIS and the Vice Chairs of the meeting were Egypt, Switzerland and Saudi Arabia.
3. More than 140 participants from 70 Countries participated in total in the meeting, in a remote and physical manner. All WSIS Stakeholders, that is, governments, private sector, civil society and international organizations took active part in the meeting.
4. The Deputy Secretary General of the ITU, Mr H. Zhao, provided opening remarks and encouraged all participants to actively contribute towards the first reading of the proposed first drafts for the two outcomes namely, the WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015, while drawing attention to the open, inclusive and multi-stakeholder character of the process. Mr Zhao congratulated and thanked all the stakeholders for their strong commitment and dedication towards the open consultation process.
5. The opening session benefitted from the contributions by H.E. Janis Karklins, Assistant Director General, UNESCO and Dr. Mongi Hamdi, Head of the CSTD Secretariat. They underlined the importance of the process being an important effort leading towards the Overall Review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes by 2015. Meeting was informed on the status of the discussions taking place at the UN General Assembly regarding the modalities of the Overall Review.
6. In order to highlight the national progress in the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes a special session was held that offered an opportunity to countries to present the 10 years Country Reports. This session was opened by the Mr. Brahima Sanou, the BDT Director of ITU and chaired by Dr B. Seo, Korea and the list of panelists included representatives of the following countries, Bulgaria, Egypt, Japan, Oman, Poland and Rwanda. An update was also provided by civil society (Association for Progressive Communications (APC)) and FAO on their respective 10 Year reports on the implementation of WSIS.
7. All the action line facilitators including, ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, WMO, UNEP, WIPO, WHO, UPU, ITC, ILO, FAO, UN Women and UN Regional Commissions contributed towards the development of the first drafts, within their respective mandates and presented the drafts of their respective action lines during the meeting. All UN organizations serve as secretariat to the preparatory process, coordinated by the ITU.
8. The meeting also acknowledged the presence of colleagues from UN Agencies , both in a physical and remote manner, ensuring that the WSIS+10 preparatory process is a one-UN process and that the UN family was working together ensuring that there were no duplications of efforts and resources.
9. The meeting conducted the first reading of the proposals for the first drafts reflecting the comments received by WSIS Stakeholders from the 9th October to 17th November. All the detailed submissions are available at <http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html> for consideration.
10. The meeting noted with appreciations all the proposed texts for WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes and the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015, thereby recognizing them as a background for the first drafts of the documents.
11. During the three days the meeting concluded the first reading of the following (available at: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html>):

**WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes**

* Chapter B: Overview of the implementation of Action Lines
* Chapter C: Challenges-during implementation of action lines and new challenges that have emerged.  
  During the meeting several proposals for combining some items were made, as reflected in Annex 2

**WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015**

Chapter C: Action Lines

* C2. Information and communication infrastructure
* C4. Capacity building
* C5. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
* C6. Enabling environment
* C7 ICT Applications: E-learning

1. As a result of consultations and discussions duringthesecond physical meeting of the WSIS+10 MPP with regards to Information and Knowledge Society, the meeting agreed to reflect the following para in the Preambles of the Statement and Vision:

*The evolution of the information society over the past 10 years has contributed to the development of true  knowledge societies around the world that are based on principles of freedom of expression, quality education for all, universal access to information and knowledge, and respect for cultural and linguistic diversity and cultural heritage. When mentioning the information society, we also refer to the above mentioned evolution and to the vision of inclusive knowledge societies.*

This is also available at:

<http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html>

1. Due to the lack of time the first reading of the documents presented in Annex 3 were postponed to the next meeting of the WSIS+10 MPP that will take place on the 17th and18th February 2014.
2. The meeting agreed that the following preparations should be done by all stakeholders to the next physical meeting
   1. Stakeholders are invited to provide comments on the results of the first reading (see the documents listed in para 11) as well as on the consolidated proposals prepared by the secretariat for the first reading (See Annex 3)
   2. Secretariat should provide a consolidation of comments and proposals only (without preparation of consolidated text).
3. The meeting took note on the decision of postponing the WSIS+10 High-Level Event to the later dates. It was felt that WSIS+10 MPP would need more time in order to complete its task. In this context, it was proposed to revise the phases of the preparatory process by adding one week meeting to be scheduled from 14 to 18 April 2014, initial dates of the WSIS+10 High Level Event. Egypt has kindly offered to host this additional preparatory meeting. In was noted that the place of the meeting will be confirmed by the Secretariat after further consultations. The meeting agreed on the following deadlines and dates:

* 17 January 2014 - 24 January 2014 (cutting deadline) - All Stakeholders: Submission of comments and proposals
  + All Stakeholders are kindly encouraged to engage in the next phases of the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform, by sending comments and proposals on the [Proposals of the First Drafts of the Outcome Documents as well as Results of the First Reading of the Documents](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html).
  + Comments and proposals should be submitted to the Secretariat via email at [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int) until 17th January 2014.  
    Please note that contributions coming later than 24th January 2014 will not be accepted.
* 25 January 2014 – 2 February 2014 - Secretariat: Compilation of comments and proposals
* 3 February 2014 - Secretariat: Publication of compilation of comments and proposals on the website
* 17 - 18 February 2014 (ITU Headquarter) - Third Physical Meeting of the MPP-WSIS+10
* 14 - 18 April 2014 (Place to be determined) - Fourth Physical Meeting of the MPP-WSIS+10

1. Member States are invited to submit 10 Year Country Reports by the Deadline of 5th February 2014. Please note that the deadline was extended at the request of several countries.
2. The third physical meeting will be held on the 17th and 18th of February 2014 and first of all will aim at completing the first reading of all documents. Agenda of the meeting is available on the website.
3. In closing the meeting, the Chairman extended his personal thanks to all the WSIS Stakeholders who participated physically and remotely in the work of the 2nd physical meeting, the Vice-Chairmen Ms N.El Saadany (Egypt), Mr M. Almazyed (Saudi Arabia) and Mr F. Riehl (Switzerland); Dr. Hamadoun Toure, ITU Secretary General, and Mr Houlin Zhao, ITU Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Brahima Sanou, BDT Director, ITU, H.E. Janis Karklins, Assistant Director General, UNESCO, Dr. Mongi Hamdi, Head of the CSTD Secretariat, Dr Bohyun Seo (Korea), Moderator of the Panel Session, all panelists, as well as Secretariat of the meeting, in particular Mr J.Ponder and Ms. G.Sah (ITU), Mr. C.Wachholz (UNESCO), Mr. T.Fredriksson (UNCTAD) as well as all UN agencies including ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, WMO, UNEP, WIPO, WHO, UPU, ITC, ILO, FAO, UN Women and UN Regional Commissions.

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Minkin

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**Link to Documentation:**

* Results of the first reading during the Second Physical meeting: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html>
* Proposed first drafts: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html>
* Zero Drafts: [http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/#outcomes](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/" \l "outcomes)
* Background Documents: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/#background>
* Photographs: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/itupictures/sets/72157638727680964>
* Webcast: <http://www.itu.int/ibs/council/201310cwg/>
* Adobe Connect Recording :

-      16 December: <http://itu.adobeconnect.com/p1do9tiuoc5/>

-    17 December: <http://itu.adobeconnect.com/p5fps3dfmmz/>

-      18 December: <http://itu.adobeconnect.com/p7pybi1lijf/>

**Annex: 1**

Principles agreed upon during the 1st Physical meeting:

1. It was emphasized that the zero drafts were developed keeping in mind some basic principles listed below:
   1. Focus on the WSIS Action Lines and measurement of their implementation.
   2. Develop a vision upon existing framework of Action Lines, identifying emerging trends, challenges and priorities for new decade, without making existing framework of Action Lines obsolete.
   3. Geneva Declaration and Geneva Plan of Action still remain valid until further decisions by General Assembly.
   4. Restrict the proposals on Action Lines, under the responsibility of the respective UN Agencies, to the Geneva Plan of Action.
   5. Avoid proposals referring to the outcomes of the Tunis phase of WSIS on the following, implementation mechanism, follow up, internet governance (other than internet issues relevant to action lines), IGF, enhanced cooperation, CSTD.
   6. Avoid prejudging the outcomes of the 68th Session of the General Assembly on modalities of the Overall Review.
   7. Respect mandates given by Tunis Agenda and respect for the multi-stakeholder principles..

**Annex 2:**



**Document Number: S2.2/C**

**Follow up actions to the decisions taken at the Second Physical Meeting of the WSIS+10 MPP**

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| No. | Original Text from Document  S2/C | Comment from the Second Physical Meeting of the MPP 17 December 2013 | Proposed Final Text |
| 1. | 17. The need for **engagement of youth, the older persons, indigenous people and persons with disability** in the discussions related to ICTs for Development.  18. Enhance the **participation of all youth,** and their access to the benefits of the information revolution and contribution to decision making processes. Improved engagement of youth in the discussions related to ICTs for Development. | Proposal to combine paras 17 and 18 |  |
| 2. | 13. To fully integrate **gender equality perspectives** in WSIS related strategies and facilitate their implementation. Efforts should go beyond techno-centric solutions towards advancing women’s innovative and meaningful use of ICTs for their empowerment and development.  19. Despite progress, **women still lack access, requisite skills and awareness**. They are still not well represented in decision-making positions and as producers in the ICT sector and are under-represented in the ICT industry in general.  54. Providing continuing skills development, **especially for women,** in a wide range of digital and technology-based skills to meet existing employment opportunities but also to allow youth to participate in the development and growth of digitally-based industries including the creative and cultural industries. | Proposal to combine paras 13, 19, 54 |  |
| 3. | 10. The need for the **necessary legal, policy and regulatory frameworks** developed using appropriate process, [including multistakeholder approaches], [where applicable,] at the national, regional and international levels to continue to promote best access to ICT, investment and infrastructure, foster entrepreneurship and innovation.  20. [Building models of multi-stakeholder **governance at national, regional, and international levels** that are open, transparent, and inclusive and accessible, and encourage multistakeholder participation in policy development and decision-making.] | Proposal to combine paras 10 and 20 |  |
| 4 | 15. Ensuring continued extension of **access to ICTs for all,** as well as information and knowledge, **including public access,** particularly in developing countries and among marginalised communities in all countries.  21. Broadband and mobility that characterize newly emerging tendencies in the development of the Information Society infrastructure are still unavailable for the majority of the world's population.  **22. Deployment of broadband networks** that provides affordable access to devices and services especially for people with disabilities.  23. Ensuring continued extension of **access for all to ICTs**, particularly deployment of broadband networks without increasing further gaps in access; and affordability of broadband devices and services ensuring the inclusion to broadband services, especially in developing countries and among marginalized communities in all countries, including people with disabilities | Proposal to combine paras 21, 22, 23 while considering para 15 |  |
| 5. | 25. [Full respect for **cultural diversity and cultural heritage, linguistic diversity,** and institutional diversity, religious beliefs and convictions including the right for all to express themselves, to access, create and disseminate their work in the language of their choice, including on the Internet.]  26. Lack of policies that **support and respect, preservation, promotion and enhancement of cultural and linguistic diversity and cultural heritage** within the Information and knowledge societies, for example those that encourage the development of local language content and of language technologies in minority languages. The lack of production of **content in local languages** threatens the local cultures and life styles. Development and promotion of language technologies in minority languages. | Proposal to combine paras 25 and 26 |  |
| 6. | **27. Education that reaches out to all members of society**, that provides genuine lifelong learning opportunities for all, with national educational programmes which build ICT skills to respond to the specific human and market needs and ICT-skilled and -knowledgeable teachers and learners on all educational levels, empowered to use technologies for sustainable development and building inclusive Information Society  28. Promotion of and empowerment through innovative approaches for **distance education and for open education resource (OER) content and applications.** | Proposal to combine 27 and 28 |  |
| 7. | 1. [Further developing and building the **openness and multi-stakeholder character of ICT and of Internet** standards, development and governance, which has underpinned the remarkable growth of the Internet to date, within a framework which supports a robust and resilient Internet also protects the internet against disruption by criminal or malign activity. ] 2. [Maintaining and building an Internet that is **free and rights-based,** open**, accessible for all, and nurtured by multi-stakeholder participation]** 3. [Ensuring that the **Internet remains open, unconstrained by technology mandates and burdensome** regulation, and free of limitations on what, when, and how users can communicate, access information, and build community.] 4. [Recoginize the importance of how **to govern and regulate (or not) the internet** and internet-related activity. ] 5. [Ensuring that there continues to be an enabling approach to the governance of the Internet, which ensures that it keeps and maintains its innovative capabilities and capacity for development, that drives economic and social wellbeing amongst peoples of the World.] 6. [Reaching consensus on how **to enhance cooperation among all stakeholders in issues related to internet, but not the day to day technical issues].** 7. [Reaching consensus on the role of governments in international Internet-related public policy issues]. 8. [Further developing and refining the distributed, bottom-up Internet governance mechanisms and recognizing that they are both a reflection of the technology itself, as well as a fundamental enabler for innovation and growth on the Internet.] 9. [Urgent need to remove barriers that prevent people accessing over the Internet services provided in other countries]. | Replace and Combine paras 29 to 37. |  |
| 8. | 1. [Ensuring that that trade policy and regulatory mechanisms encourage, rather than impede, this new driver for economic growth and development, while recognizing the need to further develop the economic potential of the **Internet and other** **ICTs for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises** (SMEs). | Alternate text to be provided by UK |  |
| 9. | 1. Ensuring that the radio-frequency spectrum is managed in the public interest and in accordance with the principle of legality, with full observance of national laws and regulations, as well as relevant international agreements.   **60 bis (former 45). Utilisation of the unused wireless capacity**, including satellite, in developed countries and in particular in developing countries least developed countries, and countries with economic in transition, to provide access in remote areas and to improve low-cost connectivity in developing countries. Special concern should be given to the least developed countries in their efforts in establishing telecommunication infrastructure. | Proposal to maintain two paras but reformulating. | **Text Agreed at Meeting on 18/12/2013** Need for further improving management and use of radio-frequency spectrum/satellite orbits for facilitating development and deployment of low-cost telecommunication networks including satellite networks by all countries, taking into account special needs of developing countries. These are implemented through application and in accordance with ITU Radio Regulations.. |

**Annex 3:**

**Proposals pending first reading at the third physical meeting: WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes.**

| **Title** | **Document Number** |
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| A. Preamble | [S1.1/A](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/S1.1-A.docx) |

**Proposals pending first reading at the third physical meeting: WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015.**

| **Title** | **Document Number** |
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| C1. The role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development | [V1.1/C/ALC1](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC1.docx) |
| C3. Access to information and knowledge | [V1.1/C/ALC3](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC3.docx) |
| E-government | [V1.1/C/ALC7/E-Government](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC7-E-Government.docx) |
| E-business | [V1.1/C/ALC7/E-Business](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC7-E-Business.docx) |
| E-health | [V1.1/C/ALC7/E-Health](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC7-E-Health.docx) |
| E-employment | [V1.1/C/ALC7/E-Employment](http://groups.itu.int/stocktaking/WSISFlash/WSISFlashDecember2013Issue.aspx) |
| E-environment | [V1.1/C/ALC7/E-Environment](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC7-E-Environment.docx) |
| E-agriculture | [V1.1/C/ALC7/E-Agriculture](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC7-E-Agriculture.docx) |
| E-science | [V1.1/C/ALC7/E-Science](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC7-E-Science.docx) |
| C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content | [V1.1/C/ALC8](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC8.docx) |
| C9. Media | [V1.1/C/ALC9](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC9.docx) |
| C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society | [V1.1/C/ALC10](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC10.docx) |
| C11. International and regional cooperation | [V1.1/C/ALC11](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-C-ALC11.docx) |
| E. [Accountability and] Measurement of the WSIS Action Lines beyond 2015, targets and Indicators for an open and inclusive information/knowledge society for all beyond 2015 | [V1.1/E](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/ct/1.1/V1.1-E.docx) |
| D: Other issues not covered by Action Lines above [, if any]: to be considered by the Second/Third Physical meeting: | |
| Càtedra UNESCO de Sostenibilitat, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Civil Society | [V1/D/1](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/rc/V1-D-1.docx) |
| The Internet Democracy Project, Civil Society | [V1/D/2](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/rc/V1-D-2.docx) |
| UNWOMEN, International Organization | [V1/D/3](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/rc/V1-D-3.docx) |