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Please note that the Geneva Declaration and the Geneva Plan of Action still remain valid until further decisions by the General Assembly.

Draft WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

### B. Overview of the implementation of Action Lines

Progress has been made since the two phases of WSIS towards building the people-centered, inclusive, development-oriented information society called for in the WSIS Declaration of Principles. The number and diversity of people around the world empowered by ICTs increased dramatically accelerating social and economic growth, sustainable development promoting freedom of expression, increasing accountability and transparency in society, creating new business opportunities, facilitating trade and serving as a platform for cultural exchange amongst others. [Further media has become increasingly accessible and interactive, posing new access barriers while allowing for some solutions].]

The most important achievement of the current implementation process of the WSIS is the interest of so many actors, institutions, national, regional and international, in the initiative of jointly shaping the inclusive Information Society and making all stakeholders aware of the challenges that this process entails, including the future development of a true Knowledge Society.

1. *We note* that the WSIS Action Lines have helped in building a common understanding of the desirability and [**constituting a sound framework** **for**] realizing the goal of a globally interconnected inclusive Information Society.
2. *We recognize* that this implementation framework based approach on the WSIS Action Lines has helped to draw attention to the crucial role that **ICTs can play in realizing development goals**, notably reducing **poverty and promoting literacy.**
3. *We commend* the WSIS Process for reinforcing the strategic role of **multi-stakeholderism which has led to** strengthened **engagement of all stakeholders** to work together in order to accomplish some of the objectives reflected in the Geneva Plan of Action.
4. *We recognize* that the WSIS Action Lines have helped **raise awareness within the international community** about the challenges many communities face in realizing the benefits of the inclusive Information Society.

**4bis)** *We note with satisfaction that the* WSIS outcomes have led to the development of regional and national strategies and plans for the development of inclusive Information and Knowledge Society (ies) that are regularly updated, and the based on internationally agreed development goals, including those in the Millennium Declaration, which are premised on international cooperation, and that the indicative targets given in WSIS Plan of Action item 6 have become the basis in the establishment of the national targets, considering national and regional circumstances.

1. *We acknowledge* the significant efforts made towards the realization of a global digital economy (refers to an economy that is based on digital technologies), in particular through contribution of all stakeholders and adoption of appropriate **national ICT policies.**
2. *We note* with satisfaction that in the area of **digital inclusion there is greater** awareness of the importance of promoting digital inclusion for youth, elderly persons, women, the vulnerable and marginalized, indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities, while promoting the wealth of the world’s languages.

6b) We *highly appreciate* the WSIS Forum, regularly arranged by ITU jointly with UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP, attracting all stakeholders as the site for open exchange of opinions on the issues of development of information society, implementation of Action Lines and presentation of best practices. We acknowledge the significant contribution of all UN Agencies in charge of facilitating Action Lines actively contributing to WSIS implementation including ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, ITC, UPU, WHO, ILO, UNEP, WMO, FAO, UNWOMEN and the UN Regional Commissions.

6c) We *particularly emphasize* the importance of the work carried out by the “*Partnership on Measuring ICT for development”* on the development of the framework for a set of core ICT indicators, as well as, acknowledge the ICT Development Index (IDI).

*We further recognize that:*

1. Countries have made **considerable progress in implementing the Action lines** in the form of tangible policies, projects and services in all of the society’s vital sectors, as well as integration of the **WSIS Objectives within national ICT policies.**
2. Many developing countries now **feature ICTs as key enablers of their national visions and plans for sustainable development.**
3. A holistic and integrated approach to sustainable development is required, taking into account the important contribution of cultural diversity to environmental protection and social and economic development.
4. A new-generation of ICT policies and regulations were adopted in many countries designed to advance the deployment of broadband, encourage innovation and enable digital inclusion of all.
5. There is greater recognition among policy makers that achieving digital inclusion also goes beyond questions of network deployment and affordability. This includes an increasing awareness of the importance of affordable and **publicly accessible ICTs and tools** to combat the digital divide, and the continuing value of libraries in this regard.
6. Improved and innovative financial mechanisms as well as adequate and sustainable investments remain a priority in order to continue to meet the challenges of ICT for development.
7. There have been significant efforts exerted to increase affordable access in the developing countries and in particular LDCs.
8. The increased level of **mobile and broadband penetration in the past ten years, along with the emergence of new services, including social networks and cloud computing**, has increased the means to communicate and to access and distribute information.
9. The increase in **access to information and knowledge has consequently widened and deepened** with more opportunities available for all to exercise the right to education and cultural rights, freedom of expression and engage in social networking than ever before, as well as to enjoy the right to development.
10. ICTs play an important role in **promoting the employment and entrepreneurship of youth, women, indigenous people and persons with disabilities**.
11. Increased global awareness concerning the need for more women inare increasinglyinfluential players inmaking
12. ICTs support the needs of the growing population of aged citizens and them to continue their lives in independent and autonomous living conditions.
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14. There has been increased **knowledge, acceptance and capacity building** in ICT applications like E-Government, E-business, E-learning, E-health, E-employment, E-environment, E-agriculture and E-science by the user and the provider
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16. The opportunities offered by new technology may present new accessibility barriers. Affordable solutions exist but are language dependent, sharing this knowledge and observing accessibility will ensure that inclusive Information Society for all.
17. [The need has been recognized to address the promotion of ethical codes, and where appropriate, self-regulation and where appropriate, regulations established by law of professions involved in the production, distribution and archiving of information, communication and knowledge.]
18. There has been significant awareness of the need for greater collaboration among all stakeholders to address different aspects of enhancing confidence and security in the use of ICTs [including legal measures, technical and procedural measures, organizational structures, capacity building and international cooperation, as well as literate use of the Internet and ICTs.]
19. There is increased awareness of the need to strengthen the respect for freedom of expression and the right to privacy and to protect personal data.
20. There is an increasingly shared understanding that **ethical principles** for an inclusive Information Society derive from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the ICCPR and that the same rights that people have offline must also apply online and comprise the right to freedom of expression, universal access to information, particularly that which is in the public domain, the right to education, the right to privacy and the right to participate in cultural life.