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Phase Five: Fourth Physical Meeting

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ITU Headquarters, Geneva

Main Outcomes by Chairman

1. The fourth physical meeting of the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform (MPP-WSIS+10) (www.wsis.org/review/mpp) was held from the 14 to the 17 April 2014, in the ITU Headquarters, as part of the fifth phase of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event Open Consultation process. The purpose of this meeting was to have a pre-agreed text for the WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation on WSIS Outcomes WSIS, and the chapters of the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015, including the 1st reading of the Action Lines that were pending the since the MPP meeting in February.
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 Director of the Development Sector, Mr Brahima Sanou, provided opening remarks. Mr Sanou highlighted that the event, which focuses on the impact of ICTs on development, will address the challenge of the WSIS overall review process, while providing a platform for multi-stakeholder coordination on the

implementation of WSIS outcomes, with the involvement of all necessary UN focal points and relevant stakeholders. He emphasized that the Event is a coordinated effort of the whole UN family and it engages all UN agencies with a WSIS mandate. Mr Sanou reminded all participants that the WSIS+10 High Level Event as an extended version of the WSIS Forum is about implementation, and real impact of ICTs on development. Speaking about the sixth ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference, known as WTDC, which was held in Dubai from 30 March to 10 April, he informed that, the Conference, with 1313 participants from 137 countries, reaffirmed the global commitment to ICT as an enabler of sustainable development. It adopted the Dubai Action Plan of the ITU Development Sector as well as series of strategic resolutions, including on ICT infrastructure, cybersecurity and an enabling environment, areas where ITU plays the role of sole facilitator within the WSIS framework. Mr Sanou highlighted that the WTDC outcomes, which are fully aligned with the objectives of the WSIS Action Lines, will pave the way towards a series of impact oriented activities to be implemented beyond 2015.

5. The opening session benefitted from the contributions by Mr. C. Wachholz representing UNESCO and Ms. Anne Miroux representing 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. Ms. Miroux informed the meeting on the status of the discussions taking place at the UN General Assembly regarding the modalities of the Overall Review. She underlined that for the time being there is no consensus and discussions on this subject will continue.
6. All the Action Line Facilitators including, ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, WMO, UNEP, WHO, UPU, ITC, ILO, FAO, and UN Regional Commissions, as well as WIPO, UN Women contributed towards the development of the Action line documents in the Vision, within their respective mandates. It is important to note that all UN organizations serve as secretariat to the preparatory process, coordinated by the ITU.
7. 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 the one-UN process and that the UN family was working together ensuring that there were no duplications of efforts and resources.
8. The meeting concluded with agreed texts for chapter A (besides Annex), B and C based on the Vice-Chair's proposals for the Statement and the proposals pending since the MPP meeting in February, for the first drafts including compilations

reflecting the comments received by WSIS Stakeholders from 7th – 21st of March. All the detailed submissions are available at <http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html> for consideration.

WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

- ▶ Agreed text of Preamble, Chapter A (Status as of 17 April 2014, COB) [WSIS+10/4/4/Pre-agreed](#). (besides the Annex with the List of referenced resolutions on human rights)
- ▶ Agreed text of Overview of the implementation of Action Lines, Chapter B (Status as of 17 April 2014, COB) [WSIS+10/4/5/Pre-agreed](#)
- ▶ Agreed text of Challenges-during implementation of Action Lines and new challenges that have emerged, Chapter C (Status as of 17 April 2014, COB) [WSIS+10/4/6/Pre-agreed](#)

9. The meeting concluded with pre-agreed texts for part A and B for Vision based on proposals by the Chair and Dr A.Kovac (available at: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html>):

WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015

- ▶ Pre-agreed text of Preamble, Chapter A (Status as of 17 April 2014, COB) [WSIS+10/4/25/Pre-agreed](#) (besides Para 11 and the Annex (the same as in the Statement))
- ▶ Pre-agreed text of Priority areas to be addressed in the implementation of WSIS Beyond 2015, Chapter B (Status as of 17 April 2014, COB) [WSIS+10/4/26/Pre-agreed](#) (besides Paras 2, 21, 27-30)

10. The meeting took note on the format of the WSIS+10 High-level Event that will comprise of a Forum Track and a High-level Track scheduled to be held on the 10-13th of June, 9th June pre-events at the ITU Headquarters, Geneva and that the Fifth Physical Meeting of the WSIS+10 MPP will be held from the 28-31 May 2014 in Geneva (WIPO Headquarters or CIGG).

11. The meeting agreed on the following deadlines, dates and way forward:

- ▶ There was a proposal that Switzerland, as one of the Vice-Chairs of WSIS+10 MPP, leads the Informal Consultation on the Annex of the Statement and the Vision, that concerns the Human Rights Resolutions. Responding to this proposal the delegate from Switzerland informed all participants that he would check and update the Chairman on this item.

► In preparations towards next physical meeting it was proposed that following paras for the Vision chapter B, C, and E will be redrafted by some focal points:

- **Chapter B, Para No 21 (HEP)**

ALT 1: Recognizing the importance of maintaining the openness of the Internet architecture and of standards development processes, and continuing to maintain open, interoperable and innovative standards as key enablers for an inclusive information society.

ALT2: Ensuring the importance of maintaining open standards development processes in the ICT sector as key enablers for an inclusive information society.

- **Chapter B, Paras No 27, 28,29,30 (Saudi Arabia)**

28. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs, notably regarding topics such as personal data protection, privacy and security and robustness of networks, is critical. [this includes recognizing the need for international agreements to cooperate on security matters and to avoid unilateral assertions in national laws and to avoid extra territorial actions.] [led by Saudi]

29. Strengthening cooperation between all stakeholders in helping especially developing countries to identify and highlight cyber security best practices, including to encourage confidence and security in the use of ICTs, is another area that should be prioritized.

30. Enhancing national and regional capacity to address cybersecurity challenges by encouraging a culture of shared responsibility to address security risks, including by strengthening cooperation on cybersecurity issues between computer incident response teams.

31. Promoting a culture of online security and safety and encouraging, through collaboration among all stakeholders, international, regional and national cybersecurity strategies to protect users, including children.

- **Chapter C and E:** The Chairman was advised to revise the Action Lines and their Measurement in close collaboration with the Vice- Chairs and the UN Agency focal points, the following was proposed for the revised documents:

- Text needs to be made simple, concise and relevant as well as to be in line with the Action Lines defined by the Geneva Plan of Action be considered as for continuation beyond 2015;
- Repetition of the essence of the paragraphs needs to be avoided.

12. It was agreed that all above mentioned texts should be published on the website by the **15th of May**.

13. 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 4th physical meeting, the Vice-Chairmen Ms N. El Saadany (Egypt), Mr M. Almazyed (Saudi Arabia) and Mr F. Riehl (Switzerland); Mr. Brahima Sanou, BDT Director, ITU, , Ms. Anne Miroux, Head of the CSTD Secretariat, C.Wachholz (UNESCO), Mr J.Ponder and Ms. G.Sah (ITU), Mr., 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. He specially thanked Ms. N. El Saadany (Egypt) and Ms. A. Kovac (The Internet Democracy Project) for the preparation of texts for the Statement and Vision,

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Minkin
(Russian Federation)

Link to Documentation:

- Results of the pre-agreed Chapters during the Fourth 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>
- Background Documents: <http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/#background>
- Link for Webcast: <http://www.itu.int/ibs/council/201310cwg/>
- Link for Adobe Connect Virtual Room:
 - 17 Feb.: <http://connect.itu.int/p1549p0060d/>
 - 18 Feb.: <http://connect.itu.int/p2gyzu8iz7i/>
 - 18 Feb.: <http://connect.itu.int/p4qi0dq4dke/>

