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WSIS Forum 2018 OUTCOME DOCUMENT

Template for Submission of Executive Summaries for

Thematic/Country Workshop/ Action Line Facilitation Meetings/ Interactive Sessions/ High Level Dialogues/Publication Releases/Briefings

Deadline: Thursday 22 March, 2018

Exception: For sessions on Friday 23 March, please send at the latest 2 hours after the session

*Please note that the WSIS Forum 2018 Outcome Document will be released on the **23rd of March** (the last day of the Forum)*

1) Title of your session

2008-2018: A decade of the COP Initiative – Priorities for the future of youth empowerment online

2) Name of Organization/s organizing the session

ITU

3) Relevance with the WSIS Action Lines – please specify the Action lines C1 to C11

C5

4) Key achievements, announcements, launches, agreements, and commitments (these will be reflected in the press release and Outcomes Document of the WSIS Forum 2018)

Over these years, through the COP initiative, the COP guidelines for industry, policy makers, children, parents and educators were published. More children were heard by their policy makers, more governments put the issue of protecting children online at the centre stage, and more entities are active in pushing the topic to the forefront of discussion.

Some of the progress done by the member states and private sector were also highlighted and the need to create a culture of online internet safety for children was emphasized.

I. Debated Issues

- II. Things are much better if we think at certain things by design. We need to also think and look at how things are developed, designed and deployed.
- III. We need to share information with children and talk to them.
- IV. There is the need to develop global indicators for law enforcement agencies to collect information on victim identification.
- V. There is also the need to invest in specialized law enforcement units to train police officers on the ground.
- VI. media literacy as important to protecting children as much or more than any laws.
- VII. Global partnerships can also in connecting different national stakeholders to develop national policies and strategies.



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Quotes

VIII. “There is no one better placed to do this than PSM, provided we get the right legal framework. A framework to protect children online as much as they are in the linear world, to rein in the lack of accountability of platform operators, and to allow PSM to continue to deliver their mission in a financially sustainable way.” Noel Curren, DG EBU

IX. “ We have come a long way, however, much still needs to be done.” Houlin Zhao, SG ITU

X. Overall outcomes of the session highlighting

The High Level Dialogue highlighted the need to invest more on prevention and the need to have a 360 look at the issue. It emphasized also necessity to involve and engage young people in order to make sure that policies and strategies are designed in a relevant way for young audiences. In this regard, it is also important to measure the impact of the success in order to identify gaps and take concrete actions. The importance of multistakeholders partnerships was also considered as vital as well as the need to have a dialogue with children and share information on the potential online risks.

XI. Main linkages with the Sustainable Development Goals

XII. SDG 17.2 Violence against children

XIII. Emerging Trends related to WSIS Action Lines identified during the meeting

XIV. Investing in AI Technologies to support law enforcement agencies to identify criminals and victims.

XV. Suggestions for Thematic Aspects that might be included in the WSIS Forum 2019

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