Summary of Session: Applying Internet Universality ROAM-X framework for WSIS+20 review and Global Digital Compact

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Key Issues discussed

- What follow up actions have been taken or should be taken following the ROAM-X assessments at national level to support the implementation of WSIS+20 review and Global Digital Impact?
- What are lessons learned and good practice to share in experimenting with a multi-stakeholder approach?
- What relevance of ROAM do speakers perceive at global level?
- How should ROAM-X indicators be revised and updated so as to address the evolving digital ecosystem, WSIS +20 review and Global digital compact?

Towards WSIS+20 and WSIS beyond 2025, please share your views on the emerging trends, challenges, achievements, and opportunities in the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines to date

- In the past few years, COVID-19 has become a challenge for the implementation of more human-rights based and inclusive Internet policies in areas such as meaningful access, equity etc. (WSIS Action lines C.3 and C.10).
- The pandemic has also impacted the role of journalism and media (WSIS Action lines C.9) with disinformation becoming a major threat in the current digital age.
- 15 years of WSIS implementation has advanced a human rights-based approach and humanistic framework to guide the ICTs development and digital transformation.

Tangible outcomes (such as key achievements, announcements, launches, agreements, and commitments)
• The ROAM-X framework promotes values for a connecting society that are aligning with the Global Digital Compact: its multistakeholder approach is not only crucial for the completion of the voluntary national assessment but also for the development of the GDC as a global digital cooperation instrument.

• The unique strength of the indicators lays in its comprehensive and holistic approach as well as its multistakeholder approach, which was outlined by several global experts of the ROAM-X indicators. This approach allows various stakeholders to engage in policy reforms that secure digital cooperation and transformation at regional, national and global levels.

• The update of the indicators was discussed for the framework to reflect emerging digital trends and challenges including climate, energies and environment, fostering green digital transformation and meaningful connectivity.

**Actionable plan**

• Build capacity for more Member States to apply ROAM-X framework to assess national Internet development

• Update ROAM-X framework to adapt to the rapid technological development

**Suggestions for thematic aspects that might be included in the WSIS Forum 2024 (WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event)**

• Open data and privacy during AI and digital development

• Environment: What is the Internet contribution to climate change? How can actors in Internet Governance make a concrete change in implementing concrete policies for change such as reducing their carbon footprint or adopting green computing?

• Disinformation and misinformation

• E-health: How to prevent e-health from infringing privacy rights?

• Cross-cutting issues: How to improve the protection of women and children’s rights online? How to promote gender equality on the Internet and the media?