



Session Outcome Document

Summary of Session: Safe Play in the Digital Age: child online safety and sports

ITU and Scort Foundation

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Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- Relevance of online safety in sports from the perspective of children and actors in the field.
- Need for prioritization of online safety for children in sports.
- Experiences of implementing child online safety measures in sports and key lessons learnt.
- Collaborative approaches and strategies across sectors to promote child online safety in sports among the UN bodies, sports organizations, and NGOs.
- Utilization of sporting activities in promoting digital skills development among children

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 (5-8 bullets)

- The WSIS ACTION Lines have helped in creating an understanding of the role of ICTs, digital media in achievement of the sustainable development goals. In addition to development of strategies to promote online safety for young people.
- One key emerging trend is the focus on bridging existing digital divides to promote inclusive interconnectedness globally and digital rights especially for young people.
- The utilization of the WSIS Forum by different stakeholders from UN, academia, non-governmental organizations, and governments globally has been crucial in the implementation of the WSIS action lines.
- The translation of the call to actions into practice and collaborative engagement in interventions by the different stakeholders is still a challenge when it comes to WSIS action lines implementation.

Tangible outcomes (such as key achievements, announcements, launches, agreements, and commitments (3-5 bullet points))

- commitment to incorporate safeguarding through technology in policy and legal frameworks.
- Developing national policies, legislations and interventions aimed at online safety promotion.
- Launch of the policy brief on child online safety in sports by scort and ITU.

Actionable plan (2-5 points)

- Need for regional dialogues and collaborative action in promotion of online safety for children.
- Need for coordination, collaboration by the different stakeholders and child participation in issues on online safety in sports for children.
- Need for massive awareness creation on online safety for children and the different strategies in which this can be promoted.

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

- WSIS Forum 2024 High level event session should also put emphasis on child online safety due to the rapid technological advancements taking place and increased children use of the digital media in their day to day lives. This should focus on discussing the digital divide among young people, bridging the existing digital divide in terms of gender digital divide and geographical locations.