

## Session Outcome Document

Strengthening global cooperation in ICT for peace, security, ethical AI, revenue, governance, and the betterment of humanity in life and the afterlife promotes sustainable development and social progress.

From Ethical AI to Digital Peace: A Vision for Inclusive, Secure, and Values-Based ICT Development

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### Panelists:

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04. Engr. Selim Mahmud, Manager, BRAC Bank PLC, Bangladesh
05. Dr. Md M. Islam Bulbul, Program Manager, NNS at Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh.

### Topics:

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**Artificial Intelligence, Big Data. Capacity Building, Cybersecurity. Digital Divide, Digital Economy, Digital Skills, Digital Transformation, Education,**

## **Emerging Technologies, Ethics, Global Digital Compact (GDC), Health Infrastructure, Machine Learning, Smart Cities, WSIS+20 Review.**

### **WSIS Action Lines:**

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- C1. The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
- C2. Information and communication infrastructure
- C3. Access to information and knowledge
- C4. Capacity building
- C5. Building confidence and security in use of ICTs
- C7. ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life — E-government
- C7. ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life — E-business
- C7. ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life — E-health
- C7. ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life — E-science
- C8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- C10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society
- C11. International and regional cooperation

### **Session Focused:**

- C1: Multi-stakeholder engagement through ethical ICT policies.
- C2: Infrastructure reforms supporting Sustainable Smart Bangladesh vision.
- C3: Open access systems (e.g., e-services, Nothi, RMS, etc.).
- C4: Training public sector professionals in secure ICT use.
- C5: Cybersecurity risk management systems and public sector digital hygiene.
- C6: Legal and policy frameworks for responsible innovation.
- C7: Integration of ICT in governance, economy, education, health, and agriculture.
- C8: Inclusion of cultural values and spiritual ethics in content development.
- C10: Emphasis on moral frameworks in digital systems and AI design.
- C11: Regional/international ICT partnerships and digital diplomacy.

### **Sustainable Development Goals:**

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- Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all
- Goal 8: Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all

- Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies
- Goal 17: Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

**This session supports:**

Goal 4, 8, 9, 16, and 17, by promoting ICT education, digital job creation, resilient governance, and ethical AI cooperation;

Goal 10 and 11, through addressing digital inequality and building safe digital urban governance;

Goal 13 and 12, by examining digital sustainability and green ICT policies. It also fosters a human-centric model of development aligned with faith-based values and a commitment to long-term peace.

**GDC Objectives:**

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- Objective 1: Close all digital divides and accelerate progress across the Sustainable Development Goals
  - Objective 2: Expand inclusion in and benefits from the digital economy for all
  - Objective 3: Foster an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that respects, protects and promotes human rights
  - Objective 4: Advance responsible, equitable and interoperable data governance approaches
  - Objective 5: Enhance international governance of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity.

**Key Issues Discussed: Looking Beyond 2025:**

- Bangladesh's journey toward 'Sustainable Smart Bangladesh 2041' highlights the role of ICT in inclusive governance and peacebuilding.
- Emerging consensus on embedding ethics and spiritual values in AI and digital governance.
- The need to secure national digital infrastructures and ensure data sovereignty in the face of rising global cyber threats.
- Spiritual accountability and moral responsibility discussed for the first time in WSIS history as a guiding policy lens.
- Challenges of digital inequality, polarization, and AI misuse remain unresolved

and urgent.

- Growing demand for global ethical frameworks for AI, reflecting justice, human dignity, and inclusive progress.
- South-South and multistakeholder collaboration recognized as a foundation for resilient and values-driven digital futures.
- Case studies from Bangladesh (Nothi, RMS, and etc.) presented as success stories of citizen-centric digital transformation.

### **Tangible Outcomes of the Session:**

- Highlighted ethical, spiritual, and inclusive principles as pillars of ICT governance beyond 2025.
- Bangladesh's national platforms (Nothi, RMS, and etc.) showcased as replicable models of trust-based digital services.
- Initiated multistakeholder dialogue on incorporating faith-aligned perspectives into global ICT policies.
- Commitment to promote spiritually aware digital literacy and curriculum reform in ICT education.

### **Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Action Plan for WSIS+20 Review and Beyond:**

- Integrate ethical and spiritual dimensions into national digital strategies, ensuring technology serves moral and social good.
- Develop a Global Ethical AI Framework to guide responsible, inclusive, and human-centric digital innovation.
- Encourage South-South cooperation to amplify diverse values and best practices in digital transformation.
- Ensure active participation of faith-aligned and culturally diverse communities in WSIS-related policymaking and review processes.
- Promote global ICT policies that prevent digital authoritarianism and support peace, justice, and inclusive development.

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