



Session Outcome Document

Digital and New Emerging Technologies Impact Group: Advancing Equity in the Digital Era

ITU, International Gender Champions

July 7, 15.00 to 15.45 CET

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Key Issues discussed: Looking Beyond 2025 (5–8 bullet points highlighting achievements, emerging trends, challenges in 20 years, figures, success stories and opportunities for WSIS beyond 2025)

- The International Gender Champions are celebrating their 10-year anniversary in 2025, with one of its most recent achievements being the foundation of a new Digital and New Emerging Technologies Impact Group;
- While digital transformation bears vast potential to advance gender equality, the digital gender divide, persistent stereotypes, and technology-facilitated violence threaten to exacerbate existing inequalities;
- Capacity-building is a crucial element of access to digital technology for women and girls;
- There is a need to strengthen the WSIS Action Lines to deliver concrete gender equality outcomes, either by applying a gender lens to existing Action Lines, or creating a new standalone Action Line on gender equality.

Tangible Outcomes of the session

- Agreeing on a need to continue including a gendered lens in future WSIS processes;
- Ensuring meaningful participation for women within digital multistakeholder governance;
- Moving forward with concrete commitments on gender equality that make an impact.

Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Action Plan for the WSIS+20 Review and Beyond (2–5 bullet points presenting concrete actions and guidance to inform the WSIS+20 Review by UNGA and build the multistakeholder vision of WSIS beyond 2025)

- Including a focus on digital gender mainstreaming at WSIS, beginning by using language from the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future adopted text as a reference.
- Supporting the adoption of a separate WSIS Gender Action Line.