**Session Outcome Document**

(*2 pages max*)

 **[WSIS+20 High-Level Dialogue: Youth Track – Digital Changemakers: Youth-Driven Innovation for Community Impact]**

**[International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – Youth Special Track, in collaboration with the ITU Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Board]**

**[Monday, 7 July 2025 | 14:00–15:00 CEST]**

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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 session emphasized that meaningful youth engagement is not just about "having a seat at the table" but about having a **real voice and agency** in digital policy-making processes.
* Speakers underscored the **need to redesign institutional systems** to ensure **genuine intergenerational collaboration**, built on mutual respect and shared responsibilities.
* A recurring theme was the importance of fostering **empathy, trust, and shared values** across generations to ensure inclusive digital transformation.
* The dialogue highlighted how youth bring **energy, curiosity, and a questioning mindset**, critical for responsible innovation and systemic change.
* The lack of **sustainable funding mechanisms** for youth-led digital initiatives was identified as a major challenge; participants called for targeted support.

**Tangible Outcomes of the session**

* The session formally captured youth input to feed into the **WSIS+20 Youth Outcome Report**, supporting the review process toward the UN General Assembly.
* The session served as a platform for young leaders to commit to **strengthening regional cooperation**, especially through local SDG-focused digital actions.
* Initiatives mentioned during the panel will be **spotlighted at the WSIS Youth Outcome Session and in the closing report**, amplifying youth-driven efforts globally.

**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)

* **Institutionalize youth engagement as a permanent, co-decision-making role within WSIS and digital transformation frameworks.**
* **Establish targeted funding, mentorship, and capacity-building mechanisms to support youth-led digital solutions.**
* **Promote a culture of empathy, transparency, and shared purpose in intergenerational collaboration, aligned with common values.**