

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.

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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) 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.