**Session Outcome Document**

(*2 pages max*)

 **[Youth contributing to digital and outcomes of the special track]**

**[WSIS]**

**[17:00-17:45, 7 July]**

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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)

* This outcome session consolidated key messages and insights from the seven Youth Special Track sessions held earlier in the day, creating a shared space for reflection and intergenerational dialogue.
* Discussions underscored the transformative potential of AI and digital technologies in advancing inclusive education, digital rights, and youth-led innovation.
* Participants reiterated the call for WSIS to strengthen partnerships with local organizations and develop grassroots outreach strategies to extend its reach.
* Emerging topics centering on data gaps, ethical risks, workforce disruption, and environmental costs have also been addressed and discussed by speakers.

**Tangible Outcomes of the session**

* key achievements

The session successfully brought together youth leaders and WSIS stakeholders to reflect on lessons learned and translate youth priorities into policy-oriented outputs. The active involvement of approximately 280 youth participants throughout the day showcased the potential of youth-led engagement at the WSIS High-Level Event.

* announcements/launch during the session

The session marked the presentation of the WSIS+20 Youth Outcome Report, which synthesizes the key recommendations and declarations from the Youth Special Track sessions. This report will inform the UNGA-led WSIS+20 Review process.

* agreements/commitments as an outcome of the session

Youth participants committed to continuing regional follow-up activities, awareness-raising campaigns, and institutional engagement to amplify the WSIS vision among their communities. Many also expressed intent to contribute to the dissemination of WSIS outcomes through academic, civil society, and digital platforms.

**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 Participation**: Create permanent youth representation within WSIS governance structures, including Youth Co-Chairs, Rapporteurs, and a formal WSIS Youth Track.
* **Launch a WSIS Youth Program**: Establish a multi-year global initiative to train, mentor, and involve youth in shaping digital policy, grounded in Action Lines C3, C4, and C7.
* **Recognize Internet Access as a Right**: Embed universal connectivity and digital equity as human rights within the WSIS framework to ensure equitable participation.
* **Promote Ethical AI & Accountability & Local Inclusion**: Strengthen WSIS’s role in guiding AI governance rooted in ethical principles, sustainability performance and local knowledge, especially for underrepresented regions.
* **Enhance Grassroots Engagement**: Partner with local organizations to increase visibility and accessibility of WSIS processes, particularly in countries with limited digital participation.