



Session Outcome Document

Young Professionals - Enhancing Your Career Skills in the Internet Governance Space

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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)

- Careers in Internet Governance often begin unintentionally, making them difficult to plan in advance
- Passion, strong communication skills, and curiosity should guide young people in this field
- Diverse backgrounds are not only welcome but essential to enriching the community
- Young people face invisible barriers that must be addressed through systemic change
- Youth are the future of the Internet, and their active involvement is crucial for a sustainable Internet Governance ecosystem

Tangible Outcomes of the session

- Active participation in local IGFs provides valuable insights into diverse stakeholder perspectives and enables direct influence on Internet governance processes
- Young participants are encouraged to confidently engage with established members of the community
- Peer support among young people is essential to building a resilient and inclusive youth presence in Internet Governance

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)

- Capacity-building programs tailored to young people should be expanded and adequately funded to empower the next generation of digital leaders
- Existing barriers to youth participation including lack of access, funding, and visibility must be addressed through institutional commitment and accountability.