



Session Outcome Document

AI for Digital Inclusive Development – The Role of New Technology in Fuelling Accessible Innovation and Promoting Inclusive Environments / Bridging Knowledge Gaps – An AI Governance Tool for Global Information Societies

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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)

- **Challenge:** The Widening ‘Interpretative Gap’: The next 20 years will see an exponential increase in the complexity of AI systems, creating a critical "interpretative gap" where users lack the cognitive tools to understand or contest the technologies shaping their lives. This asymmetry fundamentally challenges digital citizenship and human agency.
- **Emerging Trend:** The Need for ‘Digital Hermeneutic Justice’: As a response, a new human-centric paradigm is emerging. This goes beyond technical fixes to demand shared interpretative resources, ensuring that all individuals, especially in the Global South, can make sense of their digital experiences and participate meaningfully in the Information Society.
- **Challenge for the Next 20 Years:** A New ‘Algorithmic Illiteracy’: The over-reliance on AI for judgment and reflection is fostering a new form of illiteracy—the inability to think critically without algorithmic mediation. Countering this will be a central educational and societal challenge for the WSIS process.
- **Opportunity:** The Shift from Opaque Contracts to Transparent Communication: The era of incomprehensible "Terms of Use" is unsustainable. The future lies in standardized, human-readable risk communication. The "AI Risk Nutrition Label System" is a success story in the making, showing a practical path to democratize understanding and empower informed consent.
- **Emerging Trend:** Globally Interoperable Governance: To avoid a fragmented digital world, there is a clear trend towards interoperable governance frameworks. Grounding new proposals, like the AI Risk Label, in robust existing regulations (e.g., the EU AI Act) provides a blueprint for creating legally sound, globally applicable standards.
- **Opportunity for WSIS Beyond 2025:** Fostering Human-First AI Governance: The true challenge is not perfecting AI models, but agreeing on the ethical ends they serve. WSIS is uniquely positioned to lead a global dialogue that moves from a technology-first to a human-first approach, prioritizing collective deliberation on values and normative frameworks.

Tangible Outcomes of the session

- key achievements
 - Successfully introduced the concept of ‘Digital Hermeneutic Justice’ as a novel and critical framework for understanding and addressing the core human-centric challenges of the AI era.
 - Presented a concrete, actionable governance tool designed to bridge the interpretative gap between AI developers and users, empowering communities and fostering cognitive justice.
- announcements/launch during the session
 - Official launch of the ‘AI Risk Nutrition Label System’ proposal—an innovative, two-tiered governance framework designed to provide transparent, standardized, and accessible information about AI risks. It includes a detailed AI Risk Panel for technical stakeholders and intuitive AI Risk Labels for the general public.
- agreements/commitments as an outcome of the session
 - A call to action for a multistakeholder coalition of governments along with ELA-IA, civil society organizations, and academic institutions to commit to the further development and pilot implementation of the AI Risk Nutrition Label System. **The session seeks a commitment to secure funding and collaborative resources to transform this proposal into a globally recognized and operational standard for ethical and accountable AI.**

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)

- **Prioritize Human-Centric Transparency Mechanisms.** The WSIS+20 Review should formally recommend that all future digital governance frameworks adopt standardized, human-readable transparency mechanisms, such as risk labeling systems, as a core principle to empower users and ensure accountability.
- **Integrate ‘Digital Hermeneutic Justice’ as a Core Principle.** We recommend that the WSIS+20 Review and the vision beyond 2025 integrate the principle of ‘Digital Hermeneutic Justice,’ recognizing that equitable access to information is insufficient without the collective cognitive resources needed to interpret and act upon it.
- **Establish a Multistakeholder Working Group on Interpretative Equity.** Launch a dedicated WSIS working group focused on ‘Interpretative Equity and Algorithmic Literacy’ to support South-South collaboration in developing and sharing governance models and educational tools that restore human agency in the algorithmic age.
- **Create Funding Mechanisms for Public-Interest Governance Tools.** Recommend that UNGA and associated bodies establish dedicated financial mechanisms to support the development, scaling, and adoption of non-commercial, public-interest AI governance solutions, **particularly those originating from the Global South**, to ensure a diverse and equitable ecosystem of tools.