



Session Outcome Document

Revamping Decision-Making in Digital Governance and the WSIS Framework

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Key Issues discussed: Looking Beyond 2025

- There is an understanding that the WSIS Action Lines are technology-agnostic and stood the test of time.
- To implement the Action Lines and address the emergence of new technologies and the challenges that arise with them, it is necessary to put some adaptive lenses to the already existing framework and consider the GDC and SDGs commitments, as well as to bring more diversity and inclusion and national contexts to the process. The São Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines were mentioned several times as a good starting point for such inclusion.
- It is important to understand the differences between the WSIS Forum (which attracts more practitioners, along the Action Lines) and the IGF (which attracts more policy debates). Their works and outcomes, however, should be complementary and harmonized.
- Among the gaps of the WSIS framework, a lack of diversity in communities and issues represented and a lack of collaboration with other Internet governance processes were mentioned. It is important to maximize the voices in both the WSIS Forum and the IGF, not as mere beneficiaries of the outcomes, but as their co-creators.
- A consensus from the session was the need to strengthen the IGF. The actions mentioned to this end were: a permanent or long-term mandate, since a multi-year strategic planning is required; the conduction of self-evaluations; a result-oriented management; the utilization of its outcomes to inform decision-making in other spaces; the strengthening of the governance network at the local level (for instance, the work of the NRIs); a more robust and sustainable funding; and better coordination mechanisms. It is also relevant to actively keep all stakeholders engaged in the Internet Governance processes.

Tangible Outcomes of the session

- Recommendations on the improvement of the WSIS framework and on the strengthening of its various components, including the IGF, which should be taken into account by the WSIS+20 review process.

Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Action Plan for the WSIS+20 Review and Beyond

- The WSIS framework should have better coordination mechanisms, which help integrate its various components. Such mechanisms should be instrumental for a tighter integration between the IGF and the WSIS Forum, exploring their complementarity and avoiding duplications.
- The GDC and SDGs commitments should be considered as part of the implementation of the WSIS framework, so as to explore synergies, achieve harmonized solutions, and avoid duplications, especially in a situation of UN budget restrictions.
- The São Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines should be used as a golden standard in the operation of all components of the WSIS framework.
- The IGF needs to be strengthened along various dimensions, inter alia the Secretariat, the intersessional work, the integration with other decision-making bodies, and more targeted and tangible outcomes. The IGF also needs a permanent or long-term mandate and a sustainable funding, combining UN and voluntary funds for instance.
- The local actions also play an important role in the Internet and digital governance as a whole. In this sense, NRIs must be recognized as a vital component of the WSIS architecture, as they are an invaluable mechanism for integrating local, regional and global policy discussions.