



Session Outcome Document

Centering People and Planet in the WSIS+20 and beyond

Global Digital Justice Forum, IT for Change and Association for Progressive Communications

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Key Issues discussed: Looking Beyond 2025

- Need for inclusive multilateralism with greater participation from the Global South in creating supportive regulatory environments and updating rules and norms in non-digital areas for the digital context for inclusive digital transformation
- Going beyond securitization as a core value in cooperation, and a need for a broader set of values - knowledge sharing, diverse economic models, and human rights, to shape global digital cooperation
- Need for deepening multistakeholderism at the regional/ national/ local levels, beyond Big Tech and the private sector, through greater balance and diversity of actors, avenues for border engagement, and greater accessibility of discussions
- The need to counter the false dichotomy between human rights and innovation, and a need for human rights fit for the digital age
- Need for concerted action on financing mechanisms and a just international economic order to address digital inequalities in the digital development debate

Tangible Outcomes of the session

- Key achievements
 - A focused dialogue on the central aspect of the WSIS; viz, development justice.

- Wide-ranging perspectives from Action Line holders, country representatives from the Global North and South, the tech community, and civil society with cutting-edge ideas for future action at the international and national levels
- Participation and active engagement of WSIS+20 Review co-facilitator with the session proceedings.
- Announcements/launch during the session
 - Presentation of the Global Digital Justice Forum's (GDJF) Call to Action for WSIS+20 and Beyond outlining the imperatives for global digital cooperation to deliver on four critical agendas: (i) Human rights adequate to the digital paradigm; (ii) The internet as a global communications commons; (iii) A just international economic order based on the principle of digital non-alignment; and (iv) A sustainable digital transition that safeguards the human rights of future generations.
 - Launch of the GDJF's Campaign for Fiscal Justice, emphasizing digital development taxes, tackling corporate tax evasion, and alternative financing for digital inclusion.
- Agreements/commitments as an outcome of the session
 - Strong support for attention to financing mechanisms - (with ideas such as a Working Group on the issue) at the WSIS+20 Review, as well as commitment to rethinking official development assistance, and global tax cooperation.
 - Broad-based support for strengthening real diversity in digital governance

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

- Mandate at the end of the WSIS+20 review, a new working group on financing, for exploring public financing mechanisms, and not just limited to market mechanisms.
- A commitment towards stronger international action to tackle tax evasion in the context of virtualized business operations
- Follow-up mechanisms for continued international cooperation and coordination on data policy frameworks after the CSTD's working group presents its report in the 81st General Assembly
- Frameworks that allow for empowerment and access to technology, data, and strengthened open source tools and standards to support broad-based innovation.

- Acknowledging the need to update international rules in non-digital arenas for the digital context, including intellectual property
- Strengthening real diversity and participation of the Global South in digital cooperation and maintaining the WSIS Process and deepening participation, especially at the regional level.