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their efforts in 2014 to implement the outcome of the WSIS**

Submission by

The World Bank

This submission was prepared as an input to the report of the UN Secretary-General on "Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels" (to the 18th session of the CSTD), in response to the request by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2006/46, to the UN Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS as part of his annual reporting to the Commission.

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Contribution from the World Bank to the SG report

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The World Bank has been supporting the ICT sector in developing countries by providing governments with loans, credits, grants and other financial instruments. The Bank has been focusing on the development of the enabling environment for the growth of ICT related services, infrastructure, and industries. When relevant and needed, the WBG has invested in broadband infrastructure development under PPP financing models to allow regional connectivity and universal access to communications, for populations especially in rural / poor areas. On the private sector side, IFC has been directly investing in operators, in mobile communications, carriers, Internet service providers and IT enabled services, globally

The World Bank has been supporting the WSIS process by contributing to the WSIS conferences and meetings, contributing to the Partnership on measuring information society, and being a steady partner and/or participant in ITU conferences and Broadband commission meetings.

This year's World Development Report is focused on the Internet and its impact on development. The authors' team has been in deep consultation and dialogue with key stakeholders of the WSIS process.

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