



CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation 1st Meeting

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CSTD WG on Enhanced Cooperation

Mandate: UNGA Resolution A/Res/67/195 (2012)

- “invites the Chair of CSTD to establish a working group on enhanced cooperation to examine the mandate of WSIS regarding EC , through seeking, compiling and reviewing inputs from all Member States and all other stakeholders, and to make recommendations on how to fully implement this mandate;”
- report to CSTD in 2014



Enhanced Cooperation - Tunis Agenda

- 69.** We further recognize the need for EC in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters, that do not impact on international public policy issues.
- 71.** The process towards EC, to be started by the UN SG, involving all relevant organizations by the end of the first quarter of 2006, will involve all stakeholders in their respective roles, will proceed as quickly as possible consistent with legal process, and will be responsive to innovation. Relevant organizations should commence a process towards enhanced cooperation involving all stakeholders, proceeding as quickly as possible and responsive to innovation. The same relevant organizations shall be requested to provide annual performance reports.



Background - EC Consultations

- 2006 - Nitin Desai, UN SG Special Adviser – [Informal consultations](#) – No agreement
- 2008 - [UNSG invited 10 organizations to report on EC progress](#)
- 2010 – UN USG convened a multi-stakeholder consultation ([statements](#), [written contributions](#), [UN SG report](#))
- 2012 – UNCSTD Chair conducted a multi-stakeholder consultation ([Summary report](#))



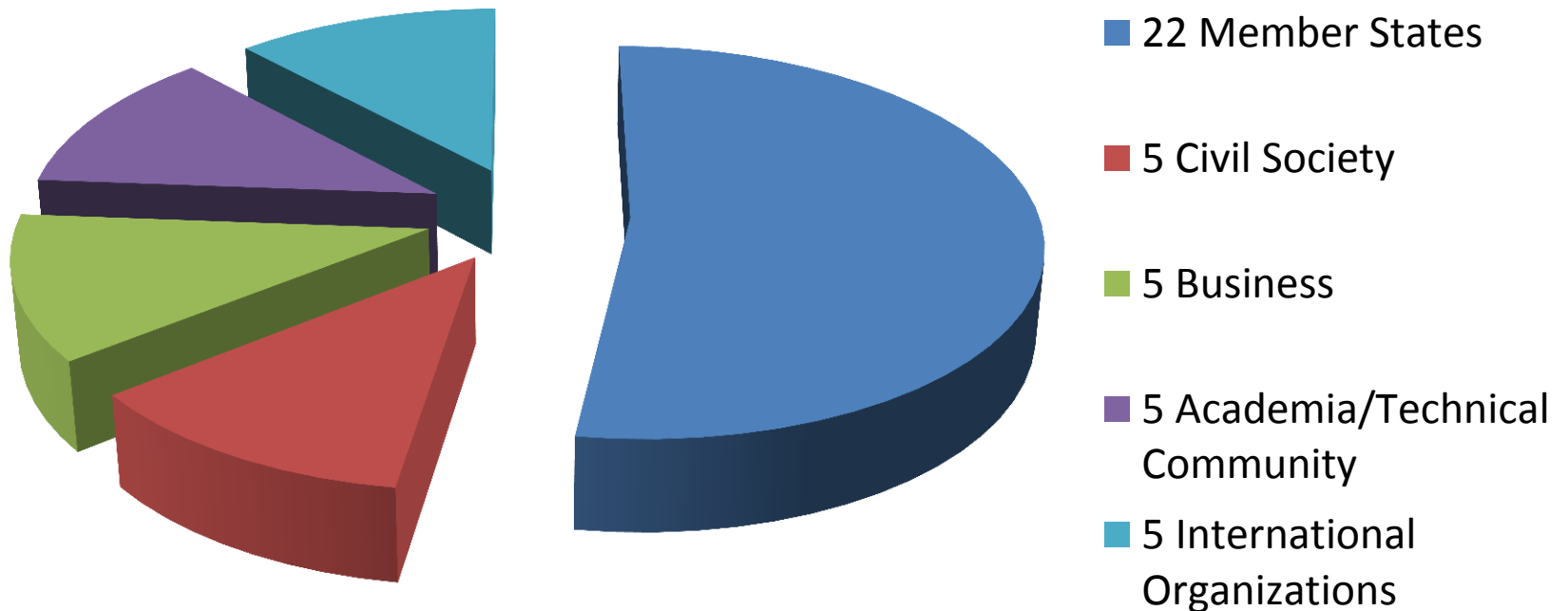
Establishment of the Working Group

- January 2013 – Inter-sessional Meeting of CSTD in Lima
- Consultation on the structure of WGEC
- Proposal of UNCSTD Chair on the structure and modalities of selection of participants
- The participants of inter-sessional meeting took note of the way forward



Structure of WGEC

Multi-stakeholder Model





WGEC Preparation

- Final Composition - end of March 2013
http://unctad.org/Sections/un_cstd/docs/cstd_2013d04_Membership.pdf
- Nomination of the Chair of WGEC
- Informal preliminary consultations – goal to:
 - identify relevant documents sent to WG
 - establish shopping list topics related to EC
 - discuss modalities of the meetings



WGEC Preliminary Consultations

- Define objectives based on WSIS Tunis Agenda and relevant UN Resolutions
- Relevant documents:
 - 2006 - Report of Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor of UNSG
 - 2008 – UNSG Report on EC Progress
 - 2010 – UN USG Report on Open Consultation
 - 2012 - CSTD Chair’s Report on Open Consultation & Transcripts of the meeting
- Identify topics related to EC based on contributions to CSTD Open Consultation, May 18 , 2012 Geneva
- Discuss modalities of the meetings



WGEC Suggested Working Modalities

- Compliance with the mandate
- Multi-stakeholder approach/mutual trust
- Results based on consensus
- Observers - ECOSOC rules apply - agreement from WG
- Constraints (time, resources, venue, etc.)
- Information sharing with stakeholders



WGEC Suggested Schedule

- Physical meetings in Geneva:
 - 1st meeting: 30 May (P.M)-31 May 2013
- Further meetings (3 days each)
 - 1-2 meetings in 2013
 - 1 meeting in 2014 (February 2014)
- Chair's report & recommendations:
 - end of February/ beginning of March 2014



Suggested Agenda of the 1st Meeting

- Agree on agenda and procedural questions
- Agree on method to seek input - questionnaire
- Identify topics/categories
- Formulate questions
- Decide on date of next meeting



WGEC 1st Meeting

- Long discussion on Agenda
- Decision on procedural issues
- 2 breakout groups – led by Brazil and India identified categories – suggested questions
- Plenary - finalized questionnaire based on results of breakout groups
- Decided on next steps



Results of the WGEC 1st Meeting

- Excellent collaboration of participants
- Agreed on modalities of the meeting
 - audio recording /streaming
 - transcript
 - observers' participation
- Drafted simple questionnaire
 - In accordance with UNGA resolution
 - Formulated questions on agreed topics based on WSIS Tunis Agenda



The questionnaire

- 18 questions including
 - 1 question about stakeholder
 - 1 question for comments, additional topics
- Reflects consensus of the Working Group on topics of relevance to Enhanced Cooperation
- To be formatted shortly and sent to participants of the Working Group



Next steps

- Suggested time-frame:
 - Secretariat sends out questionnaire to stakeholders - 31.06.2013
 - Responses to questionnaire from stakeholders - 31.07.2013
 - Compilation of responses : 15.10.2013
 - Summary of responses: 30.10.2013
- Second meeting - 6-8 November 2013, Geneva



Funding

UNGA Resolution A/Res/67/195 (2012)

22. *Urges the international community in this regard to make voluntary contributions to the special trust fund established by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to support the review and assessment work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development regarding follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society;*



Q & A

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