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WSIS+10 review event at UNESCO

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1) UNGIS: WSIS+10 Review Action Plan (2012):

☑ UNESCO 2013 WSIS+10 review conference

- 25-27 February 2013, Paris, UNESCO HQ

•ITU 2014 WSIS+10 review conference

- 14-18 April 2014, Egypt

•UNGA 2015 WSIS review meeting

- Modalities to be adopted by UNGA (2013)

2) Decision of the UNESCO 36th General Conference in 2011

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Event in figures:

- 1400+ participants from all stakeholder groups
- 130 countries represented
- 800+ participants joined remotely
- 83 sessions in total

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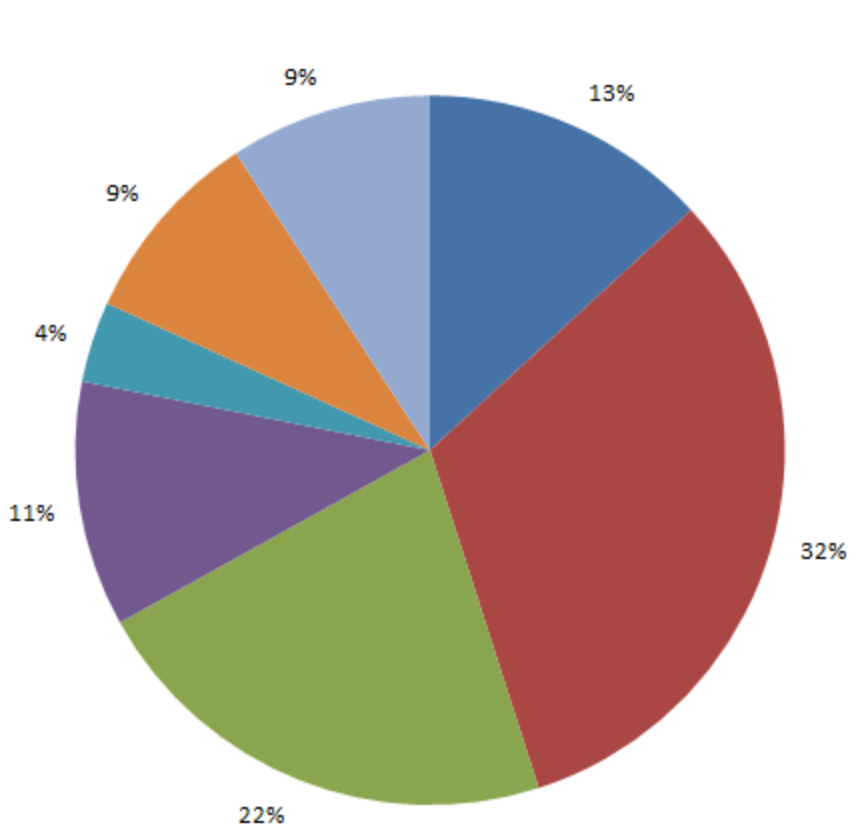
Participants



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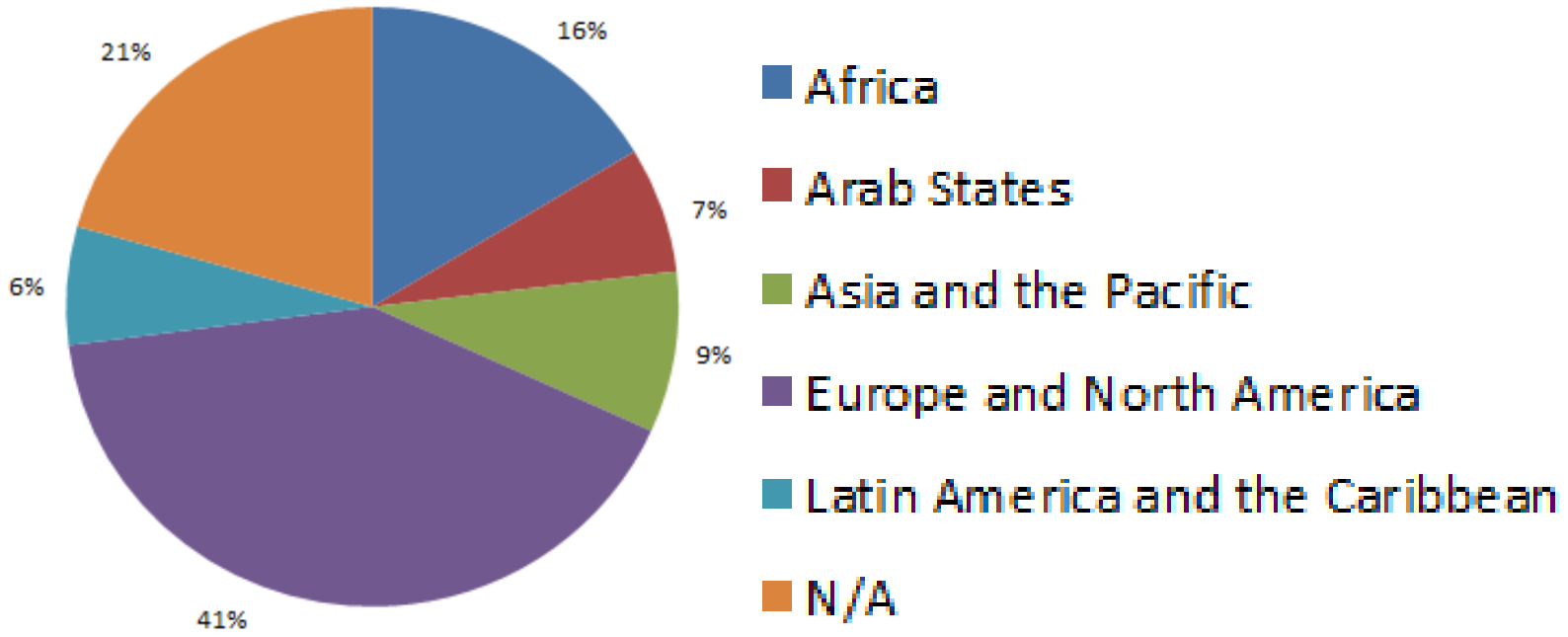
Geographical distribution



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Aim of the event:

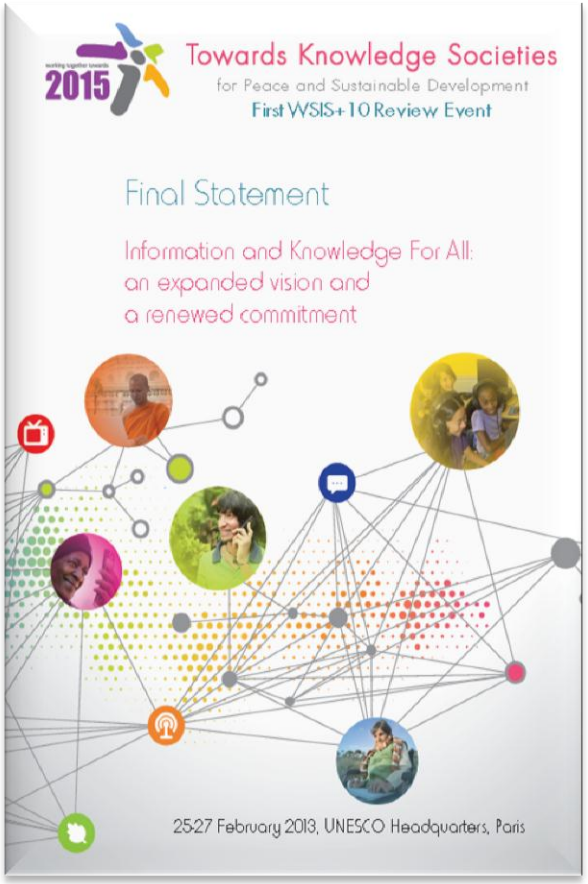
Analyse and learn from the past, but concentrate on the present and the future;

- Emphasize the human impact rather than just technological advancement;
- Focus on assessing the diverse players' action and their impact

- 7 working papers were prepared to inform the debate
- WSIS+10 *Final Statement was* developed by a multistakeholder open-ended drafting group, and was adopted by consensus (E/CN/16/2013/CRP.2)
- A compilation of recommendations from all workshops is available on-line

Review outcomes of the Paris meeting will be fed into:

- the WSIS review process (CSTD, ITU, ECOSOC, GA)
- UNESCO's General Conference



Main conclusions:

- The same principles of freedom of expression should apply online and off-line
- Freedom of, as well as on, the Internet should be preserved
- Multi-stakeholder process has proven its efficiency
- Knowledge societies concept introduced in 2003 is very valid today

Main conclusions (cont.):

- Digital divide still exists but has changed in character
- ICTs as enabler of development should find a suitable place in post 2015 sustainable development agenda
- Accessibility and affordability of broadband are important for development

Main conclusions (cont):

- Ethical challenges of emerging technologies require further international and interdisciplinary refection and debates
- Media and information literacy are important skills to develop
- IGF has become important platform for multistakeholder engagement

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- Tunis Agenda intended to link WSIS and MDG review outcomes
  - to ensure that ICTs as enabler of development should find a suitable place in post 2015 sustainable development agenda
- UNGA will decide on the modalities of the WSIS review at its 2013 session
- Calendar issue – WSIS review should precede the MDG review formal outcome

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