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Ten-year review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes

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Ten-year Review of Progress Made in the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

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Outline of the presentation

1. **Mandate from ECOSOC resolutions;**

2. **Collection of inputs and information for the review;**

3. **Draft report prepared by the secretariat**
   - Structure of the report
   - Key points regarding the ICT landscape and the Information
     Society since WSIS;
   - Achievements
   - Challenges in the implementation;
   - Summary and suggestions

4. **Next**

1. Mandate

1ˢᵗ "…to invite further inputs from Member States and all facilitators and stakeholders and …

2ⁿᵈ … to organize, during its 18th session, in 2015, a substantive discussion on the 10-year review report on the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit and..

3ʳᵈ … to report thereon, through the Council, to the General Assembly as it makes an overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit in 2015."

E/2014/27 – para 57

2. Collection of inputs

Open invitation for written contributions:

- On-line questionnaire

- 96 contributions (http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD/WSIS-10yearReview.aspx)

Face to face consultations in:

- 7 open consultations;

- Organized in collaboration with UN regional Commissions and other bodies (IGF, WITSA)

Other related outcomes and inputs:

- WSIS+10 HLE (ITU coordinated);

- UNESCO's WSIS+10 review meeting;

- Partnership on Measuring ICT for Dev; Other

- **Summary of evidence concerning WSIS outcomes and the development of Information Society.**

- **Draft version: CSTD Intersessional panel, 26-28 November 2014.**

- **Final version to be ready for the 18th session of the Commission, 4-8 May 2015.**

3. Draft report : structure

- **Following the WSIS Outcome Documents**
- **Eight Chapters :**

    1. **Introduction**
    2. **Implementing the WSIS Vision**
    3. **Implementing the WSIS Targets**
    4. **The Development of ICT Technology and Services**
    5. **Implementing the WSIS Action Lines**
    6. **Financial Mechanisms for the Information Society**
    7. **Internet Governance**
    8. **Summary and recommendations**

    Annex: Multistakeholder Implementation

3. Draft report : some key points (1)

Key points as regards the ICT landscape and the Information Society since WSIS:

- **ICTs reach much more extensively throughout society and human activity today than they did at the time of WSIS**

- **Major changes have taken place in ICT technology and markets, including:**
  - **mass market mobile telephony and mobile internet**
  - **social media and user-generated content**
  - **broadband deployment**
  - **cloud computing and smart systems**
  - **big data and the Internet of Things**

- **These have had profound impacts on development – but also raised new challenges**

- **Most people now have access to basic ICTs and make use of mobile phones**

- **About 40% of the world's population makes use of the Internet**

- **People have used ICTs to open up new opportunities and play a bigger part in their communities**

- **Governments have made use of ICTs to address health, education and economic growth**

- **Investment from private sector: high, but revival of public involvement**

- **Investment not only in infrastructure but also in content, capacity building**

- **The development in technology and services have transformed the potential scope for implementation of WSIS outcomes since the Summit**

- **«These trends are critical to understand the implementation of WSIS outcomes since the Summit, and the relationship between the Information Society and the post 2015 Development Agenda».**

- **They have led to new policy challenges**

  The rapid evolution of the information society, in particular the scope and reach of ICTs, have changed the parameters for the implementation of the WSIS outcomes.

3. Draft report

Achievements in the implementation:

- Many of the WSIS targets have been achieved, and set the platform for future growth. But there are still substantial gaps.

- There is growing positive experience in the use of ICTs in development, but still variations in the extent to which countries and communities have been able to take advantage of them

- The WSIS Forum and Action Lines have provided a framework for discussion of ICT4D and coordination between stakeholders.
- The actions lines have helped to build a better understanding of the WSIS outcomes, but there are still challenges *(Statement on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes, 2014)*

- Increased emphasis on multistakeholder cooperation

- IGF has become an important annual event in the ICT and Internet calendars

- There are still complex issues of internet governance that need to be resolved.

- **The continuing – and evolving – digital divide, particularly where broadband is concerned**

- **The unpredictability of change, which changes opportunities and raises challenges in areas such as cybersecurity**

- **Mainstreaming ICTs in development and the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

- **The need for better monitoring and measurement of WSIS outcomes and Information Society development**

3. Draft report – some suggestions

Some suggestions concerned with improving the process of WSIIS implementation :

- **Forward-looking targets and improved data gathering and analysis**
- **Focus in Action Lines on new developments in ICTs and on the gender dimension**
- **Integration of WSIS outcomes in UNDAFs and strengthening the work of UNGIS**
- **Renewed attention to financial mechanisms**
- **Achievement of consensus concerning the future of Internet governance**
- **Development of understanding and building on experience of multistakeholder cooperation**

4. Next for the Commission

The 18th session of the Commission;
Outcome of the CSTD review on the progress made in the implementation of WSIS outcomes

ECOSOC in July 2015

General Assembly's Overall Review of the Implementation of WSIS as per UN General Assembly resolution A/68/L.54 from July 2014

Thank you.

For more information, please visit:
http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD/WSIS-
10yearReview.aspx