CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

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Main points

❖ Mandate and process
❖ 1st Meeting
❖ 2nd Meeting
❖ 3rd Meeting
❖ 4th Meeting
❖ Way forward
CSTD WG on Enhanced Cooperation


• “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 on its 17th session
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Structure of WGEC

Multi-stakeholder Model

- 22 Member States
- 5 Civil Society
- 5 Business
- 5 Academia/Technical Community
- 5 International Organizations

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WGEC 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 (streaming, real time transcripts, remote participations)
WGEC meetings

• Physical meetings in Geneva:
  • 1\textsuperscript{st} meeting: 30 May (P.M)-31 May 2013
  • 2\textsuperscript{nd} meeting: 6-8 November 2013
  • 3\textsuperscript{rd} meeting: 24-28 February 2014
  • 4\textsuperscript{th} meeting: 30 April – 2 May 2014
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 questionnaire
  - in accordance with UNGA resolution
  - questions formulated 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
- Open to all stakeholders
- Extended deadline for responses: 17 September 2013
WGEC 2nd Meeting

• Agree on agenda and procedural questions
• Identify topics/categories
• Discuss responses to the questionnaire
• Create rolling document reflecting discussions
• Start drafting of recommendations
• Decide on date of next meeting
Resources for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Meeting

- Questionnaire
- Contributions from the respondents (1000 pages)
  - grouped by respondents
  - grouped by questions
- Contributions submitted after the deadline
- Analysis of the responses – manageable size (25 pages)

Distribution of the respondents

Total number of respondents: 69

29 Governments
23 Civil Society
11 Techn./Academia
8 Business

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Grouping of the responses

A. Replies related to the implementation of the Tunis Agenda (Questions 2 and 3)
B. Replies related to public policy issues and possible mechanisms (Questions 4, 8 and 9)
C. Replies to the role of stakeholders (Questions 5, 6, 7, 14 and 17)
D. Replies to the role of developing countries (Questions 10 and 15)
E. Replies to barriers for participation in enhanced cooperation (Questions 11, 12, 13 and 16)
Results

- Public policy issues - 483 items from questionnaire
- Reduced to 200+
- Goal – to identify gaps for next meeting of WGEC

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Results (cont’d)

• Created correspondence group & agreed on Terms of Reference

• Proposed framework for report and recommendations

• Submitted draft recommendations

• Agreed on 3rd meeting 24 to 28 February 2014
WGEC 3rd Meeting

• Discussion of draft recommendations in group A, B, C and part of D

• Agreed on structure of the report

• Correspondence Group – to continue identifying existing mechanisms and gaps
WGEC 3rd Meeting (cont’d)

• Divergence of opinions
• Chair’s proposal to have 4th Meeting before CSTD 17th Session
• Expected:
  - conclusion of consultation in UN on modalities of WSIS review
  - WSIS+10 MPP
  - NetMundial
Contributions from WGEC members – grouped into four documents:

• statements
• agreed recommendations
• recommendations to be revisited
• no agreement
WGEC 4th Meeting: Resources 2

• Correspondence Group
  - report from the Chair of CG
  - compilation of the contributions

• Transcripts of previous meetings

• WGEC web page:
WGEC 4th Meeting: Resources 3

Agreed Structure of the Report

• Introduction
• Description of the meetings and methodology
• Operationalizing enhanced cooperation – recommendations for the 5 groups:
  A. Implementation of the Tunis Agenda
  B. Public policy issue and possible mechanisms
  C. Role of stakeholders
  D. Developing countries
  E. Barriers for participation in enhanced cooperation

• Conclusion
Work of the 4th meeting

• Discuss draft recommendations in group D and E
• Discuss document from correspondence group (mapping exercise) - 24 areas
• Revisit and discuss recommendations in group A and C
• Divergent views to be included in report as opinions
Information about other events

- Brazil - NetMundial - São Paulo event
- WSIS+10 MPP - preparation of the High level event in the ITU (ITU)
- IGF Secretariat - preparation for 9th IGF in Istanbul
Results of the 4\textsuperscript{th} meeting

- Some agreements – recommendations in group D and E
- Diverging opinions
  enhanced cooperation
  nothing happened $< -- >$ much happened

framework
new body needed $< -- >$ existing ones enough

approach
  multilateral $< -- >$ multi-stakeholder

mapping exercise
  half empty $< -- >$ half full
Results of the 4th meeting (cont’d)

• Revisit draft recommendations in A and B
• In case of agreement on some issues in A and B agreement on majority of issues in C, D and E
• Signs of compromise
• Signs of trust and willingness to have more tangible result

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Chair’s assessment - 1

• WGEC members
  - on the same side but different views
  - for stable, secure and unfragmented Internet

• Recommendations should be sequenced
  What?
  How?
  Who?

• Recommendations should be
  - implementable
  - stable and flexible
Chair’s assessment - 2

- Importance of the topic
- Richness of information and draft recommendations
- Mapping exercise – further analysis needed to identify gaps and existing mechanisms
- What else is needed?
  - Further discussions
  - Will and courage to compromise
  - Identify & formulate opinions in case of differences
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