WSIS+10
HIGH LEVEL EVENT
WSIS+10 High-Level Event
10-13 June 2014
(9 June – Pre-Events)
ITU Headquarters, Geneva
17th Session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Prof. Vladimir Minkin, Chairman of the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform for WSIS+10 High Level Event
The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Outcome Documents and the UN General Assembly Resolution 60/252 resolved to conduct an overall review of the implementation of the Summit outcomes in 2015.

The modalities for the Overall Review were discussed at the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly. Modalities were expected to be finalized by end of March 2014.

Following the guidance of its Membership (PP-10 Resolution 172) ITU initiated coordination process at the UNCEB level leading towards the open consultations on the Overall Review under UNGIS umbrella.
WSIS Overall Review: Background

- **UNGIS Open Consultation** provided input to WSIS Forum 2012 where consensus was developed on the **Action Plan** for WSIS+10 Review, consisting of series of events including:
  - **First WSIS+10 Review Meeting**, which was hosted by UNESCO, co-organized by UNESCO, ITU, UNCTAD, UNDP and was held in Paris in February 2013
  - **WSIS Forum 2013**, and its WSIS+10 Visioning Challenge, which were held in May 2013
  - **ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High Level Event**, which initially was scheduled to be held in April 2014
WSIS Overall Review: Background

• **Government of Egypt** proposed to host the ITU Coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event in Sharm el-Sheikh, in April 2014, which was welcomed by CSTD and later on by ECOSOC in its resolution E/RES/2013/9.

**ITU Council Resolution 1334 (Mod. 2013)** agreed on the format of the event, expected the outcomes, preparatory process and modalities for event. All UN agencies mandated to facilitate implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action agreed to be co-coordinators.

• **Preparatory Process as WSIS+10** Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform started in July 2013 and consists of Six Phases.

• In February 2014 it was decided that the ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High Level Event will be held from **9-13 June 2014 in Geneva**
Council Resolution 1334 (MOD. 2013)
WSIS+10 High Level Event

The WSIS+10 High-Level Event will be an Extended Version of the WSIS Forum

**WSIS+10 High Level Track**
- address the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes related to the WSIS Action Lines under mandates of the participating agencies

**WSIS Forum Track**
- provide a platform for multi-stakeholder coordination of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, with involvement and participation of all WSIS action line facilitators, other UN agencies and all WSIS stakeholders.
WSIS+10 High-Level Event: Expected Outcomes

1) WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

2) WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating agencies
Preparatory Process for WSIS+10 High-Level Event as an extended version of WSIS Forum

Coordination Mechanism of Co-Organizers and WSIS Action Line Facilitators:
ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, WHO, WIPO, DESA, ILO, ITC, UPU, UN Women, UN Regional Commissions, CSTD Secretariat

Open Consultation on Format and Thematic Focus

WSIS+10-MPP to Elaborate Outcome Documents
Preparatory Process
Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform
www.wsis.org/review

• Open and inclusive, multistakeholder consultation process in six phases with engagement of all UN Agencies mandated to facilitate implementation of the WSIS Outcomes
• **Five physical meetings** with remote participation
• Ongoing online consultations based on **formal submissions and online discussions**
• Background and **input documents** for reference
Preparatory Process
(Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform)

- **Phase One:** July 2013 - Initiation of the Open Consultation Process
- **Phase Two:** 7-8 October 2013 - First Physical Meeting
- **Phase Three:** 16-18 December 2013 – Second Physical Meeting
- **Phase Four:** 17-18 February 2014 - Third Physical Meeting: 1st reading of all Action lines completed.
- **Phase Five:** 14-17 April 2014 - Fourth Physical Meeting, ITU Headquarters, Geneva
- **Phase Six:** 28-31 May 2014 - Fifth Physical Meeting (WIPO Conference Room)
- **Briefing:** 19 May 2014 – Geneva (ITU Headquarters and UNESCO Headquarters)
Preparatory Process
Call for Action: Regional Level

• Series of Regional Development Forums (RDF) held back to back with six WTDC-14 Regional Preparatory Meetings provide a platform for collecting regional views on implementation of the WSIS outcomes and WSIS+10.
  – Submitted Reports: Asia-Pacific, Africa, Americas, CIS
  – Inputs to come: Arab States and Europe

• Regional activities, relevant to the WSIS+10 process
  – ECLAC: IV Ministerial Conference (April 2013, Uruguay)
  – UNECA: Workshop on WSIS process (February, Ethiopia)
  – ESCWA/ECA: WSIS+10 Regional Meetings for Arab States (November, Tunisia)
  – ECA: WSIS+10 Regional Meeting for Africa (November, Tunisia)
  – Tunisia: ICT4All Forum and Exhibition (November, Tunisia)
  – Others
Preparatory Process

Link between WSIS and Post 2015 Development Agenda

• Taking into account ongoing dialogue on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (MDG Review Process) and WSIS+10 review process it is important to note the possible interaction between both processes to ensure that efforts across the UN System are coherent, connected and coordinated to achieve maximum, sustainable impact.

• ICTs are key enablers of development, and are critical components of innovative development solutions.

• The recent joint statement of the UN Group on the Information Society on the Post 2015 Development Agenda draws attention to the above and is available at www.ungis.org.
Preparatory Process
First Call for Action

All WSIS Stakeholders
- Written inputs/official submissions
- Participation in all physical meetings and regional forums
- WSIS Stocktaking reporting
- WSIS Project Prizes

Member States
- 10 Years Country Reports
- WSIS Targets Survey

WSIS AL Facilitators
- 10 Years Action Line Reports
Preparatory Process

Call for Action: Open Consultation Process

Invitation letter in 6 UN Languages:
Invitation to Contribute to the Open Consultation Process


• **Input on Form#1:** Inputs towards
  1. Draft WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes
  2. Draft WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of participating agencies

• **Input on Form#2:** Inputs towards Format and Thematic Aspects
WSIS+10 MPP Principles for Developing the Outcome Documents: Statement and Vision

- Focus on the WSIS Action Lines and measurement of their implementation.
- Develop a vision upon existing framework of Action Lines, identifying emerging trends, challenges and priorities for new decade, without making existing framework of Action Lines obsolete.
- Geneva Declaration and Geneva Plan of Action still remain valid until further decisions by General Assembly.
- Restrict the proposals on Action Lines, under the responsibility of the respective UN Agencies, to the Geneva Plan of Action.
- Avoid proposals referring to the outcomes of the Tunis phase of WSIS on the following, implementation mechanism, follow up, internet governance (other than internet issues relevant to action lines), IGF, enhanced cooperation, CSTD.
- Avoid prejudging the outcomes of the 68th Session of the General Assembly on modalities of the Overall Review.
- Respect mandates given by Tunis Agenda and respect for the multi-stakeholder principles.
WSIS+10: Preparatory Process
First Physical Meeting: 7-8 October 2013

- Chair and Vice-Chairs:
  Russia, Egypt, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia
- All WSIS Action Line Facilitators and other UN agencies:
  ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, WMO, UNEP, WIPO, WHO, UPU, ITC, ILO, FAO, UN Women and UN Regional Commissions, CEB and CSTD.
- Participation: Onsite 140+ Stakeholders from 70+ countries / Remote Participation Facilities
- Purpose: To develop multi-stakeholder consensus on the proposed texts for the zero drafts that were developed based on the official submissions received during the first phase and the background documents.
First Physical Meeting: Zero Draft

ZERO DRAFT of STATEMENT and WSIS+10 VISION

Official Submissions
More than 50 inputs
www.wsis.org/review/mpp

Regional Outcomes
10 Year Reports
(Countries / Action Lines)

WSIS+10 Visioning Challenge
WSIS Forum 2013 Outcome Document
2012 & 2013 Identifying Emerging Trends and a vision beyond 2015
Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development: Final Statement
Status of the Documents, developed at Fourth Physical Meeting MPP WSIS+10, ITU Headquarters, Geneva 14-17 April 2014

- **STATEMENT**
  - Chapter A – PREAMBLE + ANNEX
  - Chapter B – OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION LINES
  - Chapter C – CHALLENGES

- **VISION**
  - Chapter A – PREAMBLE + ANNEX
  - Chapter B – PRIORITY AREAS (some items need agreements)
  - Chapter C – ACTION LINES [C1….C11]
  - Chapter D – OTHER ISSUES
    Other issues not covered by Action Lines above [, if any]
  - Chapter E – MEASUREMENT
    [Accountability and] Measurement of the WSIS Action Lines beyond 2015, targets and Indicators for an open and inclusive information/knowledge society for all beyond 2015

Fifth Physical Meeting MPP WSIS+10 will be held in WIPO, Geneva, 28-31 May 2014 to complete development of the Documents
HL Event: Expected Participation

• **High-Level Guests:**
  - More than 100 Ministers
  - Heads of International Organizations
  - CEOs
  - Civil Society Leaders

• **~2000 Onsite Participants**
  - Multistakeholder Participation

• **Remote Participation**
Format of Event

• 9 June: **Pre-Events**
  – Up to 4 Tracks in Parallel
• 10-11 June: **High-Level Track (CICG)**
  – HL Policy Statements and Endorsement of the documents
• 12 June: **High-Level Dialogues (CICG)**
  – Pillars for Post 2015 Development Agenda with focus on Action Lines
• 11 June (PM) - 13 June (AM) June: **Forum Track (ITU)**
  – AL Facilitators Meetings, Country Workshops, Ministerial Round Table, Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development (10 year anniversary), Thematic Workshops, Knowledge Exchanges and Café
• 13 June (PM): **AL Facilitators Meeting (Tunis, Para 109)**
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High-Level Policy Statements
10-11 June 2014

- High Level Representatives of Government, Private Sector, Civil Society and International Organization are invited to register for a speaking slot in the High-Level Track (10-11 June 2014); Because of time constraints, speakers will be limited to maximum three minutes. However, the longer version of the statement can be posted on the conference website.

- Deadline: 10 May 2014
High Level Dialogues

- WSIS+10 and Post 2015 Development Agenda
- Measuring the Information Society beyond 2015
- Cyberspace beyond 2015
- From Information to Knowledge Society

World Cafés

- Implementation of WSIS beyond 2015
- WSIS Stocktaking: Beyond Excellence in Implementation of ICT Projects
10 Year Anniversary of Partnership for Measuring ICT for Development

- Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development developed a set of indicators to measure the **WSIS targets**
- Final assessment of progress made towards each of the ten WSIS targets
  - Major report coordinated by ITU and involving many contributors
  - The only *quantitative* global assessment of WSIS outcomes
  - Based on data collection carried out in 2013 with all member states (WSIS targets questionnaire)
- Launch of final report: **WSIS+10 High-level Event, 10-13 June 2014, Geneva**
10 Year Anniversary of the WSIS Stocktaking Process

• WSIS Stocktaking Process
• Publicly available database and networking platform
• More than 30,000 Active Users
• More than 10,000 Entries
• Regular reporting through
  – WSIS Stocktaking Reports
  – WSIS Success Stories
  – Regional Reports
10 Year Anniversary of the WSIS Stocktaking Process

- **WSIS Project Prizes Track**
- More than 140 projects nominated in 17 categories following the WSIS Action Lines
- **Award Ceremony at the**
  WSIS+10 High Level Event

*WSIS Project Prizes recognize excellence in the implementation of projects and initiatives which further the goals of WSIS in improving connectivity to information and communication technologies (ICTs) in line with the 11 Action Lines laid out in the WSIS outcome documents*
Update on the WSIS+10 High-level Event: 10 Year Reports

- **10-Year Country Reports**: Argentina, Belarus, Bulgaria, Japan, Lithuania, Oman, Poland, Rwanda, Uruguay. Under preparation: UAE, India, Bangladesh and others.
- **10-Year Action Line Facilitators reports**: C2, C5 and C6 from ITU, C3, C7 e-learning, C7 e-science, C8, C9 and C10 from UNESCO and C7 e-business from UNCTAD, ITC, UPU.
- A comprehensive Civil Society Report has been submitted by the Association for Progressive Communication.
- **Final quantitative assessment report** (Partnership on Measuring ICTs).
- 10 Years Regional Assessment Reports by Regional Commissions.
- WSIS+10: ITUs role in the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes (10 Year Report).
Country Workshops

- **10-Year Country Reports:**
  Argentina, Belarus, Bulgaria, Japan, Lithuania, Oman, Poland, Rwanda, Uruguay.
  Under preparation: UAE, India, Bangladesh and others

- **Last chance to request for country workshop to celebrate 10 years achievements in implementation**

- More information at itu-wsis@itu.int
Format and Thematic Focus
Open Consultation Completed

- Recommendation of Speakers
- Expression of interest for organization of thematic and country
- Knowledge exchange and exhibition
- Key thematic aspects for HLE
- Innovative suggestions on the format

19 May 2014 / Briefing Session / ITU HQ (Popov)
Communications

- **Paperless approach**
- **Web Presence and Social Media**
  - WSIS Flash (Regular Newsletter)
  - iwrite4WSIS
  - imeetYou@WSIS
  - Facebook and Twitter: #WSIS
- **Presence on the ITU website**
  - www.wsis.org/forum
  - www.wsis.org/review
  - www.wsis.org/stocktaking
WSIS+10 High Level Event’s Partners

• Thanks to Partners
  – Strategic Partners
    UAE, INTEL
  – Partners for Specific Activities
    Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, Oman, Qatar, Poland, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland
  – Contributing Partners
    IFIP, ISOC, ICANN, ITU News
Call for Actions

- **Registration**: Opening of the registration, link is available at www.wsis.org/forum
- **Availability of High-level Representatives**
  - Government: Minister, Head of State
  - Private Sector: CEOs
  - International Organizations: Head of Agency
  - Civil Society Leaders
- **Call for Policy Statements**: Deadline for requests: 10 May
- **Deadline for Accreditation for non-accredited Stakeholders**: 25 May
- **Fellowships** to be announced shortly
Thank You

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