

Progress made in the implementation and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels

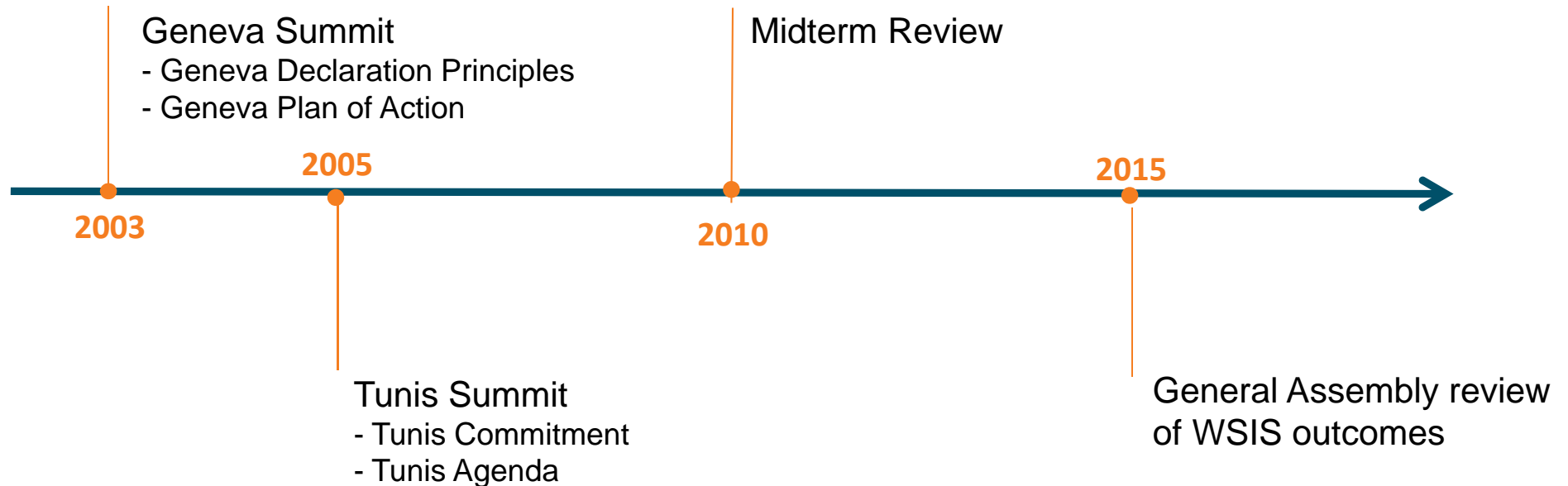
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The WSIS timeline



Tunis Agenda para. 105: **We request** that ECOSOC oversees the system-wide follow-up of the Geneva and Tunis outcomes of WSIS. To this end, **we request** that ECOSOC, at its substantive session of 2006, reviews the mandate, agenda and composition of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), including considering the strengthening of the Commission, taking into account the multi-stakeholder approach

WSIS: CSTD's mandate from ECOSOC

ECOSOC resolution E/2006/46 requested CSTD to:

- a) *Review and assess progress at the international and regional levels in the implementation of action lines, recommendations and commitments contained in the outcome documents of the Summit;*
- b) *Share best and effective practices and lessons learned and identify obstacles and constraints encountered, actions and initiatives to overcome them and important measures for further implementation of the Summit outcomes; and*
- c) *Promote dialogue and foster partnerships, in coordination with other appropriate United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, to contribute to the attainment of the Summit objectives and the implementation of its outcomes and to use information and communication technologies for development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, with the participation of Governments, the private sector, civil society, the United Nations and other international organizations in accordance with their different roles and responsibilities.*

WSIS: CSTD's mandate from ECOSOC

ECOSOC resolution E/2013/9 requested CSTD to:

-to organize, during its seventeenth session, in 2014, a substantive discussion on the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit, and 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; and

-... to submit, after its eighteenth session, the results of its ten-year review of progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit, 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.

CSTD work on WSIS outcomes

1. Discussions on WSIS outcomes at CSTD sessions and intersessional panels
2. Coordination of the Secretary-General's annual report on WSIS outcomes
3. Publication of a comprehensive five-year review, *Implementing WSIS Outcomes: Experience to Date and Prospects for the Future*
4. Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum
5. Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

WSIS outcomes

WSIS vision

- We, the representatives of the peoples of the world ... declare our common desire and commitment to build a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society, where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information and knowledge, enabling individuals, communities and peoples to achieve their full potential in promoting their sustainable development and improving their quality of life, premised on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and respecting fully and upholding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

- WSIS targets
- WSIS action lines
- Implementation by UN agencies within their mandates, including Regional Commissions
- Implementation by other stakeholders, including intergovernmental and international organisations, governments, the private sector, civil society and the technical and professional community
- Internet governance
- Financial mechanisms

The changing ICT landscape

The ICT landscape has changed greatly since WSIS:

- rapid growth in use of mobile, Internet and other ICT applications and services
- rapid development of the capabilities of networks and devices
- the widespread deployment of broadband networks
- the emergence of cloud computing, social networking and other emerging trends
- new development applications, including big data

It will continue to change rapidly

The changing ICT landscape

There are also new challenges arising from these developments, including :

- the changing digital divide, particularly broadband
- cybersecurity and data protection
- affordability, the availability of content and human and institutional capabilities
- the emergence of cloud computing, social networking and other emerging trends
- the integration of ICTs into social and economic development

The WSIS+10 review

- The General Assembly will review WSIS+10 outcomes in 2015.
- Other inputs :
 - the conference *Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development* (February 2013)
 - the WSIS+10 High Level Event to held in June 2014
 - statistical work by the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development
 - work such as the one undertaken by the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

The WSIS+10 review and the Post-2015 Development Agenda

- The WSIS review takes place in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda which will also be discussed by the General Assembly in 2015.
- This will also review the Millennium Development Goals and establish new Sustainable Development Goals:

Key questions for the Review

- To what extent has 'people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society' developed in the ten years since WSIS, and how have WSIS outcomes contributed towards this?
- What are the major challenges that have inhibited the emergence of a 'people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society', and how effectively are these being addressed?
- What should be the priorities for stakeholders seeking to achieve WSIS outcomes and progress towards the Information Society in the Post-2015 Development Agenda?

Methodology for the Review

- Discussions at the CSTD and contributions from Commissioners
- Official WSIS and WSIS+10 sources, including the outputs from the *Towards Knowledge Societies* event, the WSIS+10 High Level Event and the work of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development
- An extensive consultation process with all stakeholders
- A review of the literature from UN and other international agencies, academics and other stakeholders

Timetable

from
May 2014

May 2014: Start of consultation process for the review

End 2014: CSTD intersessional panel

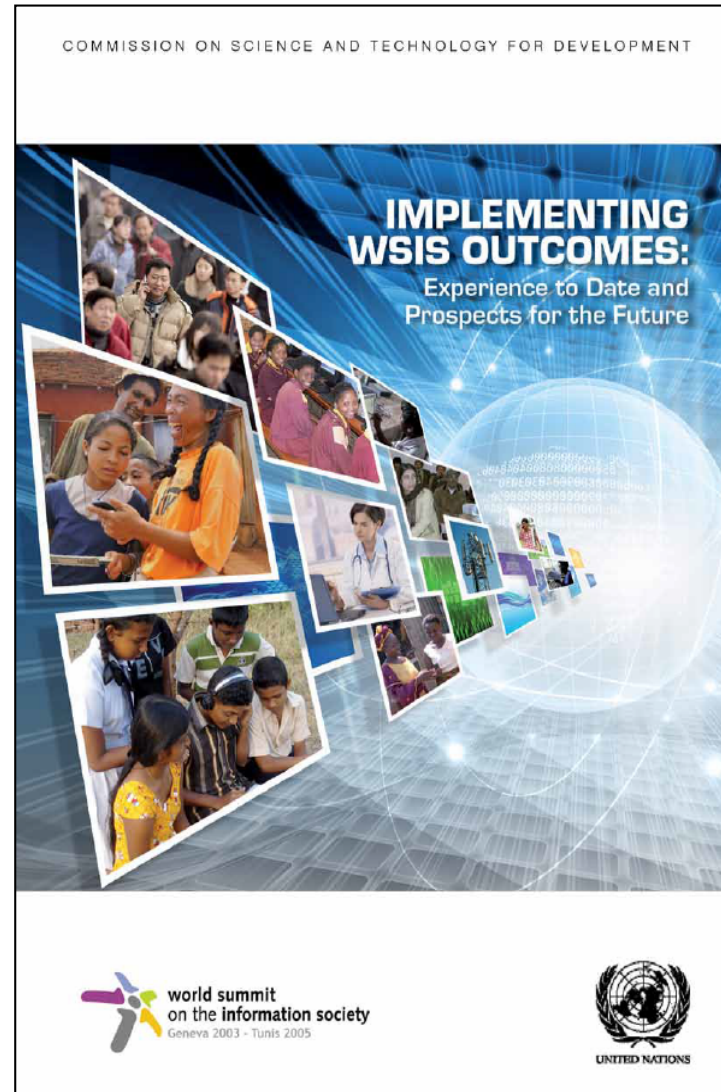
May 2015: 18th session of CSTD

June/July 2015: Substantive session of ECOSOC

to
September
2015

September 2015: General Assembly

The five year review



Thank you

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