What the private sector has been doing – A Presentation at the 10-year review of the implementation of WSIS Outcomes @ the 17th CSTD

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Agenda

• Introduction

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• Priorities for Stakeholders seeking to achieve WSIS outcomes
Activities of the Private Sector

- Investment in Infrastructure
- Capacity Building
- Content Development
- Engagement and cooperation
- Engagement in high level cooperation but also ensuring that cooperation and exchanges occur nationally, and globally
Major Challenges facing the emergence of a people-centred, inclusive, development oriented information society

• Lack of buy-in by some governments
• Lack of inter-agency and intra agency cooperation
• Bureaucracy
• Half-hearted support for the multi-stakeholder approach for policy formulation and implementation
• Security challenges and destruction of ICT infrastructure
• Ideological constraints
Priorities for Stakeholders seeking to achieve WSIS outcomes

• Awareness and mobilization
• Support for the Multi-Stakeholder Approach
• Set Higher targets for WSIS for the next 10 years
• Regular Stocktaking
• Build more capacity and capability for the Information Society
• Tackle cybercrime through stakeholder wide cooperation and collaboration at the national, regional and global levels
Conclusion

• ... Applying ICTs to these challenges still calls for collaboration, within governmental agencies, and the private sector, academia, technology community, and civil society.
Conclusion

• If we can harness ICTs more successfully, and bring ourselves to true collaboration, there is no challenge that cannot be overcome in delivering the Information Society to all the world’s citizens; where the Digital Spread not a Divide can then be balanced as we all desire. That is a world we want, not just a web we want.
• Thank you...