



# **CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation 2.0 1st Meeting**

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# History

- ICANN and the oversight of critical Internet resources – by US
- Criticized by EU, China, etc.
- WSIS process launched by ITU in 1998
- UN – WSIS one of the global programs 2001
- Geneva phase 2003
- Enhanced Cooperation – in Tunis Agenda 2005  
diplomatic ambiguity



# Background - Tunis Agenda

- 69.** We further recognize the need for EC in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities, in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters, that do not impact on international public policy issues.
- 71.** The process towards EC, to be started by the UN SG, involving all relevant organizations by the end of the first quarter of 2006, will involve all stakeholders in their respective roles, will proceed as quickly as possible consistent with legal process, and will be responsive to innovation. Relevant organizations should commence a process towards enhanced cooperation involving all stakeholders, proceeding as quickly as possible and responsive to innovation. The same relevant organizations shall be requested to provide annual performance reports.



## Background - Consultations

- 2006 – Mr Desai, UN SG Special Adviser – [Informal consultations](#) – No agreement
- 2008 - [UNSG invited 10 organizations to report on EC progress](#)
- 2010 – UN USG convened a multi-stakeholder consultation ([statements](#), [written contributions](#), [UN SG report](#) )
- 2012 – UNCSTD Chair conducted a multi-stakeholder consultation ([Summary report](#))



# CSTD WG 1.0 -Mandate

## **UNGA Resolution 67/195 (2012)**

- “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 in 2014



# CSTD WGEC 1.0 meetings

- Physical meetings in Geneva:
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: 30 May (P.M)-31 May 2013
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: 6-8 November 2013
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: 24-28 February 2014
- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting: 30 April – 2 May 2014



# WGEC 1<sup>st</sup> 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





# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

- Agree on agenda and procedural questions
- Identify topics/categories
- Discuss responses to the questionnaire
- Create rolling document reflecting discussions
- Start drafting of recommendations
- Create Correspondence Group to map identified public policy issues to existing mechanisms and/or identify gaps



# Input from the CG to WGEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

- Correspondence Group on “Public policy issues and possible mechanisms”
- Worked according to Terms of Reference
- Results
  - report from the Chair of CG
  - compilation of the contributions



# WGEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting –report structure

- 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



## WGEC 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

- Discussion of draft recommendations in group A, C and part of D
- Proposal for the structure of report
- Correspondence Group - mapping of existing mechanisms to international forums
- Divergence of opinions
- Proposal to have 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting before CSTD



# WGEC 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Contributions from WGEC members – grouped into four documents:

- statements
- agreed recommendations
- recommendations to be revisited
- no agreement
- <http://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=545>



# CSTD WGEC 1.0 – Results

- Questionnaire (18 questions formulated on agreed topics based on WSIS Tunis Agenda) & Contributions from the respondents (1000 pages)  
<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD/WGEC-Responses.aspx>
- Analysis of the responses  
[http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/WGEC Summary of Responses.pdf](http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/WGEC%20Summary%20of%20Responses.pdf)



## CSTD WGEC 1.0 – Results (cont'd)

- Mapping of international Internet public policy issues – ADDENDUM DATABASE  
[http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ecn162015crp2add1\\_en.pdf](http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ecn162015crp2add1_en.pdf)
- Analysis of the mapping database  
[http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ecn162015crp2\\_en.pdf](http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ecn162015crp2_en.pdf)
- Draft recommendations – Conference room paper





## Other processes and events

- NetMundial - São Paulo event (Brazil)
- Internet Governance Forum
- WSIS+10 MPP - preparation in ITU (ITU)
- WSIS + 10 process and UNGA Outcome
- Transition of US Government's stewardship of the IANA function



# Why WGEC 2.0?

## Software versions

- minor change /patch version modified after “.”
- in case of major change – new version

## Major UN events/processes in 2015

- 2030 Sustainable development Agenda
- WSIS + 10
- COP21

## Other process – ICANN stewardship transition

## New version for WGEC



# Mandate of WGEC 2.0

## **UNGA Resolution A/Res/70/125 (2015)**

“We request the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, through the Economic and Social Council, to establish a working group to develop recommendations on how to further implement enhanced cooperation as envisioned in the Tunis Agenda, taking into consideration the work that has been done on this matter thus far;”



## Mandate of WGEC 2.0 (cont`d)

- “The group, which shall be constituted no later than July 2016, will decide at the outset on its methods of work, including modalities, and will ensure the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, taking into account all their diverse views and expertise ”
- report to CSTD in 2018



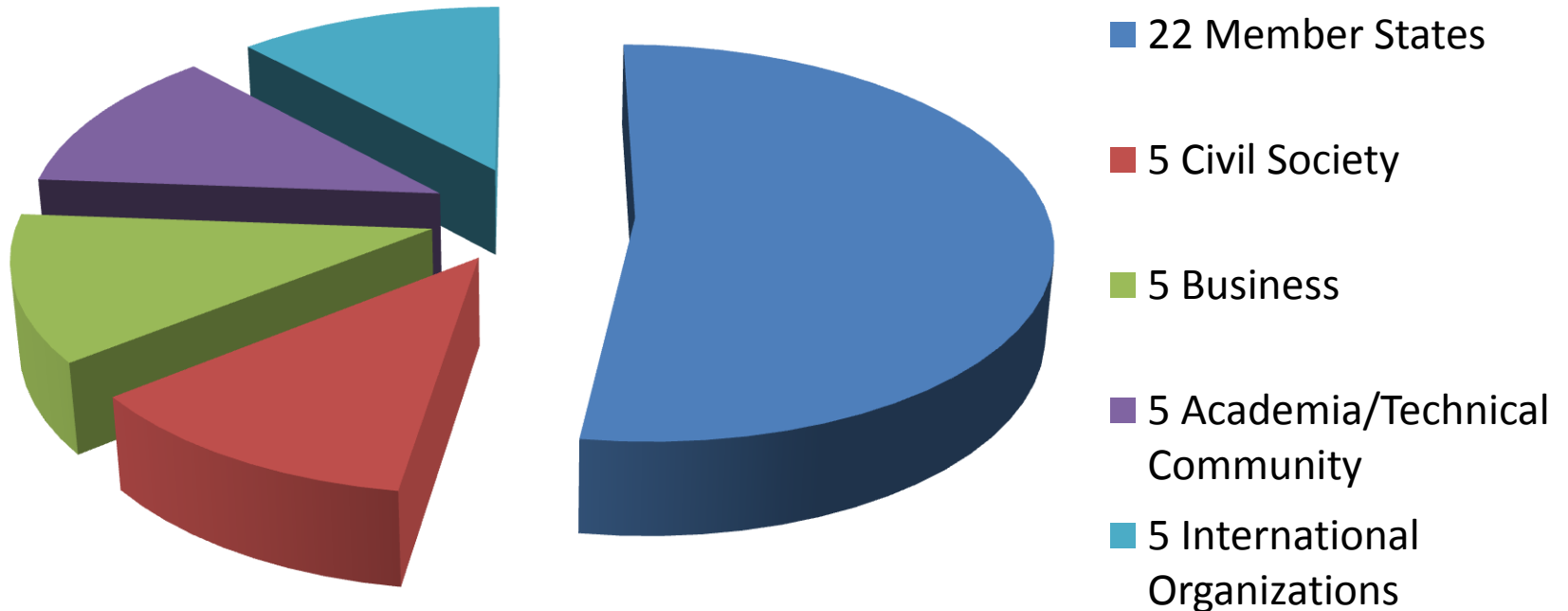
# The process

1	<b>UN GA Resolution A/Res/70/125</b>	<b>December 2015</b>
2	CSTD Inter-sessional meeting -approach	January 2016
3	Call for nomination of members of WGEC	February 2016
4	Discussions and nominations within the stakeholder groups	March- April 2016
5	CSTD Annual panel – notes the establishment of WGEC – draft ECOSOC resolution	May 2016
6	ECOSOC Coordination & Management meeting endorses resolution	July 2016
7	First meeting of WGEC	September 2016



# Structure of WGEC

## Multi-stakeholder Model





# The approach

- Compliance with the mandate
- Multi-stakeholder approach/mutual trust
- Results based on consensus
- Observers - ECOSOC rules apply
- Constraints (time, resources, venue, etc.)
- Information sharing with stakeholders



# WGEC 2.0 Proposed Schedule

Physical meetings in Geneva:

1<sup>st</sup> meeting: 30 September 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: January 2017 before inter-sessional

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: May 2017 before annual meeting

4<sup>th</sup> meeting: September – October 2017

Recommendations & WGEC report

Presentation of report & recommendations to

21<sup>th</sup> session of CSTD , May 2018





# CSTD Mandate related to the WSIS

Focal point in the system-wide follow-up to the outcomes of WSIS

advise the Council thereon, including through the elaboration of recommendations to the Council aimed at furthering the implementation of the Summit outcomes.



# CSTD Mandate related to science and technology for development

The Commission acts as a forum for:

- the examination of science and technology questions and their implications for development;  
the advancement of understanding on science and technology policies, particularly in respect of developing countries and;
- the formulation of recommendations and guidelines on science and technology matters within the United Nations system.



## The role WGEC 2.0

**Contribute** to WSIS process recommending ways and mechanisms of cooperation

**Contribute** to the implementation of SDGs

**Know** the importance and the complexity of the issues and our tasks

**Seek** points of agreement and compromise (in the unlikely case of difference of opinions)

**We are** motivated, ambitious and realistic



# Methods and modalities of WGEC 2.0 ?



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