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**Contribution to the CSTD ten-year review of the implementation of WSIS
outcomes**

Submitted by

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Questionnaire for CSTD's 10-year review of WSIS implementation

The same questionnaire is available online: <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD/WSIS-10yearReview.aspx>

Please share your experience, views and priorities in response to the following questions, addressing the issues that you consider most important for the CSTD's ten-year WSIS review. Issues that you might consider could include any or more of the following, but need not be confined to these:

- infrastructure, access and inclusiveness;
- content, applications and capacity-building;
- technical, financial and related issues;
- governance and wider public policy aspects of the Information Society;
- social, economic and other development activities and impacts;
- the implications of new trends in technology and services;
- measurement and monitoring of the Information Society; and
- the relationship between the Information Society, sustainable development and the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

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- Government

- Private Sector

- Civil Society

- Technical or Academic Community
- Intergovernmental Organization
- Other (Please Specify)

1. To what extent, in your experience, has the "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society", envisaged in the opening paragraph of the WSIS Geneva Declaration of Principles, developed in the ten years since WSIS?

The people-centered, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society as envisaged in the opening paragraph of the declaration of Principles has made great strides in my country but still has a long way to go. Internationally, I think we are moving towards that goal due to many similarity of the principles, with many other organisations and individuals.

2. How far do you consider the implementation of specific WSIS outcomes to have been achieved?

The implementation of the WSIS outcomes so far has been achieved to like 45% in my country and 60%

3. How has the implementation of WSIS outcomes contributed towards the development of a "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society"?

The Implementation of WSIS Outcomes has contributed greatly towards the development of a “people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society” especially in the area of ICT Infrastructure and access, Content, applications and capacity-building; Governance and wider public policy aspects of the Information. Has greatly improved but in my country Nigeria still have a long way to go.

4. What are the challenges to the implementation of WSIS outcomes? What are the challenges that have inhibited the emergence of a "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society"?

The challenges to the implementation of WSIS outcomes include the lack of adequate awareness campaign to various stakeholders in the sector, also the absence of effective Measurement and monitoring of the Information Society and proper government efforts to implement positive policy to foster growth.

5. How are these challenges being addressed? What approaches have proved to be effective in your experience?

The challenges so far has been addressed to a great progress, the approaches that has proved to be the most effective is the multi-stakeholder ship projects, that is collaboration between private and public sectors working in collaboration with.

6. What do you consider the most important emerging trends in technology and other aspects of ICTs which have affected implementation of WSIS outcomes since the Summit? What has been their impact?

The most important emerging trends include Cyber security, Online Infrastructure and access, Content, applications and capacity-building; Technical, financial and related issues to mention but a few.

7. What should be the priorities for stakeholders seeking to achieve WSIS outcomes and progress towards the Information Society, taking into account emerging trends?

The priorities that stakeholders should take into account include the Access Awareness, freedom of expression, human right and various privacy issues.

8. What role should information and communications play in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda?

9. Please add any other comments that you wish to make on the subject of the review that you believe would be helpful.

Information and Communications has played a very significant role in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda. It has been highly essential in the progress and foundation of democratic societies and accountability of democratic governments.

We would also welcome any documents, reports, etc. that you can forward which you think will provide useful evidence for the review. Please send these to cstd-wsis10@unctad.org.

We would submit our policy brief and Internet freedom report here.\

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<http://www.pinigeria.org/download/pinbrief001.pdf>

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