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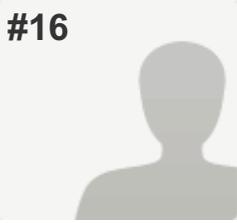
**Contribution to the CSTD ten-year review of the implementation of WSIS
outcomes**

Submitted by

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Q1: Salutation:	Mr.
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Q3: Organisation:	World Federation of the Deaf, Expert Group on Accessibility and Technology
Q4: Country:	Finland
Q6: Which stakeholder category do you belong to?	Civil Society, Other (please specify) Self-help organization for the Deaf
Q7: 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?	<p>Deaf and hard of hearing have profited from general development of ICT technology, e.g. smart phones and Internet. However, this has been driven by general progress and by a growing number of laws for equal rights and lately largely through first effects of UN Convention on rights for Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>No direct effect of WSIS declaration has been felt by the Deaf population, as most stakeholders still do not search for an active collaboration with organizations of persons with disabilities. Or else, it is left to those organizations to look for funds to cover an active participation.</p>
Q8: How far do you consider the implementation of specific WSIS outcomes to have been achieved?	No clear effect visible or else a mixed effect of WSIS and general development of ICT
Q9: How has the implementation of WSIS outcomes contributed towards the development of a "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society"?	Laws for equal right did have a better effect than WSIS declarations

Q10: 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"?

Challenges are the inclusion of persons with disabilities on an equal level with other stakeholders, including financing of those efforts.

Organisations of persons with disabilities always need to fight to be involved. This is especially true for Deaf people who require the presence of sign language interpreter and for which often public organization refuse to take on the expenses.

Q11: How are these challenges being addressed? What approaches have proved to be effective in your experience?

Motivate a few volunteers to get involved into the organizations and make stakeholders aware of problems by confronting them personally with problems faced by persons with disabilities.

Q12: 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?

No effect observed which could be traced back to WSIS

Q13: What should be the priorities for stakeholders seeking to achieve WSIS outcomes and progress towards the Information Society, taking into account emerging trends?

Include organizations of persons with disabilities as equal and active partners in all work.
Persons with disabilities are the real experts to judge effect of accessibility initiatives

Q14: What role should information and communications play in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda?

Go down to the grassroots and establish a dialogue with the general public

Q15: Please add any other comments that you wish to make on the subject of the review that you believe would be helpful.

Respondent skipped this question

Q16: 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. It would be helpful if you could list these in this box, together with any URL which enables access to them on the World Wide Web.

Will provide a strategy paper for World Federation of the Deaf at a later date.

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