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

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Q1: Salutation: Mr.

Q2: First Name, Surname: Lefa Thamae

Q3: Organisation: Department of Science and Technology

Q4: Country: Lesotho

Q6: Which stakeholder category do you belong to? Government

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?

It was limited to the people who have expertise yet many people are at grass roots.

Q8: How far do you consider the implementation of specific WSIS outcomes to have been achieved?

55% success as it only concentrated on few schools in Lesotho.

Q9: How has the implementation of WSIS outcomes contributed towards the development of a "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society"?

People were sensitized a lot about the importance of ICT for development. Since ICT was still a new concept, at least people were helped to be aware of the existence and importance of ICT in development.

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"?

Limited resources inhibited the emergence of a people centered , inclusive and development oriented information society as well as expertise to implement the plan.

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

Government resources in the form of vehicles and staff were used to rescue the project.

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?

The emerging trends were ICTs relevant projects such as e-governments, e-business etc

Questionnaire for the CSTD's ten year review of WSIS implementation

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

Invest resources in the whole value chain.

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

Intensive and broad public awareness

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

There should be a specific budget in each country led by the government institution. But all the sectors be included in each country. These are NGOs, civil society etc

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.

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