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1. Which stakeholder category do you belong to?

Government

If non-government, please indicate:

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2. What do you think is the significance, purpose and scope of enhanced cooperation as per the Tunis Agenda? a) Significance b) Purpose c) Scope

Significance - It is our understanding that enhanced cooperation is one of the most important issues in the Tunis Agenda.

Purpose - We consider that the purpose of enhanced cooperation is to achieve the matters stated in paragraphs 69, 70, and 71 of the Tunis Agenda.

Scope - We are of the view that the scope of enhanced cooperation is:

To ensure access to the Internet,

To promote the utilization and application of ICT for the development and solution of issues,

To implement international cooperation to address international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, by governments and all other stakeholders.

3. To what extent has or has not enhanced cooperation been implemented? Please use the space below to explain and to provide examples to support your answer.

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) has been held since 2006, and with the participation of stakeholders from many countries, and information has been shared and opinions have been exchanged on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. As a result, the cooperation required in solving challenges concerning international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet has been making progress.

Furthermore, international organizations, such as the ITU, UNESCO, ICANN, and WIPO, have promoted cooperation between stakeholders and have conducted activities for capacity building.

Considering the above, our understanding is that enhanced cooperation has been implemented to a substantial extent.

4. What are the relevant international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet?

(1) To ensure access to the Internet by developing ICT infrastructure and providing ICT services at affordable prices.

(2) To promote the utilization and application of ICT for the development and solution of issues.

(3) To facilitate the participation of governments and all other stakeholders in international

public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

(4) To implement international cooperation to achieve the above (1) to (3), such as capacity building, technical cooperation, best-practice sharing, and cooperation towards literacy improvement and awareness-raising activities.

5. What are the roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholders, including governments, in implementation of the various aspects of enhanced cooperation?

Answers to questions 5 and 7:

With regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, governments should share the expectations and concerns of various other stakeholders related to the Internet from a variety of perspectives, and make proper arrangements to provide feedback on the results of what is shared with each community.

On the other hand, other stakeholders should participate in discussions to solve challenges concerning international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and express their opinions. In addition, each stakeholder makes use of its knowledge and experience to conduct activities and promote cooperation, thus contributing to the solution to these challenges.

6. How should enhanced cooperation be implemented to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet?

Governments should implement international cooperation such as capacity building, technical cooperation, best practice sharing, and cooperation towards literacy improvement and awareness-raising activities, in cooperation with other stakeholders, to countries having difficulty in carrying out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

7. How can enhanced cooperation enable other stakeholders to carry out their roles and responsibilities?

Answered in question 5

8. What are the most appropriate mechanisms to fully implement enhanced cooperation as recognized in the Tunis Agenda, including on international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and public policy issues associated with coordination and management of critical Internet resources?

As reconfirmed in the Tunis Agenda, governments, private sector, civic society and intergovernmental and international organizations are playing their respective roles in Internet governance, and the multi-stakeholder approach is significant on the occasion of the implementation of enhanced cooperation.

The Internet has been developing smoothly under private initiative in Japan, and we think it is indispensable to maintain the multi-stakeholder approach for the Internet to continue contributing to economic growth and innovation in the future.

9. What is the possible relationship between enhanced cooperation and the IGF?

The IGF is a place where multi-stakeholders participate and extensively discuss international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. Therefore, it is important to continue making effective use of the IGF for the implementation of enhanced cooperation.

10. How can the role of developing countries be made more effective in global Internet governance?

The multi-stakeholder approach is important in global Internet governance, and the participation of various stakeholders including developing countries is effective.

Furthermore, government in each country should implement international cooperation such as capacity building, technical cooperation, best practice sharing, and cooperation towards literacy improvement and awareness-raising activities, in cooperation with other stakeholders to countries having difficulty in carrying out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

11. What barriers remain for all stakeholders to fully participate in their respective roles in global Internet governance? How can these barriers best be overcome?

In order to enable all stakeholders to participate in international conferences to have crucial discussions over global Internet governance, it is required to promote ICT-employed remote participation, to introduce audio streaming and captioning, to implement language support (e.g., multilingual interpretation), to release conference materials and minutes, and to provide opportunities for inviting comments from all stakeholders.

12. What actions are needed to promote effective participation of all marginalised people in the global information society?

We consider that it is necessary to ensure access to the Internet by developing ICT infrastructure, providing ICT services at affordable prices, to implement capacity building and awareness-raising activities for improvements in Internet literacy, and to bridge the digital divide through these measures.

13. How can enhanced cooperation address key issues toward global, social and economic development?

Enhanced cooperation should address key issues by implementing international cooperation, such as capacity building, technical cooperation, best practice sharing, and cooperation towards literacy improvement and awareness-raising activities, in order to overcome major challenges concerning international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, through utilizing international organizations, with consideration of the results of relevant discussions with the participation of multi-stakeholders.

14. What is the role of various stakeholders in promoting the development of local language content?

With the spread of social media, it can be said that local language contents have been increasing. As a result, we think that various stakeholders should contribute to the securement of Internet access and improvements in media literacy so that people can utilize these applications at affordable prices.

15. What are the international internet-related public policy issues that are of special relevance to developing countries?

We consider that they are developing ICT infrastructure, providing ICT services at affordable prices, promoting the utilization and application of ICT for the development and implementing international cooperation such as capacity building, technical cooperation, best practice sharing, and cooperation towards literacy improvement and awareness-raising activities, in order to achieve the above-mentioned items.

16. What are the key issues to be addressed to promote the affordability of the Internet, in particular in developing countries and least developed countries?

For the affordability of the Internet, the reduction of prices for ICT networks and services should be evolved by the further liberalization of the telecommunications market, enhancement of competition, and promotion of investment. Taking account of the recent increase in penetration of mobile communications in developing countries, it is effective to implement policies that realize broadband communications with

mobile communications and expand mobile services corresponding to broadband mobile communications.

17. What are the national capacities to be developed and modalities to be considered for national governments to develop Internet-related public policy with participation of all stakeholders?

- (1) Encouraging non-government stakeholders to participate in discussions over international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.
- (2) Providing timely information through government websites and inviting public comments with respect to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.
- (3) Collaborating with other stakeholders toward the implementation of international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

18. Are there other comments, or areas of concern, on enhanced cooperation you would like to submit?

We are of the view that the consideration and promotion of enhanced cooperation should be based on the following points.

- (1) An open, inclusive and holistic approach should be applied in considering enhanced cooperation.
- (2) Enhanced cooperation should ensure the free flow of information on the Internet.
- (3) The multi-stakeholder model for the Internet governance should be maintained.