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- Thank you so much for the invite to speak today; great to be in Budapest again; thanks to hosts;
- Welcome opportunity to discuss outcome of the UNGA discussions and “next steps”; first opportunity to do so since really excellent UNGA discussion in December in NY;
- ICANN was pleased to be part of WSIS process; both in preparatory phases from 2013 onwards and in the UNGA discussions in NY; we value involvement; we are yet one part of IG landscape;
- Co-facilitators were instrumental – in terms of their outreach and engagement of stakeholders – in securing such a balanced and forward looking Outcome Document along with an excellent dialogue at the UN;
- Now we have to start the “hard work” in implementing what was agreed in December; and it is clear that CSTD has an important role to play; thus usefulness of this session in preparing for further work and decisions in May Plenary;
- We also (beyond CSTD) need to think hard about how we are going to reflect the approach taken in UNGA Resolution to use the WSIS process to help the implementation of the SD Goals as part of the 2013 Developmental agenda;
- There is much work to do and some hard decisions needed at global and national levels if we are to meet the goals in the 2030 Developmental Agenda; cannot be “work as normal” - as UNCTAD as noted these are really serious issues affecting lives of people;
- Need to be willing to take tough decisions;
- We could also usefully discuss role CSTD and stakeholders should play in the Technology Facility Mechanism process agreed as part of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development;
- Recognise important role CSTD has been given in establishing the WG on Enhanced Cooperation; hope Group will not go back over “stale” arguments on multilateral versus multilateral; we have too much important other work to do, but ICANN ready to play full role;
- Thank you for opportunity to discuss these important issues