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Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation

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What are the high-level characteristics on Enhanced Cooperation?
The possible high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation are as under:

- E-Governance. Roles, shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures and programs of governments, private sector and civil society, in their respective areas, in Internet-related public policy issues;
- Cross-cutting international public policy issues that require attention at international for effective functioning of Internet resources
- Agreements on Technology Transfer
- Strategic Technology Planning
- Regional Backbone Infrastructure
- Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing to bridge the development divide
- Strengthening Cyber Security
- Development of ICT Infrastructure and ICT Enabled Services
- Development and Adoption of Technical Standards
- Strengthening of cooperation in ICT matters such as promotion of Open Source Software Applications in the member countries and focus on software products and ICT Education
- Deployment of safe and secure ICT infrastructure including data centers & IT parks and sharing of countries experiences
- Capacity Building programs through exchange of technical & skilled human resource, IT Training & Education
- Entrepreneurship, Research and Innovation

Taking into consideration the work of the previous WGEC and the Tunis Agenda, what kind of recommendations should we consider?

- Recommendations on enhancing/improving e-Governance
- Recommendations on Internet Governance (International Internet Connectivity)
- Recommendations on universal access and connectivity (national, regional and international levels)
- Recommendations on the use of ICTs for socio-economic uplift
- Recommendations on cyber security standards/practices and their adoption
- Recommendations on capacity building programs
- Recommendations on assistance to developing countries including Least Developed for local development and manufacturing of ICT applications, equipment and technologies