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WSIS follow-up, including WSIS+10 and preparations for the 17th session of the CSTD

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Outline

1. WSIS Review process
2. News from UNESCO's General Conference
 - WSIS+10
 - Freedom of Expression, Ethics, Privacy

UNGIS: WSIS+10 Review Action Plan (2012)



- ☑ UNESCO 2013 WSIS+10 review event
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First WSIS+10 Review Event



Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development:

First WSIS+10 review meeting

25-27 February 2013, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France



Hosted by:



Co-organized with:





First WSIS+10 Review Event: Outcomes report

English Cover:
 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 World Summit on the Information Society
 Turning targets into action
Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development
 First WSIS+10 Review Event
OUTCOMES

French Cover:
 Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture
 Sommet mondial sur la société de l'information
 Passer des objectifs aux actes
Vers des sociétés du savoir pour la paix et le développement durable
 Première réunion d'examen du SMSI+10
RÉSULTATS

25-27 février 2013, Siège de l'UNESCO, Paris

Report on the first WSIS+10 Review Event:

Towards Knowledge Societies, for Peace and Sustainable development (25-27 February 2013)

INTRODUCTORY SECTION

Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development was the first international multistakeholder event in the WSIS-10 review – the ten-year review of outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), which was held in Geneva, Switzerland in December 2003 and in Tunis, Tunisia in November 2005.

Organised by UNESCO in Paris from 25 to 27 February 2013, in partnership with ITU, UNCTAD and UNDP, the event brought together some 1450 participants from governments, the private sector, civil society and international organisations to review the progress towards information and Knowledge Societies which has been achieved since WSIS, consider ways of addressing continuing challenges in access and use of ICTs for development, and build new partnerships to ensure that present and future generations benefit fully from the transformative potential of new technologies.

The review meeting fulfilled a mandate set out in resolution 56 adopted by UNESCO's General Conference at its 36th session in November 2011, which required the Director-General to implement 'a high-level WSIS event in the lead-up to the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes in 2015.' This resolution built upon UNESCO's longstanding commitment to Knowledge Societies, in which people have the capabilities not just to acquire information but to transform it into knowledge and understanding, which empowers them to enhance their livelihoods and contribute to the social and economic development of their societies.

Ms Ina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General, opening session

From left to right: Dr Hamedoun Touré, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Ms Ina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO; Mr Mahdiya Khaliq, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); Mr Supachai Panitchpakdi, Former Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

OPEN UNESCO, Exhibition Area



195 Member States endorsed First WSIS+10 Review Event Final Statement



■ Final Statement: A multi-stakeholder agreed outcome

■ Now endorsed at UNESCO's 37th session of the General Conference by 195 Member States



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UNGIS proposes:

- **“The Post-2015 Development Agenda reflects lessons learned during the past decade in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes.»**
- **“Interaction between the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the WSIS+10 Review processes be established to create synergies. »**



Privacy and ethics: The initial item



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37th Session, Paris, 2013

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**INTERNET RELATED ISSUES: INCLUDING ACCESS TO INFORMATION
AND KNOWLEDGE, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, PRIVACY AND
ETHICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**




Privacy and ethics: Member States' resolution

- Essential role of UNESCO's mandate in the area of the ethical dimensions of the information society
- Refers to the Final Statement (first UNESCO-hosted WSIS+10 review event) which *invites all stakeholders to protect privacy and foster dignity to which everyone is entitled in cyberspace*






Privacy and ethics: Member States' resolution

- Requests:
 - To prepare a comprehensive study of the Internet-related issues within the mandate of UNESCO
 - Possible options for future actions through convening an inclusive multi-stakeholder process, explicitly open to all Member States
 - Calls for extrabudgetary contributions



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1) WSIS Process



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Final Statement
Information and Knowledge For All
en espagnol et en arabe


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2) Endorsed Final Statement



3) Post-2015



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Privacy and ethics: Member States' resolution

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- Requests that this process shall be open to all Member States and benefit from UNESCO's accumulated knowledge and past experiences in those issues and involve the relevant existing fora;
- Calls upon Member States to fully engage in this process and to make every effort, including through extrabudgetary contributions, for financing additional meetings or other activities.

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4) Privacy & ethics work