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and international levels**

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## Canada – David Fairchild

Canada wants to thank all the speakers for their overviews, which served to underscore not only the complexity of the issues but also the complexity of the geo-political environment in which we are engaging this work. I will keep my remarks brief:

- It is clear that everything we do over the next 12+ months must be based on the multistakeholder model; however, we also need to guard against a sense that it is exclusionary and somehow sub-optimal.
- At the same time we need to ensure that we promote not only meaningful participation, but meaningful influence in the outcomes.
- GDC implementation should be about integration into the WSIS+20 process. But WSIS+20 itself should be the set-up for 2030 SDG Review; 2030 will be a point of convergence between SDG and WSIS AL.
- The presentations this morning underscored an important point – whatever we do next must reinforce the existing distributed governance and collaboration mechanisms and avoid centralisation and duplication.
- As the difficulty of the Pact and GDC negotiations highlight, the issues we are seeking to address are extremely complex; as such, if we really want solutions Member States need to take the time to develop a common understanding of what are we trying to solve that requires new solutions and a common way forward.
- Finally, Canada wishes to reinforce our hope that the PGAname the WSIS+20 Co-Facs soonest in order to ensure that the entire review process, which has many parallel strands, has UNGA and MS-driven leadership.