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WSIS follow-up architecture

- Multi-stakeholder implementation on national, regional, international levels
  - 160 recommendations and commitments in chapter C of the Geneva Plan of Action
- International level:
  - UN inter-agency coordination mechanism – UNGIS
  - Intergovernmental follow-up – CSTD, ECOSOC, GA
- WSIS Forum
  - Annual multi-stakeholder platform
- Internet Governance Forum

WSIS targets

- to connect villages with ICTs and establish community access points;
- to connect universities, colleges, secondary schools and primary schools with ICTs;
- to connect scientific and research centres with ICTs;
- to connect public libraries, cultural centres, museums, post offices and archives with ICTs;
- to connect health centres and hospitals with ICTs;
- to connect all local and central government departments and establish websites and email addresses;
- to adapt all primary and secondary school curricula to meet the challenges of the Information Society, taking into account national circumstances;
- to ensure that all of the world's population have access to television and radio services;
- to encourage the development of content and to put in place technical conditions in order to facilitate the presence and use of all world languages on the Internet;
- to ensure that more than half the world's inhabitants have access to ICTs within their reach.

Analysis

- Will we be reaching WSIS targets?

- What is our post-2015 vision?

- Would WSIS become stronger when merged with other processes? How WSIS should relate to sustainable development agenda?

- Are the current WSIS implementation and facilitation mechanisms working well, for all stakeholders, in all regions?

- Review: To which extend should we look backward, analyse current developments, prepare the future?

WSIS+10 Review Action Plan

UNGIS Action Plan developed with all stakeholders in six phases (endorsed by CEB), foresees:

- UNESCO 2013 WSIS review conference
  - 25-27 February 2013, Paris, UNESCO HQ
- ITU 2014 WSIS review conference
  - Hosted by Egypt (tbc)
- UNGA 2015 WSIS review meeting
  - Modalities to be adopted by UNGA

UNESCO's WSIS roles

UNESCO's contributions to the WSIS outcomes implementation

Coordinator:
UNGIS
WSIS Forum
WSIS KC –Knowledge Communities

Implementer:
UNESCO implements with different stakeholders
WSIS related activities
within its mandate;
it contributes to the WSIS Fora and IGFs

Facilitator:
UNESCO facilitates implementation of
six Action Lines:
C3: **Access**
C7: **E-learning**
C7: **E-science**
C8: **Cultural and linguistic diversity, local content**
C9: **Media**
C10: **Ethical dimension of the Information Society**

665 WSIS related UNESCO activities
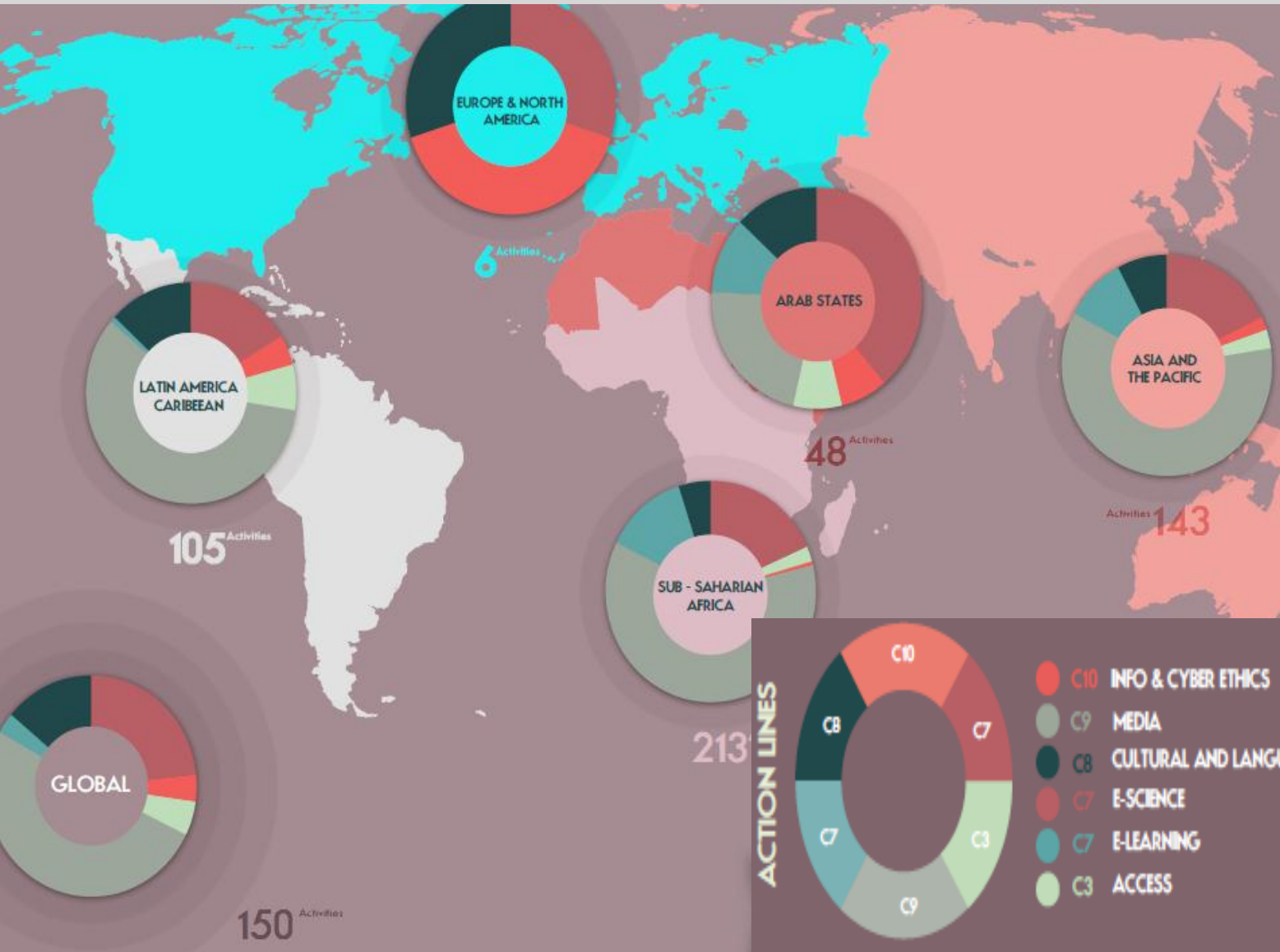
(2010-2011)

2013: Multi-stakeholder Event

(hosted by UNESCO in Paris, with a high-level component)

1. Review of emerging trends in the Information Society
2. Development of recommendations of relevance to the forward looking outcome.

(Action Plan developed by all stakeholders through UNGIS consultations, endorsed by CEB)

UNESCO's WSIS+10 approach

- Inclusive

- Useful and futureoriented

- Integrated

- Realistic

- Adaptive – building block approach

2013 WSIS+10 review

1. Co-organized with ITU, UNDP and UNCTAD

2. All stakeholders are involved & invited

3. All Action Line Facilitators are invited to organize their events

4. Building block approach

Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development*: First WSIS+10 review meeting

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

*working title

http://www.unesco.org/wsis2013

2013: Building blocks

| Action Plan | DIMENSIONS | Secured | /additional blocks |

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1. Review — Action Line reports (review, trends, future) → C3, C7, C8, C9, C10... Action Line reports / [C*, C*, -other] AL reports

→ Knowledge societies developments report & wiki

2. Analysis of developments — Information/ Knowledge society developments

- Internet — Other research, conference wiki contributions ++
- Broadband Commission (ED WG) — Other meetings

3. Future — Forecasts / Recommendations → Future Forum → Recommendations

The way forward: 2012

1) WSIS Forum'12: multi-stakeholder consultations confirmed proposed approach

2) <u>2012</u>: Draft timeline

   – June-July: Refining outline

   – Aug-Sept.: Consultation on format and content, submission of meeting proposals

   – Oct-Dec.: Finalisation of event elements

   – Dec.: Registration opened

The way forward: 2013

2013: Draft timeline

1) Jan-Feb

Publication in wiki format for input

–Action Line reports

–Information/ Knowledge Societies developments

–Forecasts

Collection, development of recommendation elements

2) 25-27 February: 1st WSIS+10 review event, followed by the publication of findings, recommendations
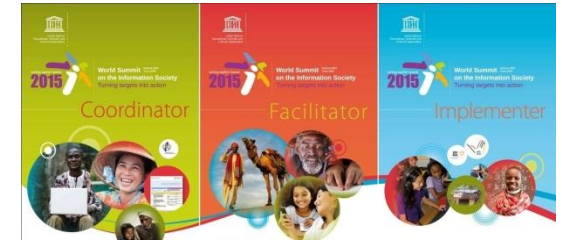
Closing

1) WSIS follow architecture, targets, analysis
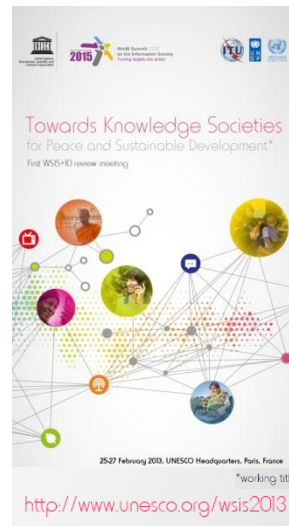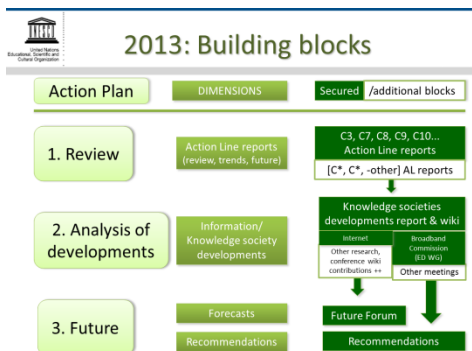
2) WSIS+10 Review action plan

3) UNESCO's roles

4) WSIS+10 approach

5) 2013-WSIS+10 event

6) Next steps: Prov. timeline & template

More information & exchanges

- Constantly updated information on the 2013 WSIS Review event at:

  www.unesco.org/wsis2013

- Join WSIS Knowledge Community discussions at: www.wsis-community.org

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Thank you