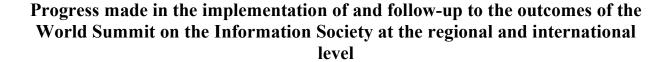
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Ladies and gentlemen //

Thank you for attending this session from the 24th Annual Commission on Science and Technology for Development //

We are always proud to attend international forums // and join collaborations to ensure increased solicited efforts // and focused impact //

The state of Qatar // And as part of its collective // and comprehensive vision on the national // regional and international levels // gives great importance to the UN SDGs set for 2030 // and acknowledges the role they play in being the constant reminder on what matters // and in soliciting our efforts to ensure we are all on one path // International forums and consortiums should continue to highlight the importance of UN SDGs as this ensures we are all moving in the same direction //

The WSIS forum is one of many that highlights the importance of SDGs // through IT initiatives and projects // as well as its recommendations through the relevance of its Action Lines //

And as a WSIS 2021 gold partner // the state of Qatar cannot stress enough the importance of the WSIS forum and our willingness to continuously support them and participate //

Qatar has had more than 40 submissions to the WSIS forum over the last 2 years // of which, many champion projects and 2 winning projects were selected //

We believe that WSIS forum is important for 3 main reasons //

First of all // we have had a great deal to learn from other countries and participants // either through their submissions // workshops or

interventions // And this collaboration and constant exchange of information // is an ever-important catalyst for continuous change and development //

Second of all // the Constant alignment with UN 2030 SDGs; to ensure we are constantly combining our efforts // soliciting our intents on specific goals // and reaching them collectively // the UN SDGs are there as a constant reminder // and WSIS is one of the forums that support the SDGs most // through its action lines which act as drivers to align with the SDGs //

Lastly // being a forum that hosts governments // as well as NGOs and private institutions // it is well positioned to provide support // recommendations that tackle our issues from a multichannel // which is a collective approach that includes // the private sector // the public sector // as well as academia. // The exposure

and openness that the WSIS forum provides is unparalleled //

Thank you for giving us this opportunity // we encourage all present countries to take an active part in the WSIS 2022 forum //

Thank you //