



General Assembly's overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes

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A. Your Information

Title: **Opinion Paper for Preparation of Non-Paper Version of
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B. Formal Input

Some guiding questions for your submissions are listed below:

1. To what extent has progress been made on the vision of the people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society in the ten years since the WSIS?
2. What are the challenges to the implementation of WSIS outcomes?
3. What should be the priorities in seeking to achieve WSIS outcomes and progress towards the Information Society, taking into account emerging trends?
4. What are general expectations from the WSIS + 10 High Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly?
5. What shape should the outcome document take?

1. Achievements to Date

Since setting common targets 10 years ago, the development of Internet communications infrastructure has progressed in many areas and the utmost credit is deserved for the development of ICT services and transformation of social infrastructure.

2. Remaining Issues

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An issue that remains is further improving access to ICT (including developing nations as well as the elderly, young people, women, etc.). Today, with the activities of individuals, companies, and NGOs transcending borders and reaching around the world, there is a need to develop an environment where ICT can be used anywhere. Efforts to make this a reality should also contribute to improving the living environment of people in countries and regions where basic information communications infrastructure is lacking. Furthermore, given the fast-paced, revolutionary technological changes of the past 10 years (cloud computing, big data, IoT, 5G mobile telecommunications systems, etc.), we should promote a deeper understanding of the importance of ensuring the cross border data flows.

3. Key Issues for the Future

We hope that the top priority will be maintaining and developing a free, stable Internet environment with integrated technical platforms. All stakeholders should understand that this is indispensable to developing the global economy through the creation of innovation and resolving issues at the global level. In addition, it is essential to promote the application of ICT in the public sector, such as the development of e-government.

4. Expectations for United Nations General Assembly WSIS+10 High-Level Meeting (Internet Governance Initiatives)

In terms of Internet governance, it is indispensable to ensure transparency, the free flow of data, and the participation of multiple stakeholders. Our hope is that the development of the digital society will revolve around free economic activities that leverage private-sector ingenuity, based on the maintenance of a stable Internet environment.

5. Comments on the United Nations General Assembly WSIS+10 High-Level Meeting Outcome Document

The outcome document should be a supplement to the Tunis Agenda that concisely addresses the above content.

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