



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

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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?

The World Summit on the Information Society outcome document should incorporate the following elements:

(1) A strong commitment, undertaken by the International Community, to fully implement the provisions of the Vienna Programme of Action for the Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024, in the context of the World Summit on the Information Society, to address in a holistic manner the special

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development needs and challenges of landlocked developing countries arising from their landlockedness, remoteness and geographical constraints (Source: Vienna Declaration.);

(2) A recognition of the special needs and particular challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries in keeping up with the necessary infrastructure deployment and concomitant evolution of policy frameworks for information and communication technologies, including broadband costs (Source: VPoA, 35.);

(3) An emphasized acknowledgment of the role of transit countries, as well as of other development partners, to support Landlocked Developing Countries in addressing the digital divide and, in particular, to develop their information and communications technology sectors, to promote their national broadband policy and to develop their necessary broadband infrastructure (Source: VPoA, 36 (d), 38 (a) and (c).);

(4) A framework to encourage Landlocked Developing Countries and transit countries to work together to modernize transit and transport facilities and customs and other border facilities by fully utilizing the capabilities of information and communication technologies (Source: VPoA, 37 (c).);

(5) A commitment to support the efforts of Landlocked Developing Countries to improve their access to international high-capacity fibre-optic cables and high-bandwidth backbone networks (Source: VPoA, 37 (d).);

(6) A strong commitment to support the efforts of Landlocked Developing Countries to develop their service sectors through the development of information and communications technology infrastructures and their integration into all relevant areas to promote competitiveness, innovation and inclusion (Source: VPoA, 37 (f).);

(7) A strong commitment to support the efforts of Landlocked Developing Countries to develop their service sectors through the development of information and communications technology infrastructures and their integration into all relevant areas to reduce transit time and cost and modernize their transit and custom facilities (Source: VPoA, 37 (f) in fine.);

(8) A strong commitment to support the efforts of Landlocked Developing Countries to promote open and affordable access to the Internet for all (Source: VPoA, 36 (c).);

(9) A strong commitment to support the efforts of Landlocked Developing Countries far from the sea cables to develop digital bridges to interconnect national backbones to those of transit countries (Source: VPoA, 37 (g).);

(10) A special commitment to provide capacity-building to Landlocked Developing Countries for the use of modern and affordable communication technology (Source: VPoA, 38 (d).);

(11) A commitment to support efforts of Landlocked Developing Countries and their respective transit countries to facilitate access to information and communications technologies and the transfer of relevant skills, knowledge and technology, under preferential and concessional terms, for the development, maintenance and sustainability of infrastructure (Source: Based on VPoA, 38 (e).);

(12) A commitment to support efforts of Landlocked Developing Countries and their respective transit countries to modernize transit and transport facilities and customs and other border facilities by fully utilizing the capabilities of information and communication technologies, including and particularly

through facilitating access to information and communications technologies and the transfer of relevant skills, knowledge and technology, , under preferential and concessional terms (Source: Based on VPoA, 37 (c).); and,

(13) A commitment to give appropriate consideration to the special needs and particular challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries in the implementation of the outcome document of the World Summit on the Information Society, including in the process of development of indices and indicators for its implementation, as well as in its follow-up and review mechanisms (Source: Vienna Declaration.).