

WSIS

Outcomes and Next Steps

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WSIS Phase II Results

- Financial Mechanisms
- Implementation & Follow up
- Internet Governance

Financial Mechanisms

- Voluntary Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF)
 - We welcome the Digital Solidarity Fund (DSF) established in Geneva as an innovative financial mechanism of a voluntary nature open to interested stakeholders with the objective of transforming the digital divide into digital opportunities for the developing world by focusing mainly on specific and urgent needs at the local level and seeking new voluntary sources of “solidarity” finance. The DSF will complement existing mechanisms for funding the Information Society, which should continue to be fully utilised to fund the growth of new ICT infrastructure and services (TAIS, §28)
- Affordable access and connectivity costs
 - Reducing international Internet costs charged by backbone providers, supporting, *inter alia*, the creation and development of regional ICT backbones and Internet Exchange Points to reduce interconnection cost and broaden network access (TAIS, §27c(i))

Implementation & Follow up

- Actions lines & themes
- Multi-stakeholder character
- Information Society Group in CEB
- Follow up in Commission of Science and Technology for Development
- Global Alliance
- Stocktaking/Golden Book

Implementation & Follow up

- Multi-stakeholder character
 - Voluntary bottom-up approach
 - Request driven and mutually complimentary in nature
- Global Alliance
 - Multi-stakeholder policy debate platform
 - Developmental orientation

Internet Governance

- Working definition/Para 34
- Roles & responsibilities of Stakeholders/Para 35-36
- Affirmation of regional internet resource management institutions/
Para 38
- Security & Spam/Para 39-41, 45-46
- Importance of Capacity Building/Para 49-52
- Multilingualism/Para 53
- Recognition of legitimate rights of countries to management
ccTLD/Para 63
- Enhanced cooperation/Para 61, 68, 69, 70-71
- Internet Governance Forum/Para 72-79

Internet Governance Forum Process

- Feb 16-17: First committee meeting
- Report of Nitin Desai and Marcus Kummer to UN Secretary General
- Convocation of the Forum by UN Secretary General before end June
- Decisions on agenda and applicable procedures
- Inaugural meeting possibly in Greece in October or November

Internet Governance Forum Modalities

- Expected outcomes
- Leadership (chair, co-chairs)
- Multi-stakeholder steering Committee
- Small secretariat
- Mandate (positive para 72, negative para 77)
- Frequency and duration of meetings
- Participation of stakeholders (open, limited, selective)
- Financing of IGF

Enhanced Cooperation

- The most controversial outcome that allowed everyone to claim successful outcome of internet governance negotiations
- Provides space for interpretations
- Most difficult issue in post-WSIS phase

Enhanced Cooperation

- Possible models
 - To start in existing and relevant organizations, including inter-governmental
 - Charge one UN agency to carry out the process
 - Create a new mechanism
- Character of enhanced cooperation
 - Purely inter-governmental
 - Multi-stakeholder

Enhanced Cooperation

- My preferred scenario
 - To take place in all relevant organizations (ITU, WIPO, UNESCO), but particularly within ICANN* GAC by strengthening of the GAC and reinforcing its responsibilities and making it global

*ICANN should be understood as a wider internet community

Internet community input is
valuable in follow-up discussions,
but even more valuable in
practical steps taken

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Thank you