

ASP Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM) for WTDC-14

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Introduction

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcome documents and the UN General Assembly Resolution 60/252 resolved to conduct an overall review of the implementation of the Summit outcomes in 2015. The ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 172 (PP-10) on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the WSIS; including the possibility of holding a high-level event in 2014/2015, requested ITU Secretary General to initiate the preparatory process at the UN Chief Executives Board (CEB).

Consequently, in 2011 the CEB tasked UNGIS, under ITU leadership, to prepare, on the basis of an open consultation, an Action Plan for the WSIS Overall Review (WSIS+10). The Board requested UNGIS to present the Action Plan at its spring 2012 session. HLCP noted the plan and forwarded to CEB for endorsement. During the CEB Spring Session held at ITU Headquarters in April 2012, the plan was approved and ITU has been identified to play a managerial role for the process. Further to the request of the ECOSOC Resolution (31) on the Assessment of the Progress Made in the Implementation of and Follow-up to the Outcomes of WSIS, the Secretary General, ITU reported to the 15th Session of the CSTD that during the WSIS Forum 2012 multi-stakeholder consensus was achieved on the 10 year reporting templates (Annex One).

Following the Plan of Action, two plenary sessions on WSIS+10 were organized during the WSIS Forum 2012. A comprehensive report on the outcomes was provided by the ITU Secretary General to the 15th Session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. Following the 2012 ITU Council Resolution, the ITU Secretary General contributed to the 67th session of the General Assembly, providing an update on the Plan of Action as well as all activities related to the WSIS+10. Building upon this input 67th session of the General Assembly in its Resolution on ICT for Development resolved that the modalities for review process will be considered by the end of 2013.

In 2012 in its Resolution 1334 (2012) ITU Council resolved

- a) to support a high-level event on the Overall Review (WSIS+10) to be held in 2014 in conjunction with the World Telecommunication Development Conference;
- b) to use the opportunity of regional preparatory meetings for WTDC-14 to hold additional meetings, within the existing budgetary limits, that should be intergovernmental and inclusive to all WSIS stakeholders, within their respective roles to consider regional views on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and a vision beyond 2015, taking into account financial implications, accreditation, operational challenges, providing equal opportunities for stakeholders from developed and developing countries, as well as taking into account the modalities to be decided by General Assembly

In response to the ITU Council Resolution 1334, preliminary steps have been made in order to ensure effective organization of the high-level event on the Overall Review (WSIS+10) to be held in 2014 in conjunction with the World Telecommunication Development Conference. In response to the kind offering of Egypt to host these both important events ITU Secretary General held series of

the meeting to address all challenges related to the organization of the WSIS+10. In June 2012 site visit has been organized and possible venue has been identified. Hosting agreement is expected to be signed shortly.

With the aim of enhancing close cooperation with the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, in December 2012 ITU submitted comprehensive report on the 2012 ITU activities related to WSIS, including WSIS+10. In addition in January 2013 ITU contributed to the inter-sessional panel of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, held in Lima, Peru, providing exhaustive briefing on Broadband, WSIS Implementation and WSIS+10 Process.

Within the framework of the Regional Preparatory Process towards the World Telecommunication Development Conference, ITU is in the process of collecting regional views on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and WSIS+10. Series of Regional Development Forums (RDF) held back to back with six WTDC Regional Preparatory Meetings will reinforce this exercise. In addition, ITU coordinates with the UN Regional Economic Commission substantive inputs to other regional meetings relevant to the WSIS+10 process.

While Annex Two presents the Action Plan elaborated through during UNGIS Open Consultation Process, including detailed information on events¹ Annex Three presents a schedule of all an overview of the overall review process of the WSIS taking into account existing mandate of the ITU, including the ITU regional meetings. It depicts necessary steps leading towards elaboration of the WSIS+10 Commitment and Forward Looking Outcome Document on WSIS beyond 2015.

In order to address the financial challenge related to the WSIS+10 the ITU Secretary General has launched special campaign aimed at the mobilization of extra budgetary resources. All member states are kindly invited to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust.

In order to ensure that preparations for WTDC-14 are coordinated with WSIS implementation and review activities, in particular future high level event, WSIS Task Force continues to play coordination mechanism role between all ITU sectors.

The mechanism for ten years reporting based on the WSIS Stocktaking process that was set up by Tunis Phase of WSIS to assist the follow-up, has been designed. Administrations and Action Line Facilitators have been informed about the templates for reporting. Deadlines will be communicated in June. ITU held series of virtual coordination meetings with Action Line Facilitators.

In addition, the ITUs ICT Data and Statistics Division continues to play a leading facilitation role in the Partnership on the Measuring the ICTs for Development, A metadata questionnaire questionnaire was coordinated by the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, and was sent in October 2012 to countries by the Regional Commissions. This questionnaire will collect information on data availability for the WSIS Target indicators as outlined in the [Measuring the WSIS Targets - A statistical framework](#) publication. A full data collection of the actual data for each of the WSIS Target indicators is being conducted. The data collected in 2013 will be used to prepare the WSIS+10 quantitative report to be published in 2014.

The [WSIS Forum](#) has evolved as the mechanism to identify emerging trends in the ICT ecosystem in a multistakeholder format, with expert inputs from UN Agency Focal Points, it plays a strategic role within the framework of the WSIS+10 Overall Review and beyond 2015 as the only international multistakeholder platform to get multistakeholder consensus on WSIS+10 Overall Review. In the upcoming WSIS Forum 2013 (May 2013), several WSIS+10 Visioning tracks have been integrated in the agenda. The main tracks include two WSIS+10 plenary sessions, the WSIS+10 Visioning Challenge and the Ministerial Round Table. The WSIS Forum 2013 will offer an opportunity to discuss substantive issues, collecting concrete inputs thereby contri vision beyond 2015.

Conclusion

ITU-D plays a strategic role in the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes. The annual ITU report on ITUs annual contribution to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, available as an information document to this meeting, present all efforts dedicated towards WSIS implementation, ITU-D's contribution is significant and commendable. The 2011 and 2012 reports are available as

¹ Please note that the dates of the events have been updated according to the decisions taken since creation of the Action Plan.

Information document INF/1 and INF/2. They may be also found at <http://www.itu.int/itu-wsis/ITU-Contribution/index.html>

The Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes will pave the way towards the building an inclusive knowledge society beyond 2015, and the ITU-D's role will remain central in this process. ITU-D Regional Development Forums and Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTDC will serve as a mechanism to collect regional views and recommendations. The views and recommendations collected will constitute an input for the WSIS+10 High Level Event to be held in 2014. In this context, all administrations are encouraged to initiate preparations towards this important event, while using templates elaborated in the multistakeholder set up.

Further information on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes may be found at www.wsis.org/review

Annex One: 10-Year Country Reporting Template



WSIS+10: OVERALL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WSIS OUTCOMES

10- Year Country Reporting Templates

Section I: Executive Summary

- **Introduction**
- **Country at a Glance – Factsheet on various developments and ICT indicators including achievement of national targets for connectivity and access in the use of ICTs in promoting the objectives of the Geneva Plan of Action`**

* For this section please refer to the questionnaire coordinated by the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development. A metadata questionnaire, to be sent in October 2012 to countries by the Regional Commissions, will collect information on data availability for the WSIS Target indicators as outlined in the [Measuring the WSIS Targets - A statistical framework](#) publication. A full data collection of the actual data for each of the WSIS Target indicators will be conducted in 2013. The data that will be collected in 2013 will be used to prepare the WSIS+10 quantitative report to be published in 2014.

Data will refer to the 10 WSIS Targets listed below:

- 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.
- **WSIS and MDG Implementation at National Level, including national ICT strategies towards and beyond 2015**
- **Financial mechanisms in place for meeting the challenges of ICT for development**

Section II: Reporting on Each Action line

- **C1 to C11**

Section III: Profiles of Progress – Select Case Studies

Section IV: The Way Forward and the Vision Beyond 2015

Annex Two: WSIS+10 Review / Plan of Action

Expected Final Outcomes of the Overall Review Process (WSIS+10)

1. Evaluation and Assessment Reports (adaptations possible in the lead-up to 2015)

- WSIS+10 Progress Report (Quantitative Focus)
(Initial Coordination by Partnership on the Measuring ICT for Development during the WSIS Forum 2012)
- Review Reports by Action Line Facilitators (11 Action Lines)
(Template to be prepared by WSIS Action Line Facilitators' Meeting during the WSIS Forum 2012)
- Self-evaluation National Review Reports
(Draft template to be prepared during WSIS Action Line Facilitators' Meeting of the WSIS Forum 2012)
- WSIS+10 Stocktaking Report
(International Telecommunication Union)
- IGF Secretariat Report
- UNGIS Review Report
- Contributions to the MDG Process

2. Forward looking outcome setting an agenda beyond 2015

Preparatory Process and Meetings within the Framework of the Overall Review up to 2015

Preparatory process will include virtual working methods as an integral part of the overall review.

2012:

- **15 May (Plenary I) and 18 May (Plenary II) Start of Preparations for the WSIS+10 Review during the WSIS Forum 2012, Geneva (2 days) to define**
 - preliminary indications for the scope of the possible forward looking outcome, setting agenda beyond 2015
 - templates for the reports of the lead facilitators on the Action Lines
 - templates for the national self-evaluation reporting on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes
- **21 May: Report on the outcomes of the UNGIS Consultations on the WSIS+10 Review** to the 15th Session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)
- **October-December: UN General Assembly**

2013:

- **25-27 February: Multistakeholder Event for the WSIS+10 Review (Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development)**
(3 days event, hosted by UNESCO in Paris, with a high-level component)
 - Review of emerging trends in the Information Society
 - Development of recommendations of relevance to the forward looking outcome.
- **13-17 May: Preparations to the WSIS+10 during WSIS Forum 2013**
(Geneva, 2-3 days)
 - Agreement on outline of the forward looking outcome
 - Discussion on text

2014²:

- **14-18 April: Preparations to the WSIS+10 during WSIS Forum 2014**
(2-3 days Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt)
 - Finalization of the forward looking outcome
- **14-18 April: High-Level Meeting on the Overall Review (WSIS+10)**
(Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt)

2015:

- Report on the outcomes of the Overall Review Process to the 18th Session of CSTD
- UN General Assembly to endorse the forward looking outcome.
- Contribution to MDG Review Process

² UPDATE: Please note that the dates for both events have been updated following the guidance by the Member States, provided through the 2012 ITU Council Resolution 1334, more precisely the proposition of holding the High-Level Meeting on the Overall Review (WSIS+10) back to back with the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference. Consequently it is planned that the WSIS Forum 2014 will be held in parallel with the High-Level Meeting on the Overall Review (WSIS+10), i.e. 14-18 April 2014.

Annex Three: WSIS+10: Way Forwards: Towards the WSIS+10 High-Level Event



World Summit
on the Information Society
Turning targets into action



This table provides an overview of the overall review process of the WSIS taking into account existing mandate of the ITU. It depicts necessary steps leading towards elaboration of the WSIS+10 Commitment and Forward Looking Outcome Document on WSIS beyond 2015.

Please note that this table has food for thoughts character and is not official.

Event	Outcomes	Input to the meeting
MAY 2012 WSIS Forum 2012 WSIS+10 Plenary Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Templates for 10 Years Country Reporting - Templates for Action Lines Facilitators - Metadata questionnaire by Partnership on Measuring ICT4D 	Council General Assembly
MAY 2012 CSTD Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft ECOSOC Resolution on WSIS (No decision on modalities) 	ECOSOC → Resolution E/31/2012
JUNE 2012 ITU Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resolution 1334 on the ITU's Role in the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcome Documents 	
NOV 2012 UN General Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision on modalities of the WSIS+10 to be taken at 68th session of UNGA (2013) - Decision on creation of the CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation 	
JAN 2013 Inter-sessional Panel of CSTD Lima Peru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the meeting (CSTD and its secretariat requested to take proactive action on the WSIS+10 including repetition of the exercise from 2010) - Follow-up on the decision on creation of the CSTD Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation to conclude by June 2014 	16 th Session of the CSTD
FEB 2013 Paris UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Statement (Multi-stakeholder Consensus Based Text) - Set of Recommendations (Compilation of the outcomes) 	WSIS Forum 2013: WSIS+10 Visioning Track CSTD

MAY 2013	WSIS Forum 2013: WSIS+10 Visioning Track <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Segment (13 May 2013) - Ministerial Round Table (14 May 2013) - Two WSIS+10 Visioning Plenary Sessions (15/17 May 2013) - WSIS+10 Visioning Challenges (15/16 May 2013) - WSIS+10 Visioning Gala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>WSIS+10 Visioning Challenge</u> Set of recommendations developed through the multi-stakeholder and consensus based approach shaping WSIS process review requirements to be addressed during the WSIS+10 High Level Event (2014) - <u>WSIS+10 Communique</u> - <u>WSIS Forum 2013 Outcome Document:</u> Compilation of recommendations from all sessions with special focus on recommendations for WSIS+10. - <u>Identifying Emerging Trends and a WSIS Beyond 2015</u> 2013 Edition 	Council Working Group on WSIS (May/June 2013) 16 th Session of the CSTD UN General Assembly
MAY 2013	ITU WG-WSIS	- Chairman's Report	ITU Council
JUNE 2013	16 th Session of the CSTD	- Draft ECOSOC Resolution on WSIS	ITU CWG-WSIS (June 2013) ECOSOC (July 2013) General Assembly (UN SG Reports)
JUNE 2013	ITU WG-WSIS	- Draft Resolution on WSIS+10 - Agenda of the Meeting WSIS+10 - Modalities and Roles of Participation -	ITU Council
JUNE 2013	ITU COUNCIL	- Update of the Resolution 1334 on the ITU's Role in the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcome Documents - Agenda of the Meeting WSIS+10 - Modalities and Roles of Participation - 10 Year Country Reporting (Template already Available) - 10 Year WSIS Action Line Reporting (Template already Available)	CWG-WSIS (JUN 2013) - Oversight Role for the WSIS+10
NOV 2013	ICT4ALL Forum and Exhibition	- WSIS+10 High Level Panel Conclusions	UN GA Second Committee (in coordination with the ITU)

DEC 2013	UN General Assembly	- Resolution on WSIS+10 (Countries in focus: Tunisia, Egypt, Russia, Iran, Algeria) - Resolution on ICT4D	CWG-WSIS
DEC 2013	TDAG (BDT)	- Overall Report on the WSIS+10 Related Outcomes of the Regional Meetings (RDF/RPM)	CWG-WSIS
DEC 2013	CWG-WSIS	- First Drafts of WSIS+10 Declaration and Forward Looking Outcome Document: WSIS beyond 2015	Open Consultation CWG-WSIS
FEB 2014	CWG-WSIS	- Advanced Draft of WSIS+10 Declaration and Forward Looking Outcome Document: WSIS beyond 2015	Open Consultation High Level Event on WSIS+10 (Egypt 2013)
MARCH 2014	World Telecommunication Development Conference	- Resolution on WSIS	WSIS+10 High Level Event
APRIL 2014	WSIS+10 High Level Event and WSIS Forum 2014	- WSIS Agenda beyond 2015 - WSIS+10 Commitment	UN Process: CSTD/ECOSOC/General Assembly ITU Plenipotentiary Conference
MAY 2014	17 th Session of the CSTD	- Resolution on WSIS	ITU Plenipotentiary Conference
OCT 2014	ITU Plenipotentiary Conference	- Resolution on WSIS beyond 2015	UN General Assembly
OCT 2014	UN General Assembly	- WSIS+10 Resolution	-

WSIS+10 Related Regional Events

ITU Driven Meetings		
19-21 February 2013	Moldova	WTDC Regional preparatory meeting for CIS (RPM-CIS) (ITU Focus)
18 February 2013		Regional Development Forum for CIS (RDF-CIS) (Multi-stakeholder approach)
30 April – 2 May 2013	Cambodia	WTDC Regional preparatory meeting for Asia and the Pacific (RPM-ASP) (ITU Focus)
29 April 2013		Regional Development Forum for ASP (RDF-ASP) (Multi-stakeholder approach)
20-22 August 2013	Uruguay	WTDC Regional preparatory meeting for Americas (RPM-AMS) (ITU Focus)
19 August 2013		Regional Development Forum for AMS (RDF-AMS) (Multi-stakeholder approach)
2-4 October 2013	Ghana	WTDC Regional preparatory meeting for Africa (RPM-AFR) (ITU Focus)
1 October 2013		Regional Development Forum for AFR (RDF-AFR) (Multi-stakeholder approach)
29-31 October 2013	Bahrain	WTDC Regional preparatory meeting for the Arab region (RPM-ARB) (ITU Focus)
28 October 2013		Regional Development Forum for ARB (RDF-ARB) (Multi-stakeholder approach)
26-28 November 2013	Serbia	WTDC Regional preparatory meeting for Europe (RPM-EUR) (ITU focus)
25 November 2013		Regional Development Forum for EUR (RDF-EUR) (Multi-stakeholder approach))
Regional Economic Commissions and Others		
12 March 2013	ECA Ethiopia	Follow-up Workshop on the Implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)
3-5 April 2013	ECLAC Uruguay	IV Ministerial Conference on Information Society in Latin America
10-14 November 2013 ?	Tunisia	ICT4All Forum and Exhibition WSIS+10 Workshops with focus on Africa and Arab States