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***ITU Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes: 2011, 2012, 2013***

1. ITU-D plays a strategic role in the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes and its contribution is significant and commendable. A substantial number of actions has been carried out by BDT since 2011 in response to the Resolution 30 (Hyderabad, 2010) on the Role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the outcomes of the WSIS. The annual ITU reports on ITU's contribution to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes is a series of annual publications that provide information on the key WSIS related initiatives and activities carried out by the three sectors of the Union (the Development Sector, Standardization, and Radiocommunication) and the General Secretariat. The annual reports provide yearly updates on the tasks carried out by the ITU, including those by the BDT, at the operational and policy level, covering all assigned mandates with reference to the WSIS Process. 2011, 2012, and 2013 Editions of this report are available at <http://www.itu.int/itu-wsis/ITU-Contribution/index.html> as well as information documents of the Conference.
2. As stated in the Strategic Plan of the Union (2012-2015), adopted by PP-10, the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) continues to be one of the priorities of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
3. At the **policy level**, PP-10 strengthened the Union's mandate in relation to the implementation of WSIS outcomes and agreed on the roadmaps for ITU's activities in its role as the sole facilitator for WSIS action lines C2, C5 and C6 in the implementation of WSIS up to 2015. Roadmaps are detailed plans to guide progress towards achieving the WSIS goals. ITU Council 2012 modified Resolution 1334 thereby strengthening the ITU's leadership and role in the WSIS+10 Process on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information. In particular, the resolution resolved to support a high-level event on the Overall Review (WSIS+10) to be held in 2014 and considered the possibility of holding additional meetings for regional views on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes. ITU Council 2013 modified Resolution 1334, stating that the High-level Event in 2014 should review of the WSIS Outcomes and develop

proposals on a new vision beyond 2015. It further elaborates the preparatory process of the WSIS+10 High-level Event for developing drafts of the outcome documents for consideration by the WSIS+10 High-Level Event.

4. The **Council Working Group (CWG) on WSIS**, created in 2002, continues to monitor and evaluate on a yearly basis the actions taken by ITU with respect to implementation of WSIS outcomes. The CWG facilitates inputs from membership on the ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes through its regular meetings and circular letters, questionnaires or other appropriate methods of query and provides guidance to the membership regarding the actions to be performed by ITU in the implementation of WSIS outcomes. The CWG is also mandated to review the preparations of ITU for the review of the progress achieved in relation to the WSIS goals in 2015 and to prepare a roadmap for WSIS implementation up to 2015 within its core competencies.
5. A **Council Working Group (CWG) on Internet related public policy issues** was established as a separate group by Council Resolution 1336, in accordance with Resolutions 102 and 140 of the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference. This CWG is limited to Member States, with open consultation to all stakeholders. Previously, this group was established as the Dedicated Group as an integral part of WG WSIS, open only to all Member States, in accordance with Resolution 75 (WTSA, 2008), and Council Resolution 1282 (Mod. 2008). Council 2012 Resolution 1344 decided the modality of the open consultation for the Group. 2009 Council Resolution 1305 invites Member States to recognize the scope of work of ITU on international Internet-related public policy matters, represented by the list of topics in Annex 1 which was established in accordance with decisions of ITU membership at the Plenipotentiary Conference, Council and world conferences; and to elaborate their respective position on each of the international Internet-related public policy issues referenced in the list of topics and to contribute actively to the work of ITU on these issues.
6. At the **operational level**, ITU has been carrying out the tasks assigned by the WSIS Outcomes Documents, in particular, in its capacity as:
  - a) Lead facilitator (along with UNESCO and UNDP) in coordinating the multistakeholder implementation of the *Geneva Plan of Action*.
  - b) Facilitator of Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure) and C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs); upon the UNDP's request the ITU accepted to play the role of the Facilitator of Action Line C6 (Enabling Environment) on a temporary basis.
  - c) Co-facilitator of Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7 and C11; and partner for C8 and C9.
  - d) Rotating chair of the United Nations Group on Information Society (UNGIS).
  - e) Steering committee member of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development.
  - f) Facilitator of the WSIS Stocktaking process.
  - g) Implementation of other WSIS outcomes.
7. The **three Sectors** of the Union (Standardization, Radiocommunication and Development Sectors) and the General Secretariat have carried out several important activities and projects that enhance the WSIS outcomes and objectives.

8. In response to Council resolution 1334 and PP Resolution 172 (Plenipotentiary, 2010) on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes, ITU is taking the lead in the coordination of the WSIS+10 High-level Event in partnership with all the UN Action Line Facilitators including, ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, FAO, WHO, ILO, ITC, UPU, WMO, UNEP, UNDESA and the UN Regional Commissions.
9. Within the ITU, the effective coordination of ITU's strategies and activities in relation to WSIS has been ensured by a **WSIS Task Force** that is chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General.

#### ***WSIS+10 Review Process: ITU Regional Development Forums and WSIS+10 High-Level Event***

10. The Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes will pave the way towards building an inclusive knowledge society beyond 2015, and the ITU-D's role will remain central in this process.
11. In response to the ITU Council Resolution 1334, the ITU Secretary General and BDT Director dedicated significant efforts towards coordination of preparations for WTDC-14 and PP-14 with WSIS implementation and review activities, in particular the ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event, in order to ensure that adequate funding and staff resources are available for all these activities.
12. ITU set up a multilayer preparatory process leading towards the WSIS+10 High Level Event. At the regional level ITU-D Regional Development Forums and Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTDC serve as a mechanism to collect regional views and recommendations. The views and recommendations collected constitute an input for the preparatory process for the WSIS+10 High Level Event to be held back to back with WTDC in 2014. (Annex One)
13. At the global level a comprehensive preparatory process has been designed in order to ensure inclusive, multistakeholder and bottom-up approach leading towards outcome oriented High-Level Event. The WSIS+10 High-Level Event will be an extended version of the WSIS Forum. It is designed to review the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes under the mandates of participating agencies, and to take stock of achievements in the last 10 years based on reports of WSIS Stakeholders, including those submitted by countries, Action Line Facilitators and other stakeholders.
14. The WSIS+10 High-Level Event will review the WSIS Outcomes (2003 and 2005) related to the WSIS Action Lines with the view of developing proposals on a new vision beyond 2015, potentially including new targets. It will endorse two documents i.e. the WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of participating agencies. These documents will be developed during the WSIS+10 High-Level Event Open Consultation Process.
15. The designed process will take into account the decisions of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly, in particular those on the modalities for the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, to be finalized as early as possible but no later than end of March 2014.
16. The preparatory process is coordinated by the ITU with full commitment from all UN Agencies (ITU, UNESCO UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDESA, WHO, FAO, UNEP, WMO, ITC, UPU)

mandated to facilitate the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes. The Open Consultation Process consists of three physical meetings and a final briefing, with remote participation, and online consultations. It was initiated, in six phases, in July 2013.

- **Phase One: July 2013** - Initiation of the Open Consultation Process
- **Phase Two: 7-8 October 2013** - First Physical Meeting
  - **Purpose:** The purpose of the meeting was to develop multi-stakeholder consensus on the proposed texts for the Zero Drafts of the Draft WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and Draft WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of participating agencies.
  - **Input to the First Physical meeting:** As an input towards the first physical meeting Zero Drafts of the Statement and Vision were prepared based on the Background Documents and more than 50 detailed inputs received from governments, private sector and civil society representatives and international organizations.
  - **Outcome:** The meeting recognized the proposed zero drafts as the starting point for further evolution during the consultation process. The meeting noted commitment of all WSIS Action Line facilitators, reconfirming scope of review, i.e. all WSIS Action Lines. Meeting endorsed set of principles providing precise guidance on the focus of the WSIS+10 High Level Event. It also agreed on the outline of the outcome documents. The way forward was decided and deadlines were set, defining the evolution of the documents till the next meeting.
  - **Chairman's report** is available here:  
[http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/WSIS10.hle-ocp\\_phase2\\_ChairmanReport.pdf](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase2/WSIS10.hle-ocp_phase2_ChairmanReport.pdf)
- **Phase Three: 16-18 December 2013** - Second Physical Meeting
  - Documents for Comments: Zero Drafts with Consolidated Texts for Chapter C of the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015  
<http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html>
  - **The Chairman's report** is available here:  
[http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase3/WSIS10.hle-ocp\\_phase3\\_MainOutcomes.pdf](http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/inc/docs/phase3/WSIS10.hle-ocp_phase3_MainOutcomes.pdf)
- **Phase Four: 17-18 February 2014 - Third Physical Meeting- Register here:**
  - **Documents for Comments**  
<http://www.itu.int/wsis/review/mpp/pages/consolidated-texts.html>
- **Phase Five: 14-18 April 2014 – Fourth Physical Meeting**
- **Phase Six: Date to be determined –**
  - Final Brief on the WSIS+10 High-Level Event / Outcomes of the open consultation published

17. This open and inclusive, multi-stakeholder open consultation process invites all WSIS Stakeholders to submit inputs and develop the Draft Outcome Documents of the WSIS+10

High-Level Event and proposals on themes & innovative approaches for the Event. All WSIS Stakeholders are invited to participate actively in the WSIS+10 High-Level Event Preparatory Process to ensure that their main activities are well addressed in the vision of WSIS beyond 2015.

18. Detailed information related to the preparatory process is available at [www.wsis.org/review/mpp](http://www.wsis.org/review/mpp). For additional details please contact the WSIS Secretariat at: [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int)

### **Annex One: ITU Regional Development Forums**

In response to the ITU Council resolution 1334 efforts were made by BDT Director towards ensuring that in conjunction with the Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTDC-14, six Regional Development Forums, open to all WSIS stakeholders, have been scheduled for 2013, to consider regional views on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and a vision beyond 2015. The following provides a list of the ITU Regional Development Forums, including links to their outcomes that have been already incorporated in the preparatory process leading towards the WSIS+10 High Level Event. They have also been included into the WSIS+10 Visioning Challenge, i.e. one of the ITU input documents by Secretary General to the WSIS+10 Preparatory Process.

- **CIS**

WTDC 14 Regional Preparatory Meeting for CIS took place from **19 to 21 February 2013 in Chisinau, Moldova**, preceded by the Regional Development Forum for CIS on **18 February**.

**OUTCOMES:** <http://www.itu.int/md/D10-RPMCIS-INF-0004/en>

- **Asia & the Pacific**

WTDC 14 Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific took place from **30 April to 2nd May 2013 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia**, preceded by the Regional Development Forum for Asia and the Pacific on **29 April**.

**OUTCOMES:** <http://www.itu.int/md/D10-RPMASP-INF-0007/en>

- **Americas**

WTDC 14 Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Americas took place from **20 to 22 August 2013 in Montevideo, Uruguay**, preceded by the Regional Development Forum for the Americas on **19 August**.

**OUTCOMES:** <http://www.itu.int/md/D10-RPMAMS-INF-0008/en>

- **Africa**

WTDC 14 Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa took place from **2nd to 4th October in Accra, Ghana**, preceded by the Regional Development Forum for Africa on **1st October**.

**OUTCOMES:** <http://www.itu.int/md/D10-RPMAFR-INF-0016/en>

- **Arab Region**

WTDC 14 Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Arab Region will take place from **29 to 31 October 2013 in Bahrain**, preceded by the Regional Development Forum for the Arab Region on **28 October**.

**OUTCOMES:** <http://www.itu.int/md/D10-RPMARB-INF-0014/en>

- **Europe**

WTDC 14 Regional Preparatory Meeting for Europe will take place from **26 to 28 November 2013 in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia**, preceded by the Regional Development Forum for Europe on **25 November**.

**OUTCOMES:** <http://www.itu.int/md/D10-RPMEUR-131125-INF/en>