

RESOLUTION 1334 (MODIFIED 2013)

(adopted at the tenth Plenary Meeting)

**ITU Role in the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the
World Summit on the Information Society**

The Council,

recalling

- a) Resolution 73 (Minneapolis, 1998) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which achieved its aims in regard to the holding of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);
- b) Resolution 140 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of this conference, on ITU's role in implementing the WSIS outcomes;
- c) Resolution 172 (Guadalajara, 2010) on Overall review of implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;
- d) Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2012) on the ITU Role in the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes up to 2015 and Future Activities beyond WSIS+10;
- e) Council Resolution 1334 (Modified 2012) on the ITU Role in the Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society,

recalling further

- a) the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Geneva Plan of Action, adopted in 2003, and the Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted in 2005, all of which were endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly;
- b) that § 111 of the Tunis Agenda requests the United Nations General Assembly to make an overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes in 2015;
- c) that the United Nations General Assembly, in its Resolution 60/252, decided to conduct an overall review of the implementation of the Summit outcomes in 2015;
- d) that the United Nations Chief Executives Board at its April 2012 meeting endorsed that the ITU should play a leading managerial role in the process of the Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (WSIS+10);

- e) that the United Nations General Assembly, in its Resolution 67/195, decided to consider the modalities for the review process by the end of 2013 at its sixty-eighth session;
- f) the outcomes of the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) referring to the role of the ICTs for sustainable development;
- g) that the UNESCO hosted multistakeholder meeting entitled Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development, where the ITU as the coorganizer held series of sessions in accordance to its mandate;
- h) the multistakeholder outcomes of the WSIS+10 track at the WSIS Forum 2013;
- i) the outcomes of the Ministerial Round Table held at the WSIS Forum 2013, where the ministers “encouraged the WSIS Process to continue beyond 2015”,

considering

- a) the provisions of the ITU Constitution and Convention concerning the role of the Union with regard to policies and strategies;
- b) the resolutions adopted by Plenipotentiary Conference concerning WSIS;
- c) the role that ITU played in initiating and leading the management of WSIS;
- d) the mandates given to ITU in respect of overall implementation of the WSIS outcomes,

notes with satisfaction

- a) ITU’s leadership in the organization of the UNGIS Open Consultation on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes;
- b) multistakeholder and inclusive character of the UNGIS Open Consultation on WSIS+10 led by ITU;
- c) the WSIS Forum has proven to be a platform to assess progress, share experiences and promote further development on the basis of the participation of all WSIS stakeholders and, while considering the continuation of holding such a process, in consultation with UN agencies;
- d) that following the request of WG-WSIS the roadmaps for Action Lines C2, C5 and C6 have been updated and made available on the web, as well as WSIS related activities have been included in the ITU Operational Plans for 2013-2016;
- e) the outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2013 and the WSIS+10 Visioning Track held during the WSIS Forum 2013;
- f) the outcomes of the two Regional Development Forums held in Moldova and Cambodia;
- g) ITU Secretary-General’s efforts made towards ensuring synergies between the WSIS+10, RIO+20, MDG review process,

further notes

- a) the effective and efficient coordination led by ITU aimed towards the development of the Plan of Action for Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (WSIS+10);
- b) the outcomes of discussions at the WSIS+10 Plenary Sessions held during the WSIS Forum 2012, in particular templates that could be used by the WSIS Action Line Facilitators and Countries,

appreciates

- a) the efforts dedicated by the ITU towards preparations of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event on the Overall Review, as an extended version of the WSIS Forum 2014 to address the challenge of the review of the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes, to be held in 2014 in conjunction with the World Telecommunication Development Conference, including a proposal from Egypt to host the meeting;
- b) efforts made by the ITU Secretary-General in the implementation of Council 12 Resolution 1334 (Modified 2012);
- c) efforts 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;
- d) efforts made by the ITU Secretary-General and BDT Director ensuring that preparations for WTDC-14 are coordinated with WSIS implementation and review activities, in particular ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event, in order to ensure that adequate funding and staff resources are available for all these activities;
- e) efforts of the ITU Secretary-General towards the mobilization of extra budgetary resources, corresponding to the financial requirements of the WSIS+10, while encouraging all member states to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust of the ITU,

considering that Council 2012 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,

further appreciates

- a) the efforts of Egypt to host ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event in April 2014 in Sharm el-Sheikh, that will address the WSIS overall review process;
- b) the efforts of Moldova, Cambodia, Uruguay, Ghana, Bahrain, Serbia to host ITU Regional Development Forums organized by the BDT to consider regional views on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, and a vision beyond 2015,

resolves

- a) to hold the ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event hosted by Egypt in Sharm el-Sheikh, from 13-17 April 2014;
- b) this ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event will be an extended version of the WSIS Forum to address the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes under the ITU's

mandate, while providing a platform for multistakeholder coordination of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, with involvement and participation of all WSIS action line facilitators, other UN agencies and all WSIS stakeholders;

c) The ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event should review the WSIS Outcomes (2003 and 2005) under ITU's responsibilities and develop proposals on a new vision beyond 2015, potentially including new targets and an action plan beyond 2015 in the area of ITU's responsibility. Other Agencies are invited to contribute to these outcomes and proposals if they wish to do so. This should be implemented taking into account decisions of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly and will be followed by a further review and decision by the Plenipotentiary Conference 2014, if any;

d) To establish an open and inclusive preparatory process similar to that of WTPF 13, Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform, for developing drafts of the outcome documents for consideration by the WSIS+10 High-Level Event, by 1st March 2014, (for ITU under its responsibilities and other interested UN Agencies, under their responsibilities)

- Draft WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes
- Draft WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating agencies

instructs the Secretary-General

1. to take all possible measures to encourage the full engagement and participation of all UN organizations, in particular those who have been mandated by the Tunis Agenda to perform particular tasks related to the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes, including all WSIS Action Line Facilitators;
2. to issue an open invitation to all WSIS stakeholders inviting them to participate actively in the Preparatory Process;
3. to invite relevant regional organizations to engage actively and to participate in the preparation for the High-Level Event and to submit to the Council Working Group on WSIS regional vision and proposals;
4. to submit a background document to serve as a basis for the work of the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform that should include proposals from the members, taking into account the outcomes of WSIS Forums, in particular in 2013, UNGIS, CSTD and UNESCO meetings in 2013;
5. to provide an effective mechanism for 10 years reporting by countries and action line facilitators, based on the existing WSIS Stocktaking process, using the available templates, in order to ensure that the outcomes of the High-Level Event take into account the current level of implementation of the WSIS outcomes, new trends and innovations, as well as challenges for WSIS beyond 2015, under its mandate;
6. to create a WSIS+10 related portal, that will serve as a reference point for the preparations towards the ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event to be held in 2014, and will facilitate information sharing and bottom-up multistakeholder qualitative and quantitative reporting, related to the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;
7. to pursue efficient and effective coordination with all stakeholders in the preparatory process of the WSIS+10, following the WSIS principles of multistakeholderism and inclusiveness;

8. to utilize, to the extent possible, the same secretariat mechanism as is the case for the organization of the WSIS Forum events, in order to perform the overall managerial role for the WSIS+10;
9. to undertake necessary actions directed towards the involvement of all ITU Membership in the preparations for the overall review of implementation of the WSIS outcomes and a vision beyond 2015, including the possibility of using example templates by Member States for national self-evaluation reporting on the implementation of the WSIS;
10. to design 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, and ensure that all Administrations and Action Line Facilitators are informed about the templates and deadlines for reporting;
11. taking into account paragraphs 105 till 111 of the Tunis Agenda and *paragraph 11 the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/67/195*, to report to the CSTD, ECOSOC and to the United Nations General Assembly, in its sixty-eighth session on the ITU activities addressing its part of the progress made on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, taking into account that CEB requested ITU to play a leading managerial role for the WSIS+10 Review Process which will be guided by UN General Assembly decision on modalities on the overall WSIS Review;
12. to devise an appropriate coordination mechanism between the WSIS+10 High-Level Event and the ongoing UN processes, with the view that synergy effects and coherence on the process be ensured;
13. to continue enhancing close cooperation and coordination with the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) in regards to the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes;
14. to invite the relevant UN Agencies to provide 10 years WSIS Action Line Facilitator's reports based on the templates agreed with multistakeholder consensus to the first physical preparatory meeting in a draft form and the final version to the last preparatory meeting at the latest,

instructs the Secretary-General and Directors of Bureaux

1. to ensure that preparations for WTDC-14 and PP-14 are coordinated with WSIS implementation and review activities, in particular the ITU coordinated WSIS+10 High-Level Event in Sharm el-Sheikh, in order to ensure that adequate funding and staff resources are available for all these activities;
2. to provide information on the emerging trends,

instructs the Council Working Group on the World Summit on the Information Society

1. to initiate an open and inclusive preparatory process similar to that of WTPF-13, Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform for the WSIS+10 High-Level Event;
2. to hold online open consultations and necessary number of physical meetings, with remote participation as an integral component, that should serve as the preparatory Meetings leading towards the WSIS+10 High-Level Event. These meetings should be organized in an open, inclusive and multistakeholder manner within the framework of the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform;
3. to review the preparatory activities of the ITU in the context of convening the WSIS+10 High-Level Event;

4. to monitor and discuss the activities of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux in relation to the implementation of this resolution;

5. to consider ITU's contributions to various options for themes relevant to the substance of WSIS+10 and beyond with the assistance of the WSIS Task Force,

encourages the Member States

1. to respond to the WSIS Targets survey that will be conducted between July and September 2013 by the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, which will be the last opportunity to contribute to its final quantitative Assessment Report on the Achievements of the WSIS Targets, to be launched on the occasion of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event in 2014;

2. to provide 10 Years country reports based on the templates agreed by multistakeholder consensus, to the first physical preparatory meeting in a draft form and the final versions to the second at the latest,

encourages the Membership

1 to ensure proactive participation in the WSIS+10 process and consider the need to continue the WSIS Process after 2015 for the further development of the Information Society on the way to a Knowledge society with a view to take full advantage of ICT in addressing development challenges of the 21st century;

2 to recommend that the ITU membership analyses the regional results of the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes and to consider proposals being submitted on emerging trends and vision beyond 2015, at the Regional Preparatory Forums at the WSIS+10 Review;

3 to provide financial means for facilitating the participation of the WSIS stakeholders in the Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform, from the developing and least developed countries;

4 to participate actively in the WG-WSIS;

5 to contribute to the next WG-WSIS meeting proposals with respect to emerging trends in the Information Society and including a vision beyond 2015 as well as on possible options for an outcome of the 2014 event, taking into account the General Assembly decision;

6 to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust of the ITU to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the WSIS+10 Review Process;

7 to take the necessary action required for the preparations of the overall review of WSIS.
