

The Russian Federation

ITU'S ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

I Introduction

Council Resolution 1334 (Rev. 2015) instructs the Council Working Group on the World Summit on the Information Society, inter alia:

- to have a discussion on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and the use of ICT tools in reaching the agreed goals and targets;
- based on the input of the Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux and also proposals from Member States and Sector Members to analyze ICT tools for sustainable development based on experiences of the MS and create linkages between the SDG's and the ITU's mandate;

The outcome document of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda entitled Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been presented to the UN General Assembly at its seventieth session for action during the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda to be held from 25 to 27 September 2015. (UNGA Document A/69/L.85).

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets will stimulate action over the next 15 years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet.

The outcome document consists of the Preamble and the Declaration, in which, inter alia, shows the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the appropriate targets, Means of implementation, as well as Follow-up and review.

Recognizing the role of ICT in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, the document notes that

"15 ... The spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress, to bridge the digital divide and to develop knowledge societies, as does scientific and technological innovation across areas as diverse as medicine and energy."

The specific references to ICTs are contained in the SDG targets: **4.b** regarding enrolment in higher education, including vocational training and information and communications technology, technical, engineering and scientific programmes, **5.b** to enhance the use of

enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women, **9.c** - to Significantly increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020 and **17.8** to fully operationalize the technology bank and science, technology and innovation capacity-building mechanism for least developed countries by 2017 and enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology ensure a full functioning 2017godu bank technology and mechanism of science, technology and innovation for the benefit of the least developed countries and to expand the use of stimulating technology, including information and communication technologies.

ITU, together with other Action Lines facilitators, presented a matrix that defines the linkage of the WSIS Action Lines and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the WSIS Forum in May 2015 (Document **WG-WSIS-27/6**).

The Matrix demonstrates a clear and direct linkage between the WSIS Action Lines targets and Post-2015 Development Agenda for the best usage of the potential of ICTs to promote and implement the Sustainable Development Goals.

The following table shows the relationship of the SDGs and WSIS Action Lines where ITU is:

the sole facilitator

WSIS action lines	Sustainable Development Goals
C2: Information and communication infrastructure	1.4, 8.2, 9.1, 9.a, 9.c, 11.5, 11.b
C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs	1.4, 4.1, 4.3, 4.5, 5.b, 7.1, 7.a, 7.b, 8.1, 9.1, 9.c, 11.3, 11.b, 16.2, 17.8
C6: Enabling Environment	2.a, 4.4, 5.b, 8.2, 8.3, 9.1, 9.c, 10.3, 11.3, 11.b, 16.3, 16.6, 16.7, 16.10, 16.b, 17.6, 17.14, 17.16

or the focal point

C4: Capacity building	1.b, 2.3, 3.7, 3.b, 3.d, 4.4, 4.7, 5.5, 5.b, 6.a, 12.7, 12.8, 12.a, 12.b, 13.2, 13.3, 13.b, 14.a, 16.a, 17.9, 17.18
C7 ICT applications: E-environment	9.4, 11.6, 11.b, 13.1, 13.3, 13.b, Goal 14, Goal 15

In accordance with Resolution 1334 Secretariat shall present to the forthcoming session of the WG WSIS a preliminary report on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and how ICT can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);

The Telecommunication Development Sector is an ITU leader for the implementation of WSIS outcomes and the Sustainable Development Goals and the results of the Summit should be taken into account in his further activities, especially

II Proposals

1. To recommend BDT in collaboration with the ITU WSIS Task Force to prepare a roadmap on ITU participation in the implementation of outcomes of the UN Summit on Post-2015 Development Agenda.
 2. To recommend to the Bureau of the sectors and the General Secretariat to make the necessary amendments and additions to the four-year rolling Operational Plan for 2017 - 2020 and the roadmaps for Action Lines C2, C5 and C6.
 3. To recommend BDT and TSB, in cooperation with regional organizations, to include in the agenda of Regional Development Forums and Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTSA-16 and WTDC-17 issues of implementation of the SDGs in the parts concerning the ICT applications and outcomes of UNGA High level Meeting on WSIS.
 4. To recommend administrations, sector members and regional organizations under preparation of proposals for new regional initiatives to take into account the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of Post-2015 Development Agenda, linking them to the fulfillment of the PP-14 Agenda for Global Telecommunication/ICT Development "Connect 2020".
 5. To recommend BDT together with the Partnership on measuring ICT for development and interested members of the ITU to work on the refinement of existing and development of new indicators to assess and monitor implementation of the relevant goals and objectives of the SDGs related to ICT.
 6. To support the participation of ITU in the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Science, Technology and Innovation in order to achieve the SDGs.
 7. Requests the Secretariat to submit to the next meeting of the CWG WSIS an overview of the decisions of the September United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015, and the December 2015 High Level Meeting on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes with the main focus on their inter linkage.
 8. To recommend TDAG and TSAG to consider the question on the participation of their sectors in the implementation of the sustainable development goals and objectives.
 9. To requests the CWG WSIS members to submit their proposals on the ITU role in implementation of the outcomes of the SDG Summit in the inter linkage with the decisions of the High Level Meeting on WSIS to the next CWG's meeting for preparation of recommendations to the Council 2016.
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