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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Great. So a good morning. A good afternoon, and good evening, colleagues stakeholders, ladies and gentlemen.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: it's a pleasure to warmly welcome you to this stakeholder. Consultation also on behalf of High Excellency Ambassador Suela

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Janina.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: the permanent representative of Albania, and myself.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I warmly welcome you to the second day of the whis plus 20 stakeholder consultations.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: We thank you for your active participation in this vital process.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: but before we begin, I would like to invite the office of the President of the General

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Assembly to deliver some opening remarks.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Office of the PGA Place. You have the floor team.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you so much, Ambassador Eketela and dear participants. I'm I am the special adviser to the President of the General Assembly on Digitalization. So I have a few words to say on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, who is following this process. This important process very closely.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: So a very good morning to all participants from the tech community non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: This year we reflect on progress made over 20 years since the Landmark World Summit on the Information Society.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Your participation today in today's stakeholder consultation is critical and deeply appreciated.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: The insight, experience, and expertise you bring are central to ensuring this review, that this review is inclusive.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and that leads, and that it leads to an equitable, transparent, and fair digital future. For all.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: As you know, our deadline for the 2030 agenda for development are fast approaching.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and the urgency to bridge the digital divide has never been greater.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Digital technologies, when harnessed equitably and responsibly, can be powerful accelerator of sustainable development

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: from education, education and health care to agriculture and climate action, they are already transforming how we deliver services, share knowledge and uplift communities.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Yet billions of our fellow citizens still lack access to the tools and skills they need to participate in the digital age.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: This is not only a technology gap, this is a, it is a development gap.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and it is a gender gap, a generational gap, and often a geographical gap.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Fortunately, we have strong foundation on which to build a more just global information society.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: The recent Global digital Compact adopted as part of the pact of the future is not a solid framework for improving digital cooperation and closing the digital divide.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: It calls on government and stakeholders to forge partnership to realize the vision of the World Summit on Information Society, a vision of people-centered, inclusive, and developmentally oriented Information Society.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: I thank the co-facilitators, the permanent representative of Albania and Kenya for chairing today's important consultations.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: I reaffirm our commitment to ensuring this review process is inclusive and transparent.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and on behalf of the President of the General Assembly. I urge all stakeholders to

actively participate in today's consultation, and engage meaningfully in sharing shaping the future future. We envision.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: I wish you a productive deliberations. I look forward to your invaluable insight, and I thank you very much.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Thank you to the opga for those inspiring remarks I would like just before

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: as co-facilitators appointed by the President of the General Assembly. We are very pleased to continue

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: this inclusive dialogue as part of the broader versus plus 20 review process mandated by the General Assembly.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Today we build on the 1st day of consultations which featured

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: inputs from stakeholders across the Asia Pacific and the Americas.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: In today's session we look forward to hearing from UN. System entities and stakeholders from Africa.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: West Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Your insights will direct will directly inform the whises, plus 20 elements paper

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: which is being finalized in preparation for the 0 draft. This August.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: That document will in turn

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: shape the final outcome to be adopted at the high level meeting of the General Assembly in December 2025.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: We are also grateful to the Member States

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: present today for their ongoing commitment to multi-stakeholder engagement

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: and for listening carefully to the contributions being made throughout this process.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I will now turn to my co-facilitator to continue with today's proceedings.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Ambassador Janina.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you. Thank you, ambassador and distinguished colleagues again building out what my colleague already informed you. I would like also to put to your information the fact that on 30th of May we had the 1st preparatory meeting, a stock taking session.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and we heard from Member States. They reaffirmed the Wisi's vision as a foundation for inclusive digital development. They also emphasized the role of icts in achieving the Sdgs. The need to breach persistent and emerging digital divides and of the linings plus 20. With the global digital combat.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: There has been also strong support for enforcing the role of the Internet governance forum and for ensuring that digital governance is ethical, inclusive, and human right based. A full summary of those discussion is available on the Secretariat's website, and if there is interest. I would invite you to consult this

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: summary. Last week. We had also the opportunity to participate in the Unesco's conference on AI and digital transformation in the public sector.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: The message that we gathered also from this meeting was clear. We need governance models that are agile, responsive, and rooted in multi-stakeholder values, especially as we respond to rapid developments in AI neurotechnology and other emerging fields today marks our second dedicated stakeholder consultation and your voices remain essential before we begin the interactive session. I would like to kindly recall to you and remind you

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: the guiding questions that we have circulated beforehand of this meeting, the 1st one, to what extent, and how has the vision of a people-centered, inclusive, and development oriented Information society evolved over the past 20 years since Resus? The second question is related with the current priorities and challenges to the implementation

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: of Louise's outcomes. And the last and the 3rd question is, how can corporation, through Wisi's mechanism alongside the recently adopted global compact

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: enhance coherence, inclusive

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and accountability in digital governance. Before we take the floor and open the floor for the participants, the secretary will now share a few briefing housekeeping announcement, and I invite Dennis to share some elements of this

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: announcement. Please, Daniel, the floor is yours. Thank you. Thank you, Ambassador. Today we will start with the UN agencies we have around 6, 7 UN. Agencies. It will serve as talkin, and they will each have 5Â min.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and then we have around 35 speakers each will have 3Â min.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and your microphone will be controlled by the Secretariat. So please, when you have the floor enable video.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: and then a timer will also appear on your screen to help manage your time. However, we will not cut you, but we hope that everyone respect to allow all participants a chance to speak. Some are also joining late from late time zones this morning from other parts of the world, and if your name is not in the Speaker list, and time permits, the co-facilitators will give you the floor at the end. So

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: please wait also for that. Thank you, Dennis, back to you, Akita, for moderating the 1st part with UN agencies.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Okay, thank you, Secretariat, for those guidelines I now would like to introduce or give the floor to the 1st speaker.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Juan. Go, say, Martinez Badillo from Angkton. You have the floor.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: Thank you.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: Thank you. Ambassador. Locale, Ambassador Janina, ladies and gentlemen, thanks for inviting on. I will speak mainly about the contribution of the commissions on science and technology for development, the Cstd of which Anta is the Secretariat, but also add some elements from the perspective of Anta's work

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: on the digital economy. As you know, the Commission sensitive unit for development, or Cscd has a mandate by the General Assembly to undertake the system-wide follow up to the implementation of the business outcome.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: The most recent contribution of the Vcs. Plus 20 review is therefore guided by the roadmap that was adopted by the Cstd. Last year at its 27 annual session, and is reflected in draft resolution submitted to the echo. So for adoption, and which is also available for consultation, we'd be happy to share it as as necessary. This was the result of a 2 year long process of multi-stakeholder consultation that culminated in a high level discussion. During this year's annual session, 28 session of the Commission.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: The discussion benefited greatly from a report by the Secretariat entitled Implementing World Summit on the Information society outcomes a 20 year review, which we can also make available for consultation, which is a comprehensive analysis of the changes that have taken place since wishes, particularly since, which is plus 10, and it has a review of the stakeholders perception of both the successes and ongoing challenges in the process.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: The Cstd. Requested that the Secretary report also be transmitted to the Ga. As background to the deliberations of which is, plus 20.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: I would like to highlight 4 major findings of both the report and of the review 1st technological innovation. Since we've progressed as an unprecedented pace moving from early computerization to today's AI and advanced robotics.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: Second, while access to digital infrastructure, especially mobile broadband, has surged globally significant digital divides persist particularly in Ldcs and among vulnerable groups. 3, rd the integration of digital technologies in the public service raises serious concerns around data, governance, privacy and environmental sustainability.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: 4, th

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: although the digital economy is expanded, its benefits remain unevly distributed, marked by market concentration and digital divide. This underscores the need for inclusive policy

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: policies and strengthen international cooperation to ensure equitable digital development.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: On this last point, we know the broadering of economic activity to include the growing number of firms that rely on digital input such as e-commerce platform social media and internet search services as well as industry that are either dependent or significantly enhanced by digital technology, infrastructure services and data.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: So, looking forward, I would like to stress some of the strategic priority to guide the future of the Information Society on the basis of the recommendations of these 2 reports that I mentioned

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: one closing all dimensions of the digital divide, especially for marginalized group

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: developing governance frameworks for emerging technologies, such as AI ensuring that digital transformation aligns with the Sdgs promoting integrated cross-sexual digital strategies at the national level and enhancing international cooperation, particularly to strengthen the voice of developing countries in global digital policymaking.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: Some issues remain unsolved, and this would also need attention. For instance, there is no universally agreed definition of the digital economy. Meanwhile it is clear that more of agnostic activities have become digitized.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: international. In the international context, we see a growing impact of digitalization, cross border e-commerce and services that are digitally delivered.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: So there is a clear direction, but it is uneven.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: the pace at which digitalization affects economy varied consistently. We see, for instance, less than 5% of people buying goods and services online in low income countries versus more than 80% in high income, high income economies.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: And this pace, as I mentioned before, this uneven pace is most visible in market capitalization. So there is no doubt that there are tremendous opportunities in digitalization. But there's a need to consider how we equitably share the benefits from it. The digital compact calls for expanding inclusion in and benefits from the digital economy for all. So this should be one of the guiding principles.

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: There's a need for additional attention to building ecosystem and conducive to reaping benefits from digitalization and addressing the associated risks. So every government needs to assume leadership in this context. But the complexity of the policy making is such

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: that we need to have effective cooperation so that action can be coordinated. I can speak about the work of the intergovernmental group of experts on measuring e-commerce and the digital economy, which is a valuable platform. And of course we would like to emphasize that the Cstv and the echo so

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Juan Jose Martinez Badillo: have a responsibility to provide an inclusive platform in addressing both current and future digital challenges and opportunity and for building consensus around our shared goals. We look forward to deepening and strengthen this collaboration with you as co-chairs and with colleagues and stakeholders. During this week's plus 20 review. I thank you.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Thank you, Angktad.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I now give the floor to Jitanjali.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Serve from the Ito, please. You have the floor.

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Gitanjali Sah: Thank you, Ambassador Nokali. It's nice to see you again. Ambassador Janina was really nice meeting you in New York, and of course Ambassador Nakarin nice to see you again as well. The Wisis process represents digital cooperation and action, a United Nations process to advance inclusive information and communication technologies.

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Gitanjali Sah: It has fostered a committed multi-stakeholder community of visa stakeholders, including more than 50 UN entities dedicated to leveraging technology for global development and ensuring its benefits, reach everyone everywhere.

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Gitanjali Sah: Looking back, 3 main achievements stand out from visas. First, st we focused on people, not just technology ensuring that everyone shares in the benefits of digital progress.

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Gitanjali Sah: Second, we've made the framework for collaboration on digital bringing the private sector, civil society, technical community academia and others to reflect the digital world's diversity and complexity. And 3, rd we've built adaptable and agile governance processes to keep pace with opportunities and challenges of emerging technologies.

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Gitanjali Sah: We have been discussing artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies at the Wises Forum, its special tracks, workshops which are built in a bottom-up approach, reflecting what the community wants to discuss, consult, and hear.

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Gitanjali Sah: The AI for good is being organized alongside the Wisis Forum as well to bring in the new technologies emerging technology discussions into the visis Forum, including the AI governance dialogue last year, and this year as well. The 11 visis action lines. They have given the stakeholders a clear framework to tackle evolving digital challenges from infrastructure and ethics to capacity, building and cybersecurity.

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Gitanjali Sah: The whis stocktaking database provides us with a rich repository of projects implementing the Wisis action line, showcasing. Now a clear linkage between the Whis action lines and the Gdc objectives.

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Gitanjali Sah: We want to give special recognition to 2 key outcomes of Wisis and 2 complementary processes. The Internet governance forum for global digital governance issues and the wisis forum for grassroots, digital development issues.

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Gitanjali Sah: As for the impact of visas on UN's work, it is essential

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Gitanjali Sah: to mention that role that digital now plays in advancing sustainable development. We've seen the world

go from 1 billion Internet users in 2,005 to 5.5 billion today, from dial up to 5G networks, from fragmented efforts to multi-stakeholder collaboration.

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Gitanjali Sah: 2 decades on Vsis has stood the test of time as a powerful example of inclusive digital cooperation in action.

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Gitanjali Sah: Our main job is to finish

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Gitanjali Sah: bridge, the digital divide once and for all, the pack for the future and its global digital compact, adapted last year is a milestone in the visis plus 20 process

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Gitanjali Sah: itu unesco uncstd. Undesa initiated a joint versus plus 20 preparatory process in September 2022, that resulted in the design of milestone meetings and decisions like we saw, for instance, the Cstd annual session, igf. 2025 upcoming visis plus 20 high level event, all contributing towards the Unga visis plus 20 overall review.

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Gitanjali Sah: The annual Cstd resolution on the assessment of the progress made in the implementation and follow-up of the vsis, recognizes the importance of integrating the implementation of Gdc. Commitments into the vsis architecture in order to avoid duplications and to ensure cohesive and consistent approach to digital cooperation. We heard Umtad mentioning that before me

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Gitanjali Sah: the whis plus 20 high level event will also give an opportunity to all stakeholders to interact with the visis plus 20 co-facilitators.

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Gitanjali Sah: and the agenda also includes a versus plus 20 special track.

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Gitanjali Sah: At the request of stakeholders, the outcomes of the event will be submitted by the chair to the Onga Overall Review as well.

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Gitanjali Sah: The United Nations Group on Information Society has already mapped the key priorities and objectives of Gdc. With visis implementation process to ensure that digital cooperation is well coordinated

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Gitanjali Sah: within the Itu. Itu Member States requested the Itu Secretary-general to submit the roadmap on Itu's implementation of visas to the Overall Review.

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Gitanjali Sah: and in accordance to resolution, itu Council resolution, 1332 members members and other stakeholders were invited to provide inputs on sharing their views on Itu's work in the implementation of visis, including suggestions related to the review of the Visis action lines.

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Gitanjali Sah: Some of these have been published with the contributors, concern.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Thank you.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Thank you. The tanzani should be concluding. You can wrap up in 30 seconds if you would like to.

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Gitanjali Sah: Ambassador. Yes, just one sentence. The Unga Overall Review, of course, is then a very critical opportunity to reflect on past achievements and draw key lessons inspire a bold, shared vision for the future of our digital world. Back to you, Ambassador.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I thank you. Jitanja Lisa from Itu, from that comprehensive input

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I now give the floor to Cedric what holds from Unesco. You have the floor.

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Cédric Wachholz: Thank you. Ambassador Locale, Ekstrom and Janina, your Excellencies, dear colleagues. Last

week Unesco hosted a whiss 2.0 branded conference on capacity building on AI and digital transformation in the public sector, and we brought together over 400 in-person participants and 700 online attendees.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: This event demonstrated the continued vitality and relevance of the wizards process with highest level participants

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: and from governments, but also from UN agencies, civil society and the private sector.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: Now I would like to come directly to speak to the 3 questions raised by you.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: facing a little bit technical challenges that I I will manage.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: So

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: First, st I would like to extend our gratitude to the co-facilitators, the 2 of you, but particularly also to Ambassador Janina from Albania, who joined us in person at this event, and we were also honored to welcome our youngest partners, Itu, undp and Unctad, including at the Deputy Secretary General Level, reinforcing our shared commitment to the visas vision. Now starting really with question, one

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: Unesco says yes to the people-centered, inclusive, and development oriented. But no, we have moved beyond an Information Society

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: Unesco advocated already in 2,005 for inclusive knowledge societies which remain the only term retained in the 2,030 Development agenda.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: while whis initially focused on expanding

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: access to information, Unesco's vision emphasized transforming information into people-owned knowledge, to empower individuals and communities and to contribute concretely to development. Today, however, we face another fundamental shift. The rare commodity is no longer information which is abundant, but it is attention. So inclusive. Knowledge, societies

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: which remain the only no which should be

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: centered around human attention, human well-being, and a role for human in an AI facilitated future at their core. Now, secondly, on priorities and challenges our wiss. 2.0 consultation along the Wiss. 6. Action line Unesco facilitates

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: identified several critical priorities. First, st AI governance. Unesco's recommendation on the ethics of AI adopted after multi-stakeholder consultations anonymously by unesco Member States in 2021

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: provides a global framework for ensuring AI serves humanity. Today, we're supporting over 70 countries. In building ethical, inclusive, AI strategies under the actionline 10

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: second meaningful digital inclusion, while broadband access has expanded dramatically, the use of digital tools remains elusive for many. We urge business plus 20 to address the use gaps by investing in relevant multilingual content into skills and inclusive affordable digital public services.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: 3rd on the cultural diversity and education dimensions, unesco champions, cultural diversity in the digital environment. Our 2,005 convention

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: and its policy monitoring platform feature over 350 policy measures promoting cultural diversity online. And we recommend integrating cultural rights more systematically into digital policies in education.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: the covid pandemic underscored digital learning's urgency and Unesco's guidance on AI and education, and our gateway to public digital learning with unicef supports inclusive quality learning while protecting learners, well-being and development.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: 4th information, integrity and trust, disinformation, online harassment and opaque algorithm threaten democratic discourse, Unesco's guidelines on the governance of digital platforms and our work on journalist safety provide practical tools to restore trust. We urge versus plus 20 to prioritize information integrity, including through action line C, 3 and C, 7,

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: fifths

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Be concluding in about 15 seconds.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: Okay. So just to say, environmental sustainability is key gender equality are key, too. And there should be a way to mainstream it. And on digital governance. I would have liked to join Gitanjali on quoting the Cstd resolution.

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CÃ©dric Wachholz: saying that we need to integrate the implementation of Gdc. Into the with this architecture, and just to say that we will be looking forward to working with all of you towards this truly people-centered, inclusive, and development oriented future, where technology serves humanity. Thank you. Ambassador.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Yeah, thank you. Thank you very much. Unesco, for that presentation. Now, I'd like to give the floor to Isabel di Sola from the UN office for digital and emerging technologies. You have the floor.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: Thank you. Chair. Speaking on behalf of the UN. Office for digital and emerging technologies, I take the opportunity to quickly congratulate both ambassadors on your appointment as co-facilitators of this important review process.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: Since the approval of the pact for the future and the Gdc. In September 2024, and in our role of supporting UN system coordination. Odette has learned a great deal about how the Wisis outcomes and Gdc. Global

digital compact reinforce each other, and how resources can be brought to bear for efficient implementation.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: Before I describe those learnings, we would also like to share with the colleagues and co-facilitators what digital cooperation looks like on the ground from our vantage point.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: the topics at the top of osets. And today Odette's agendas, since 2022 were hard to imagine, at the time in which the wistis was negotiated, digital public infrastructure, data governance, the safety of AI, the platform economy. The Gdc. Engages with these topics head on, and though they are relatively new.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: we are keenly aware that we need multi-stakeholder and international cooperation around them. If we are to deliver on their potential for development.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: Multi-stakeholder approach in digital cooperation is one of the most important legacies of the Wissis process which Odette hopes to continue.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: We've also successfully engaged newer communities and networks of practice as a UN. System over the years.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: for example, the open source community tens of thousands of coders, strong, or the burgeoning networks of AI scientists or volunteer fact checkers working to fight disinformation online. They may have engaged with the UN. By opening all kinds of doors, but they share many of the same goals as the Wisis community for a safe, open human rights respecting online space.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: Indeed, over over the years the ecosystem for digital cooperation has been enriched and enlarged.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: The Gdc. Is an annex of the pact for the future. Conceptually it's 1 part of the 6 pillared pact which is meant to be a multidisciplinary but holistic approach to complex global challenges. There are many entities and processes linked to delivery of the pact's great ambitions, including the wisis.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: In our recent experience Odette has found the Gdc. And Wisis are very complementary at the level of substance.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: We cannot approach the challenges outlined in the Gdc. Without 1st tackling challenges identified by the wisis. For example, the call to support multilingualism made in the wisis rings ever true for the Gdc. Where, in the context of rapid Llm training. Existing biases in content online are reproduced in AI.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: We have learned a great deal about aligning the architectures of the Wiss with Gdc. Objectives

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ISABEL DE SOLA: over the past 8 months. The executive office of the Secretary General led a rigorous effort to plot out all of the milestones supporting pact implementation. Over the next 2 years

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ISABEL DE SOLA: a new working group on digital technologies, co-chaired by Itu and Odette, welcomed the mapping mentioned by my colleague Gitanjali, which shows how wisis contributes to Gdc implementation. We thus now have at our disposal a tracking tool for Gdc. Implementation in real time, which includes activities from Wsis action lines

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ISABEL DE SOLA: in these challenging times. Financially, we've been encouraged to see how existing projects at Itu unesco undp otad the Ohchr unu unido itc across the UN system. Propel Gdc. Implementation forward in an efficient fashion.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: while many Wsis architectures contribute to Gdc. Implementation. It is important to note that there are other efforts outside of the Wsis trajectory that also have an important role to play in New York. We're following the negotiations for an independent international scientific panel which will be accountable on terms yet to be decided, or there are human rights related objectives in Gdc. Which will be overseen by the UN. Human rights.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Seconds.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: Thus, from Odette's perspective, we believe that the Cstd resolution encourages Gdc.

Implementation through existing architectures where that is efficient and relevant. And in many cases it's already happening.

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ISABEL DE SOLA: We thank you, ambassadors, for the opportunity to provide our remarks and look forward to collaborating with our colleagues at Undesa and across the system in this exciting review. Thank you.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Thank you so much, Isabel Desola, from the UN. Office for digital and emerging technologies.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I now give the floor to you. Ping Chan, from the UN Development program. Undp, you have the floor.

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Yu Ping Chan: Okay.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Chan. We can't hear you. Well, perhaps

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: you can check your your microphone. We can't hear you at all.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: not yet.

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Yu Ping Chan: Okay.

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Yu Ping Chan: okay, that doesn't work.

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Yu Ping Chan: Okay.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: No, we we still can't hear you.

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Yu Ping Chan: That work.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Yeah.

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Yu Ping Chan: Okay, I'm going to speak loudly, or if and hopefully, this will be a little bit better. I apologize for technical difficulties on behalf of the United Nations Development Program. Let me extend my congratulations to the Representatives for their appointment as co-facilitators, and extend the Undp's full support and readiness to facilitate and support in any way you might need, and so thank you again for this opportunity for the Undp to reflect on the Wissis process

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Yu Ping Chan: and the process forward. What we would say, I think, is that a little bit as how similar colleagues have mentioned from the UN. System, we see the principles of the wisis process as very enduring. And so it is actually foresighted of the people who negotiated with us 20 years ago to really put in place such elements as capacity building, enabling environment. And really, these 2 lines which remain relevant even to today.

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Yu Ping Chan: And even though the tools might be a little bit different, I think we've heard other colleagues mentioned artificial intelligence, digital public goods, digital public infrastructure, open source.

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Yu Ping Chan: The approach that wisis embodies remains relevant as of today and guides the way the UN system and perhaps the international community approaches digital cooperation. And so what our suggestion would be is that in the evolution of Wisis we remain focused on those principles of people-centeredness, inclusive development, orientation, as the approach to which we foresee the evolution of the use of digital technologies.

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Yu Ping Chan: And so we also think that, for instance, the wisis plus 20 review could reflect on digital public goods, artificial intelligence, environmental sustainability, human rights standards, and so forth. In essence bringing together these global discussions that have taken place at the international community. And in fact, the focus of the United

Nations Development Program, where we look to serve the over 170 countries and territories in which we have offices

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Yu Ping Chan: is to ensure that there is impact from these global discussions that are taking place at the UN and other forums as well. And so the focus on impact, perhaps, is looking to where the whistles, action lines can action

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Yu Ping Chan: and implement the areas of the Gdc, the global digital discussions that have happened and really land this in in-country practice and delivery. Last week I had the honor to speak in Paris, on.

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Yu Ping Chan: on a forum with Her Excellency the Pr. Of Albania, where I had actually emphasized that that is the main call from the program countries and developing countries that we work with the notion of impact and delivery. And the idea that all these conversations at the global level should then translate to the possibility of more resources, more support, more partnerships for the needs of developing countries, as so clearly articulated by my colleague from uncted as well.

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Yu Ping Chan: So the focus of the United Nations Development program from all our country offices, where we have been asked by our program countries for capacity building for greater support and technical advisory on digital public goods and infrastructure on support to, for instance, specific areas in terms of e-health and e-agriculture, working very closely with other colleagues that lead with this actions, lines such as Fao and others as well, is that

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Yu Ping Chan: in translating the global discussions, what we need to look at, especially in this time of financial difficulties and constraints, is that delivery at the country level itself. And so this conversation around priorities and future, and especially the complementarity of the various discussions would be very useful, we think, from a programmatic perspective and from a UN system perspective, to really underline the need for delivery and focusing on the idea of mobilization, of resources and partnerships.

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Yu Ping Chan: to meet the in-country demand and needs, and to identify the importance of the elements that Wisis has actually focused on from the start. The notion of development, centeredness, inclusiveness, and people-centeredness in all these particular action lines. So the wisis plus 20 review from our perspective is an opportunity to underscore. These elements bring on the fresh areas or the new areas that have

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Yu Ping Chan: come since the last 20 years, such as artificial intelligence, digital, public infrastructure, digital public goods, all of which Undp are working on, but then really wrap them in the through lines that come from the wisis itself, the focus on people-centeredness, on capacity, development, on the enabling environment and as well the notion of

really equipping ICT policymakers to make these critical discussions when it comes to leveraging these

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Yu Ping Chan: technologies. So for us at Undp, the wisis action lines remain highly relevant. A very effective guide to how we should carry out our work at country level, and a means to translate global discussions into this precise in-country impact that I've spoken about very quickly in my last 30 seconds. I would also emphasize the fact that Wisis and the collaboration through wisis has really brought the UN. System closer together. So we as undp are very proud to work with our

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Yu Ping Chan: colleagues from Itu, untet and Unesco, to really lead forth

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Yu Ping Chan: in a very collective bottom-up approach, the work of all the UN agencies to focus on this area of delivery and impact. So through the United Nations group on Information Society, we really look at how we, as UN agencies, can really translate again the guidance and discussions of the international community and the Member States into action, and also emphasizing again the multi-stakeholder approach that is so critical to ensuring this agility and flexibility.

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Yu Ping Chan: as her Excellency had set the start of the meeting into actual practice, I'll end there and thank you so much for giving Undp the opportunity to speak.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Thank you. Undp, for that intervention.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Now like to invite Budget Keynes Labe from the UN. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. You have the floor.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: Yes, thank you very much for giving me the floor, and I, on behalf of Ohch, I welcome the opportunity to contribute to this informal consultation, and

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: equally I congratulate the 2 ambassadors on their appointment. The Geneva declaration of principles, and the Tunis agenda were, very, as we just heard, foresight fool in the sense that they placed human rights at front and center as foundational to the Information Society. In the 20 intervening years Ohchr has actively contributed to

the implementation of Vcs

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: Ohchr, but also, of course, the independent human rights mechanisms we support. And we have done that at both levels the global level and also the country level

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: through engagement with different stakeholders at the country level as well. We have done so in terms of working on Internet access, including the digital divide and discriminatory patterns, but also on Internet shutdowns. We have worked on strengthening privacy and attracting attention to gaps in relation to data protection.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: We have supported many governments on different laws, especially when it comes to complicated and complex human rights issues, including hate, speech, child abuse, but also disinformation and other human rights considerations.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: We've helped to ensure cultural rights and media freedom online. And also we have started some to do some work on injecting human rights in in technical standard setting.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: Of course, we've also actively engaged in the Igf, and we support the further strengthening of Igf as a vital multi-stakeholder platform.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: and

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: while we have seen a lot of progress, the evolution of technology and the increasing impact on people's lives and human rights means that we really have to step up to center human rights for achieving the vision set out in this to ensure that the diffusion of technology benefits people, planet and human rights.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: and we therefore urge Member States and all other stakeholders to further strengthen human rights, action, and language in the next phase of the visis implementation.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: This is key, because we see a lot of new challenges arising also in this space, including the increasing consolidation of power technology and expertise within the digital ecosystem

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: which leads to the growing dependence of government, civil society, small and medium enterprises, but also people more generally on a small number of technology firms.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: new and emerging technologies, including AI so far seem to have exacerbated these trends of market concentration. It is therefore critical to ensure that technology companies respect human rights in line with the United Nations guiding principles on business and human rights.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: Another challenge is the explosion of data generated by the Information Society.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: While this creates many opportunities, it has also made protecting privacy and governing data in the public interest more difficult.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: At the same time, biases in data and AI are leading to discriminatory outcomes and deepened patterns of pre-existing inequalities

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: at the other end of the spectrum. We still do not hear too many voices, of course, with the fact that 1 3rd of the world remains unconnected as the tip of the iceberg.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: But, as we've heard from Unesco also, there are also digital literacy questions that exacerbate the inability to really benefit from the Information Society.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: And maybe, just to conclude, let me say, human rights help us with 2 things in this landscape. They tell us how to approach these questions of regulation and the shaping of the digital environment by involving the people and hearing those who we would otherwise not hear. But human rights also, with the body of law that has been developed over the last 50, 60, 70 years.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: gives us some substantive guidance in terms of data, protection and privacy.

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Birgit Kainz-Labbe: And we look forward to continuing to constructively engage in the process. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Thank you very much. Hr. For that intervention.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I would now like to invite Makhtar. Sec. From the UN Economic Commission for Africa, please. You have the floor.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: Thank you, ambassador and.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Please go ahead.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: Thank you, Ambassador. Thank you, Ambassador. Good afternoon. Good morning. Everyone

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: in Africa we have organized in May, in 1513 to 16. May

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: the Africa, which is plus 24.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: And during this gathering we had a lot of discussion on the this is action line. The level action line

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: as well as on the key alignment with the global digital compact

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: and also some mechanism across the continent.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: And during this 20 years, over the 20 years of implementation of the business outcome.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: We have seen a lot of progress in the continent on digital inclusion and connectivity.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: We come to 2.1% to 38%. It is something very important. And also other initiatives like the African Union digital transformation and several Continental broadband project have increased, have contributed to bridge this digital divide across the continent

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: on policy governance. I'm saying, the Internet governance forum lunch in African Internet governance forum lunch in 2,011

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: by Eca and African Union has strengthened multi-stoke engagement in the digital economy we organized as a 2025 African Igf last week in Tanya. I will come back on this also in the global digital compact adopted in 2024,

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: it it's the global to integrate Africa priority into this digital governance. I think it is something very positive for African continent

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: in the Content. Also, we have seen a lot of progress in the curriculum or access to digital literacy in several African countries, the rise of the Fintech e-commerce across the continent. Also, it is an evidence for that

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: cyber security. We have several framework at the Continental level, the Malibu conversion, the

Eca guidelines for cyber security as well as we have now seen a lot of countries adopting an increase

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: the data protection law, and it is a positive sign-on for the citizen

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: on on digital public infrastructure. Also, we have seen a lot of progress in the continent with this development of digital id access to e-government service and healthcare also, and as well as financial service.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: Also another important

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: impact. For we see, sir, it is now all government integrates this digital technology in their national Political development plan. It is something very positive for this. We see, however, we have, since we have some challenge key challenging

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: one. It is its affordability access. We, the cost, remain very high in the continent.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: the regulatory also. It is a harmonization of the regulatory. Is it something we have to work more? Given this emerging technology

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: data governance also, it is A is remaining issue on the continent. And also all this AI and emerging technology blockchain, we need to adopt this technology at the Continental. Also, cyber security remain a big challenge because we are losing this 10% of our Gdp because of cyber security. But fortunately we have now this Gdc. And we look if we look at the 5 objective of

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: the Gdc 5. Also, we adopted declaration calling declaration for a digital transformation. In Africa.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: We have a several commitment in terms of how to bridge this digital divide, how to increase the

capacity, the digital space for our youth population. How we can make this information society more increasing, how more important, how we can align Vs. And the Gdc. And the Internet Governance Forum. And it is a great recommendation from Africa

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: to continue to work together between the Vcs Internet governance Forum, and also the Gdc. To make alignment, and also to expand the mandate of Vcs. For the next 10 years as well as for the African Asia. But we need a mechanism. Follow the monitoring mechanism for this framework. To make sure.

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: we we reach our target by 2,030. It's very important because this technology can contribute to to achieve this this sustainable development goal. It also we adopted last week a declaration

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Mactar Seck_UNECA: in Dar es Salem for African internal governance, forum highlights, the importance of this mystic to all the discussion very important to advance the digital technology across the continent. Thank you.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Thank you very much. Mukhtar. Sec. From Uneca for that very, very incisive and insightful intervention.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I think this was our last UN agency from the confirmed list of speakers.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: and we'll now move to other stakeholder interventions. I thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Ambassador. Now we'll continue with the other speakers on the list. I would like to invite Mister Wolfman, plane watcher from University of to take the floor. Please.

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Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: Ambassador, and I thank you very much the co-facilitators, for delivering the roadmap. We have now a timetable. We have milestones. This is a good step in the right direction. However, I see a problem if we, after I have seen the 1st steps now in this right direction, we had last week, the consultations with governments

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Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: today with United Nations and non-governmental stakeholders, and I see a risk that if we continue we will end up in monologues where stakeholders talk to each other and not together across the stakeholder borders.

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Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: So a real multi-stakeholder consultation would include both governments and non-governmental stakeholders so that non-governmental stakeholders can comment on proposals made by governments and governments can also react to interventions of non-governmental stakeholders. I think this really multi-stakeholder dialogue would need to be organized in the months ahead.

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Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: So I encourage both the co-facilitators and the President of the General Assembly to come with innovative procedures how to enable this multi stakeholder dialogue.

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00:51:54.598 --> 00:52:13.648
Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: I was listening to what the Government had said last week, and here are my agreements and disagreements. I agree with the statement of the group of 77, that more has to be done to bridge the digital divide and to avoid an AI divide.

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Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: I agree with the statement of the European Union to establish a multi-stakeholder sounding board.

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Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: I agree with the statement from Switzerland to strengthen the role of Ungis, and to add a multi-stakeholder advisory group for Ungis I also support to give the Igf a permanent status, and to use the Sao Paulo multi-stakeholder guidelines as a tool for the further enhancement of multi-stakeholder collaboration.

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00:52:47.238 --> 00:53:03.407
Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: I disagree with the statement of Iran, which proposed to put enhanced cooperation into the center of the discussion of versus plus 20. I disagree also with the statement of the Russian Federation which criticized the multi-stakeholder approach.

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00:53:03.408 --> 00:53:24.688
Wolfgang Kleinwaechter: and I also disagree with the statement of the United States which decoupled the Sdgs from the business action lines. I have, both for my disagreements and agreements irrational, but this would go beyond my 3Â min speaking time. I will send you the full text in writing. Thank you very much.

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00:53:26.718 --> 00:53:51.628
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you very much for your contribution. I just I would like briefly to respond to your remark on having Member States and stakeholders together. This is an advice that will be reflected later on on the process of the consultation, of course, but we have been also, seeing that there are a lot of Member States following this discussion today and yesterday as well. So I think that

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: we have had opportunity to listen to each other. But we'll come to a more interactive way of exchanging views. Later on, while we are preparing to present the element papers and the 0 draft, you'll have also opportunity to comment on each other's views.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: With that I would like now to give the floor to Ellie Mcdonald from global partners digital.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: Your Excellencies, colleagues, thank you for this opportunity to share our views.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: Responding to the guiding questions, we would like to offer free recommendations, building on the priorities of the global digital rights coalition for Wissis.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: First, st in our view, we should address the future challenges by ensuring new technologies are responded to in a human rights respecting way.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: This means anchoring the interpretation and implementation of the Wisa's outcomes in the International Human Rights Framework.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: particular attention should be paid to embedding the use of human rights, due diligence

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: and impact assessment and formally recognizing the role of ohchr.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: Second, the review should prioritise preserving the multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance and extending it to digital technology governance processes as inspired by the Sao Paulo, multi-stakeholder guidelines.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: The Igf is a vital component of the Wissis architecture, and has shown its enduring value as a forum for collective learning, confidence, building, and public policy shaping

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: it should be renewed on a permanent basis, ensuring its sustainability while strengthening its procedures to ensure openness, transparency, and accessibility.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: 3, rd to achieve the whistle's vision, the agenda 2030, and the path for the future. It is necessary for digital governance to be coherent, meaningfully inclusive and uphold accountability.

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00:55:54.308 --> 00:56:13.978
Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: This can be achieved in part through implementing new global digital frameworks, like the global digital compact through the Wisis architecture benefiting from the distributed approach of the wisis while ensuring it, is enriched by the Gdc's emphasis on human rights-based digital governance.

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00:56:14.388 --> 00:56:24.838
Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: Finally, part of the legacy of the wisis is its status as a process where stakeholders have shaped cornerstone agreements of Internet public policy

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: to preserve this multi-stakeholder ethos, a cross-stakeholder community of 191 organizations and experts published a 5 point plan for an inclusive voices plus 20

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: building on this. Our communities recently also published 8 practical recommendations for the Review, which include appointing a stakeholder liaison setting up a centralised online platform designing accessible consultations, including with respect to the principle of two-way interaction mentioned by the colleague before me, and safeguarding stakeholder input at every stage

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: we alongside. The endorsers urge that these recommendations be considered and taken up, and offer our ongoing support to advise on their adoption.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital: We thank you for your time, and stand ready to assist the process.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Miss Mcdonald, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Mr. Alexei Trepikali from Internet Corporation for assigned names and numbers to take the floor.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: Good morning, Ambassador Yanina, Ambassador locale Excellencies and esteemed colleagues.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: The Internet Corporation for assigned names and numbers. Icann is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that helps ensure a stable, secure and unified global Internet through our role in coordinating the Internet's unique identifiers.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: The Internet is open, interoperable, and coordinated across borders its continued stability relies on shared responsibility across stakeholders, around the world.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: That's the strength of the multi-stakeholder model. It brings together governments, businesses, academia, civil society, and technical communities to address issues collaboratively. We hope that the UN. Member States will continue to support the multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance as they did during the wiss in Tunisia, in Unger resolution, a slash 125 and the global digital compact.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: This model has proven to be the most effective approach to address Internet policy issues. Icann's track record reflects that for 27 years we've enabled, technically grounded globally coordinated governance of the domain name system.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: The Dns has scaled to support billions of queries daily, including through crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: We have accomplished this by working closely with governments, businesses, civil society and academic communities which represent our supporting organizations and advisory committees as well as other technical organizations like the Internet engineering Task force, regional Internet registries, the Internet society, the World Wide Web consortium, and many others.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: The technical community is a distinct stakeholder within the Wsis process. Its role is to continue to develop the Internet and the policies around its technical functioning to serve all people around the world.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: We hope that the UN. Member States will continue to recognize this stakeholder group as they did in Tunisia during the Wiss plus 10 review. And in the global digital compact.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: Icann contributes to the Wsis process through its technical remit and engagement with all its stakeholders, including the governments that participate in Icann's Governmental Advisory Committee. Our experience shows that sustained collaboration among all stakeholders delivers stability and innovation at scale.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: At last the Internet Governance Forum plays a central role in fostering this collaboration. Just last year in the Gdc. The UN. Member States acknowledged the importance of the Igf as the primary multi-stakeholder platform for discussing Internet governance issues. Icann has supported and continues to support the Igf both financially and through participation in the Mac and the Ijf.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: We're committed to continuing the support for the years to come. We have released a draft paper called Digf. We want to our wiss plus 20 outreach network mailing list, and I urge everyone to join the list to the Icann Government engagement web page, where we will be discussing the different versions of the wsis plus 20 0 drafts in the coming months. Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Alexei, for your contribution. Now, I'd like to invite Miss Valeria Betancourt from association for progressive communications. You have the floor.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): Thank you. Thank you very much. The Apc is a network of more than 80 organizations

located in the global South, who work with digital technologies to improve people's life and achieve social gender and environmental justice.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): The wsis vision remains as relevant today as in 2,003, while the overall framework remains fit for purpose. We can address evolving challenges by updating action lines, targets and commitments. We believe the elements paper should highlight first, st

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): digital inequality as the top priority and a precondition for achieving all other wsis goals.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): Digital inequality is worsening disparities, and mere connectivity is insufficient, meaningful access is critical in our digital world. Market-led expansion has failed billions. And we need innovative financing and enabling regulation for localized solutions such as community center connectivity initiatives, second environmental justice.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): environmental impacts of digital technologies exceed the Wsis era, expectations, regular impact assessments with community input must become mandatory throughout digital services and products life cycles.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): 3, rd reasserting the public interest in digital and data governance to counter corporate concentration of power and the ways it undermines. Human rights, fair taxation and competitive markets are needed to increase the ability of developing countries to benefit from the potential of utilizing their own data for development.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): 4, th applying the UN's human rights-based approach to digital governance formalized by the UN. In 2,003. It requires consistent links to all existing rights, economic, social, cultural, civil, political, including specific conventions on the rights of women, children and people with disabilities in digital spaces and governance.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): 5. Gender justice through a dedicated action line with gender specific indicators and targets. Furthermore, enhancing coherence in digital governance requires, in our view, a strengthen permanent Igf plus with a broader digital governance mandate and a name change that reflects this

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): also integrated wsis and global digital compact implementation linking the global digital

compact objectives to existing Wsis frameworks in addition, using the Igf and the Vsis forum as platforms for multi-stakeholder digital cooperation, and Gdc. Proposed AI and data governance dialogues.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): Finally, recognizing that the Wsis principles of participation and the multi-stakeholder approach need to be applied consistently in a way that acknowledges and addresses power asymmetries between and within countries, communities and stakeholder groups.

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Valeria Betancourt (APC): This approach is not an alternative to democratic governance, but a means to achieve more accountable and inclusive governance at multilateral and multi-stakeholder processes at national, regional, and local levels. The Apc. Has engaged with the Wsis since it was originally held, and we keep committed with its relevant framework. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

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H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Awesome.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Ms. Bedampour, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Paloma Lara Castro from Derechos digitales to take the floor.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: Hi, thank you. I'm Paloma Lara Castro policy director at the Reco Digitales, a Latin American organization with 20 years of experience working in the intersection of technology and human rights.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: As we approach the 20 year review of the wisis, we would like to highlight the critical opportunity this process presents in protecting human rights both online and offline, reducing inequality and mitigating environmental harms.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: while the wises process has contributed significantly to the protection of human rights. For example, through its multi-stakeholder model and the creation of the Igf key enablers of human rights. In a digital age we believe it can go beyond recognizing structural inequalities such as those related to gender and the dynamics of powers between the global North and South. Considering the private sector's role, so that digitalization is truly people-centered

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: as human rights defenders. We urge the Wisi's review process to prioritize, strengthening the regulatory architecture, frameworks for digital environments grounded in human rights and gender equality, considering emerging and advancing technologies that are reshaping our economies, governance structures and social interactions, addressing geopolitical dimensions of access to data, infrastructure and compute for AI is also key

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: ensuring robust protection for privacy and personal data, particularly considering the widespread of data collection and surveillance practice surveillance practices as well as the advancement of data-based exploitation business models

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: advancing towards an intersectional and gender response in governance for Internet and digital technologies. And for that we highlight the need to move beyond treating gender as a cross-codding issue, but on having a standalone action line on gender with dedicated funding indicators and impact assessments. Recognizing the gender divide that involves issues, such as bias, lack of representation. And Tfgb.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: It is also urgent to align the Wisi's plus 20 review process with other global processes like the Gdc. Following the Std. Resolution should reduce duplication and assure maximization of efforts that should be done while guaranteeing meaningful and inclusive participation, especially from Latin America and the global south regions still underrepresented in global fora. The Wissis coalition has presented important guidelines in this regard in line with the Sao Paulo guidelines.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: This is not just about updating the wiz's agenda. It is about defending human rights, reducing global asymmetries and ensuring that the future of digital governance is democratic, inclusive, inclusive, and sustainable. Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Miss Castro, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Miss Mona Gabana from Internet society to take the floor.

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Mona Gaballa: Thank you, your Excellencies. The Internet Society welcomes the opportunity to take part in the 1st Wista stakeholder consultation and thanks the co-facilitators for convening this timely stock taking meeting

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Mona Gaballa: established in 1992. The Internet society is a global nonprofit organization with a network that includes nearly 120 chapters, 150,000 individual members, 80 organization members and 8 special interest groups. Our mission is to promote an Internet that is open, globally connected, secure and trustworthy, and we collaborate with all

stakeholders committed to advancing and strengthening the Internet as one of the strongest enablers of a digital society for

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Mona Gaballa: everyone. This year marks 20 years since the Tunis World Summit on the Information Society in 2,005. Since then the Internet has evolved rapidly and become central to nearly every part of life, government, services, commerce, health, education, communication, and so much more

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Mona Gaballa: achieving. The Wissis vision not only depends on access to the Internet, but also on the Internet. Being open, global, secure and trustworthy, the Internet gets these properties from the way that it is governed. Multi-stakeholder governance where development, operation and oversight are shared by a diverse range of actors, is key to ensuring that decisions are made in the public interest. When a range of experts can meaningfully participate in developing the solution. We get better answers to global challenges

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Mona Gaballa: in the technical community. We share a sense of collective stewardship towards the Internet and the open standards on which its technologies and networks are based.

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Mona Gaballa: These characteristics fortify stakeholder trust in the way that the Internet is operated and governed to build our digital future together. The Internet society calls for the following

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Mona Gaballa: protect and nurture the decentralized and globally connected nature of the Internet that has made it open, secure and trustworthy, affirm and continue the implementation of the Wiss action lines

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Mona Gaballa: recommit to the multi-stakeholder governance to ensure meaningful participation of all sectors, support the renewal and continuation of the Internet governance Forum recognize that the Internet governance forum has evolved to digital governance of applications and services while still continuing to provide a common place for discussions concerning the operation and management of Internet infrastructure.

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Mona Gaballa: strengthen national and regional Igfs for

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Mona Gaballa: local capacity building and collaboration. And finally, implement the global digital, compact and

leverage the Internet to achieve the sustainable development goals. By 2030 the Internet society remains committed to supporting the wissis plus 20 review and encourages inclusive and effective stakeholder engagement throughout the process. As outlined in the Sao Paulo guidelines and the 8 practical recommendations as emphasized in the intervention made by global partners. Digital. I thank you. Co-facilitators.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Miss Carballa, for your contribution. Now, I would like to invite Titi Casa from agency prenitalia. Digital you have the floor.

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Titti Cassa: Okay, so thank you. My name, Isa. I'm head of Foreign Affairs, speaking on my personal capacity. 1st of all, let me congratulate you as co-facilitator of this important process, and thank you for this opportunity to contribute to this important consultation on the implementation of Vucis outcomes over the past 20 years the Vucis

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Titti Cassa: framework has been instrumental in advancing universal and meaningful connectivity, reducing digital divide and contributing to the Sdg through a human centering multi-stakeholder and right-based digital transformation. But today we face new and urgent challenges like artificial intelligence, environmental sustainability, gender equality, data, governance, misinformation.

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Titti Cassa: And while billions still lack meaningful connectivity, so these issues require updated responses, but not necessarily a new framework, as the framework is still relevant as today. And we need to focus and continue the effective implementation of the existing action line without reopening a new new action line.

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Titti Cassa: But the Vucis plus 20, I think, must be more than a milestone. It must be a turning point. We need to strengthen the Vucis approach and to have a more interconnected and more inclusive approach. That means align the process with the global digital compact, avoiding duplication and fostering synergies between multilateral cooperation and multilateral

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Titti Cassa: stakeholder engagement and the voices plus 20 review offer is a key opportunity to reflect on how to adapt the strength of the current framework

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Titti Cassa: to ensure that digital technologies serve all of humanity. So in this context, let me outline some key priority priorities.

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Titti Cassa: 1st of all, I think we need a coherent, unified roadmap. That bridge

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Titti Cassa: commitment. This roadmap should focus on closing digital divide, ensuring meaningful connectivity for marginalized communities and also developing countries and also delivering coordinated action on connectivity, human rights and emerging technology. Second, I think we should strengthen the Angus, including additional relevant

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Titti Cassa: bodies and also reinforcing the multi-stakeholder engagement within it

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Titti Cassa: as 3rd element. I think we must reinforce inclusive, right-based digital governance. The multi-stakeholder model as set out in the Tunis agenda remains essential to keeping the Internet a global open and interoperable. In this context, we need a permanent and better resource in Igf with sustainable funding and stronger connection

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Titti Cassa: to the vucys framework and the global digital compact. Further, we need the Dhf evolution should be guided by a Sao paulo multi stakeholder guidance which offer a valuable framework to ensure that all actors, goers, civil society, private sector, technical community and youth

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Titti Cassa: can contribute meaningful on equal footing.

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Titti Cassa: So it's important to have sufficient founding to ensure that the participation also of developing country and also of young people in the Igf process, including the Nri, the dynamic coalition, the policy network and all the intersessional activities. As a last point, I want to refer to the consultation last week by Member States, and I want to

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Titti Cassa: express my strong support for the proposal made by the European Commission to establish a multi-stakeholder sounding board, because I think this mechanism would enhance transparency, inclusiveness, and legitimacy in the bushes review process, and also ensure that all the voice stakeholders are meaningful reflected.

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Titti Cassa: Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you. Thank you for your contribution. I would like now to give the floor to Fiona Alexander from American University.

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Fiona Alexander: Thank you to the co-facilitators and the team at Desa for organizing this 1st series of stakeholder consultations for the Wsis plus 20 review as a veteran government negotiator throughout the entire 5 years of the original wsis process. It's critical that one of the key achievements of wsis, the opening up of the room for all to meaningfully engage is honored and maintained in this all-important anniversary year

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Fiona Alexander: last year's process around the global digital compact sadly saw a retreat from that open, participatory approach, resulting in lingering questions of legitimacy and buy-in, of the results. In contrast, it's heartening to see that the clearer schedule and stakeholder opportunities

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Fiona Alexander: that have been so far mapped out for the wiss plus 20. I encourage you, however, to continue to make these processes more transparent and inclusive, and move to a model of true multi-stakeholder discussion, such as that suggested by Wolfgang, so that governments and non-government stakeholders are in the same meetings

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Fiona Alexander: with respect to this year's discussions and ultimate decisions that will find their way into the end of year resolution. I offer the following 3 concrete recommendations. First, st it's well past time for the UN. System to fully embrace the Internet governance Forum. The fact that a distributed ecosystem of national and regional Igfs has organically sprung up around. It proves the value that stakeholders, including governments, find in this approach. The Igf should be renewed with a permanent if not long-term mandate.

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Fiona Alexander: Second, better outcomes and decisions occur when all perspectives are included. That's why the multi-stakeholder model, including shared decision making, has been so critical to the Internet's success. The wiss plus 20 resolution should acknowledge and recommit to multi-stakeholder approaches, including clearly recognizing the role of all stakeholders, governments, the private sector, the technical community, civil society, and academia.

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Fiona Alexander: and, thirdly, given the lingering concerns around the Gdc. Process as well as the budget concerns facing the UN. System, it is unrealistic to think that the UN can continue to run duplicative processes. Any Gdc. Implementation or follow-up should move into the Wsis framework, either through the annual wiss Forum or the Igf. Thank you for the opportunity to share my views, and I look forward to continuing this conversation.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Miss Alexander, for your inputs and your views. I would like now to invite Roddy Mclin from global system for Mobile Communications Association. You have the floor.

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Roddy McGlynn: Thank you very much. The Wisis Declaration states that building a people-centered Information society is a joint effort which requires cooperation and partnership among all stakeholders.

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Roddy McGlynn: As we take part in this review, it is crucial, as other commanders have said, that the process is open, transparent, inclusive from stakeholders from different sectors.

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Roddy McGlynn: our shared goal for universal and connectivity and a people-centered information society will only be realized through effective multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration right through the policymaking process

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Roddy McGlynn: when it comes to connectivity. We know that while 57% of the global population now access the Internet via mobile broadband, there remain a further 36% who live in the area covered by networks, but do not use it.

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Roddy McGlynn: This is referred to as the usage gap, and its persistence remains one of the biggest challenges in the implementation of the wsis process.

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Roddy McGlynn: Our data and research show that people face several barriers to Internet adoption and use, including affordability, particularly of handsets and devices, literacy and digital skills and safety and security concerns.

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Roddy McGlynn: As the review takes place, it must refocus multi-stakeholder efforts on addressing these barriers and ensuring that people everywhere can realize the benefits of connectivity

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Roddy McGlynn: with that said, we must also reckon with the challenges of tomorrow

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Roddy McGlynn: exponentially rising demand for more data at faster speeds is a trend which shows no sign of letting up.

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Roddy McGlynn: and it will surely only intensify with increased rollout and adoption of AI

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Roddy McGlynn: today with 5G currently representing just 25% of global network connections. Substantial investment is needed to increase the coverage and availability of these high-speed data connections.

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Roddy McGlynn: Even with mobile operators, projected to spend 1.5 trillion dollars on network improvements. Between now and 2030 there still remains a gap between this projected investment and that which we need to increase the availability of 5G. And allow governments to realize their digital transformation objectives.

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01:18:53.118 --> 01:18:57.758
Roddy McGlynn: If governments are to reap the social and economic benefits of digital technologies.

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Roddy McGlynn: they must ensure that a sustainable model is in place to ensure the rollout and adoption.

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Roddy McGlynn: This means addressing market distortions and ensuring that regulatory requirements or other factors do not limit the ability of participants across the Internet ecosystem to make sufficient return on investment

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01:19:15.438 --> 01:19:25.098
Roddy McGlynn: to realize the ideals of the Information Society. The right incentives must be in place to promote the long term growth of the Internet and unlock the full potential of connectivity.

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01:19:25.208 --> 01:19:26.338
Roddy McGlynn: Thank you very much.

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01:19:28.778 --> 01:19:39.767
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Mclean, for your intervention and for your input. I would like now to invite many Anastasio, 2 from International Chamber of commerce. You have the floor.

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01:19:41.178 --> 01:19:53.968
Meni Anastasiadou: Thank you. Thank you, Ambassador, and many thanks for the opportunity to share a few thoughts on behalf of the International Chamber of Commerce, the institutional representative of more than 45 million companies in over 170 countries.

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01:19:53.968 --> 01:20:13.227
Meni Anastasiadou: and thank you also for your efforts in ensuring the wiss plus 20 review process remains open and inclusive to the global stakeholder community. We welcome the continuation of such efforts online with recommendations and best practices such as those shared in the five-point plan for an inclusive wisis plus 20 review that the Icc business action to support the Information Society supports

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Meni Anastasiadou: in the interest of time today. Please allow me to highlight a few top level ideas for your consideration.

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Meni Anastasiadou: In recent years substantial progress has been made in implementing the Wiss vision. The private sector has been a pioneer and partner in driving this progress

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Meni Anastasiadou: businesses invest in transformative digital infrastructure, meaningful connectivity and accessible digital products and services. Moreover, through capacity building programs, businesses, equip individuals and communities with the necessary digital literacy and technical competencies.

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01:20:42.358 --> 01:20:50.487
Meni Anastasiadou: Business innovation tied with the collective contributions of the multi-stakeholder community is the designated vehicle to drive the wiss vision into the future.

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Meni Anastasiadou: But despite significant progress, recent developments continue to show that the multi-stakeholder model is not embraced or considered by all indicating continued challenges in extending the benefits to the next billions.

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Meni Anastasiadou: In order to achieve Lewis's vision, icts must be accessible, affordable, and relevant to the needs of everyone everywhere. This includes policy frameworks built on stable, legal and regulatory grounds, unimpeded global data floats built on trust and policy frameworks that take a holistic approach across economic, technical, social, cultural, and overarching governance factors.

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Meni Anastasiadou: Finally, we urge that the wiss plus 20 outcomes establish a more interconnected and inclusive framework for digital governance. By integrating the commitments of the global digital compact, we should avoid creating parallel duplicative processes, and instead, leverage and strengthen the existing structures within the inclusive and distributed Wiss architecture, including the Igf, which should become a permanent entity with sustainable funding.

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01:21:49.278 --> 01:21:58.418
Meni Anastasiadou: Many thanks for your attention, the International Chamber of commerce stands ready to continue to contribute the views of the global private sector. As we turn to the next phase of the discussions.

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01:21:59.878 --> 01:22:06.538
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you many for your inputs. I would like now to invite Laura O'brane from access. Now to take the floor.

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Laura O'Brien - Access Now: Excellencies. Colleagues, thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the wisis plus 20 stakeholder consultation. We thank the co-facilitators for your coordinated efforts. Access now is a grassroots to global civil society organization working at the intersection of technology and human rights. We are also a member of the Global digital rights coalition for wisis, a collective of civil society organizations from the global majority

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Laura O'Brien - Access Now: and global North working to advance human rights and multi-stakeholderism in the Wisis plus 20 review process. Our response to the 3 questions posed today are therefore grounded in the shared priorities of the Gdrc. Wisis coalition. Over the past 20 years. The Wsis architecture, particularly the Igf has demonstrated the value of open, inclusive, transparent multi-stakeholder discussions on global Internet governance and digital technologies.

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01:22:55.968 --> 01:23:10.817
Laura O'Brien - Access Now: while the diffusion of digital technologies has created many opportunities. It has also facilitated human rights abuse today, targeted surveillance, Internet shutdowns and online censorship continue to prevent people and communities at risk from exercising their rights.

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Laura O'Brien - Access Now: The wsis plus 20 review process serves as a crucial opportunity to collectively review and implement the existing wisis action lines and outcomes in accordance with international human rights law. In order to safeguard against such human rights abuse, we identify 3 priorities regarding the implementation of wisis outcomes. First, st while Wsis acknowledges human rights implementation of wisis outcomes could be strengthened

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Laura O'Brien - Access Now: by promoting a human rights-based, people-centric and multi-stakeholder approach. This includes ensuring that the review and implementation of wissis action lines and outcomes are anchored in international human Rights law, promote rights respecting regulations and formally recognize the role of the office of the High Commissioner for human rights. Second, Wsis plus 20 offers an opportunity to renew and strengthen the multi-stakeholder approach to global Internet governance

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01:23:57.838 --> 01:24:23.038
Laura O'Brien - Access Now: in digital technologies as enshrined in the Tunis agenda, and reaffirmed by the Gdc. The Sao Paulo, multi-stakeholder guidelines should be promoted and implemented to create more open, transparent, accessible equitable and inclusive policymaking at all levels. Finally, we must strengthen the wsis vision and its institutions, such as the Igf beyond 2025. This includes ensuring the continued existence, funding and overall effectiveness of the Igf.

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Laura O'Brien - Access Now: the fragmentation of Internet governance and the rise of new digital governance bodies, including on cybercrime AI and counterterror risk excluding crucial voices cooperation through the wsis mechanisms can enhance coherence in governance by preventing the wsis institutions from being subsumed into or diluted by other digital governance processes and ensuring the continued existence and effectiveness of the Igf.

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Laura O'Brien - Access Now: New global digital frameworks, such as the Gdc. Should be implemented through the Wsis architecture to avoid the risk of separate duplicative processes. In conclusion, we would like to revert your attention to the 2 joint statements mentioned previously by global partners. Digital first, st the 8 practical recommendations for an inclusive wsis plus 20 review, and second, the 5 point plan for an inclusive wsis plus 20 review. Thank you.

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01:25:10.268 --> 01:25:19.038
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Miss O'brien, for your contribution. I would like now to invite a Narboli from American registry for Internet numbers. You have the floor.

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Einar Bohlin: Thank you, ambassadors, and good day to all.

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Einar Bohlin: My name is Honor Bull, and I'm the Vice President of Government Affairs at Erin. Thank you for this opportunity to make a few remarks about who we are and some of the critical Internet services that we provide, namely, Ipv. 6 and secure routing.

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Einar Bohlin: Aaron is a regional Internet registry. Rir Aaron, along with the other 4 Rirs, work together to actively contribute to an open stable and secure Internet.

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Einar Bohlin: Aaron is responsible for the management and distribution of Internet number resources. Ipv. 4 and Ipv, 6, address space and autonomous system numbers in our region.

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Einar Bohlin: Aaron provides the tools and training to help secure routing through a secure through a service called Rpki resource, public key infrastructure

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Einar Bohlin: deployment of Rpki, along with other measures, will help improve Internet routing security.

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Einar Bohlin: The Internet also needs the deployment of Ipv, 6,

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Einar Bohlin: ipv. 6 is essential to the future growth of the Internet.

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Einar Bohlin: While implementation is well underway throughout the world. It is vital that Internet services and applications be available to the entire Internet via both Ipv, 4 and Ipv, 6.

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Einar Bohlin: This means providing online services and content over both protocols.

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Einar Bohlin: We encourage all organizations to consider deployment of Ipv. 6.

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Einar Bohlin: Significant progress has been been made in connecting the unconnected in the Aaron region, with advances to bring information and communication technologies to the entire region.

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Einar Bohlin: We note substantial progress since the last Wissis Review.

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Einar Bohlin: but recognize there is still significant work ahead in providing critical Internet infrastructure and related services to those still unconnected.

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Einar Bohlin: the continued multi-stakeholder engagement and efforts of governments, the private sector, civil society and technical communities at Forest, such as the Igf remain essential to Internet discussions and successful Wsis outcomes.

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Einar Bohlin: That concludes my remarks. Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Bowling, for your contribution. I would like now to invite to take the floor Ms. Anna Osterling, from Article 19.

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Anna Oosterlinck: Excellencies. Colleagues. Thank you for this opportunity. My name is Anna Osselink, and I speak on behalf of Article 19, a local to global human rights organization focusing on free speech and related rights.

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Anna Oosterlinck: Given the time limit, I will focus on 3 core asks for the wiss plus 20 review as per the second and 3rd questions for today's session.

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Anna Oosterlinck: one human rights, 2 multi-stakeholder governance and 3 inclusion.

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Anna Oosterlinck: one human rights anchor, the Wiss framework in universal human rights and explicitly bolster the role of the Ohchr within wiss processes. The Wiss framework should explicitly reaffirm all fundamental freedoms, including free expression, free association assembly rights to privacy and data, protection and rights to equality and non-discrimination with gender equality at its absolute core.

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Anna Oosterlinck: prioritize combating digital authoritarianism and safeguard against human rights abuses such as surveillance, Internet shutdowns, censorship and attacks on independent media and on civil society.

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Anna Oosterlinck: ensure technology, private sector effectively implement their responsibilities as per the UN guiding principles and address market concentration

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Anna Oosterlinck: support, small community and nonprofit operators to offer complementary connectivity for rural and remote communities and increase digital media and information. Literacy for all is set out in the wiss plus 10 outcome.

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Anna Oosterlinck: 2 multi-stakeholder governance.

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Anna Oosterlinck: The wiss framework should fortify the existing inclusive, inclusive, human rights-based and human-centric multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance and further expand across broader digital governance processes.

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Anna Oosterlinck: multi-stakeholder governance ensures a free, open, global, safe, accessible and interoperable Internet.

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Anna Oosterlinck: It also assists in promoting universal and meaningful connectivity, closing digital divides and accelerating sustainable development.

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Anna Oosterlinck: we recommend strengthening the current multi-stakeholder model through implementing the Sao paulo multi-stakeholder guidelines.

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Anna Oosterlinck: We need a permanent, reinforced, and even more inclusive, Igf. Increasingly integrating with the work of the national and regional Idfs and receiving stable funding.

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Anna Oosterlinck: As for the Gdc. We support Switzerland's proposal to develop a joint implementation roadmap

integrating Gdc. Commitments within Wisa's implementation. Work.

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Anna Oosterlinck: 3 inclusion inclusion is the heart of the Wsis project.

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Anna Oosterlinck: Please listen listen to all voices across the globe and integrate their perspectives throughout the review process. To this end, Article 19 has co-authored the 8 practical recommendations for an inclusive wiss plus 20 review, with concrete steps to meaningfully engage with stakeholders.

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Anna Oosterlinck: But it cannot stop in December 2025,

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Anna Oosterlinck: going forward genuinely integrate into your discussions a wide range of voices from underrepresented regions and vulnerable communities to under siege civil society activists to ensure a more equitable, accessible, transparent, accountable and context aware governance frameworks. Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Ms. Osterly. Now I would like to invite Mr. Giacomo Mazzone from Arabesione.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Thank you very much. Thank you for the kind invitation. I'm Secretary General of Eurovisioni, an Ngo that is involved in the Igs process since Geneva 2 or 3, and participating to all the Igf and wsis since inception.

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Giacomo Mazzone: 1st of all, congratulations to ambassadors for the appointment. It's a hard job, good luck. But we need you, because, in fact, what we are discussing is a big jigsaw is a puzzle composed by 3 elements, and you need to fit the 3 elements altogether. If you are able to fit, then the mechanism will work. If some of the angle would not fit one with the other, we will be in deep troubles.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Why, the Igf. With its intercessional activities, with the Nri's dynamic coalition, could provide the indispensable needed interaction with civil society, academia and technical community that's essential. Without that there is no digital transition. The Wss follow-up, led by the Itu and Unesco, could ensure the link with UN agencies is already well established. It works since 20 years, and with the industry.

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Giacomo Mazzone: but the Gdc. Process give to all these processes the legitimacy within the UN General Assembly and in the relationship with the governments, this process, these 3 processes need each other in order to be well functioning.

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Giacomo Mazzone: If we agree on this picture. I think that, as other before me have said, it's indispensable to arrive to a unified roadmap, as proposed by the space delegation, with a clear share of duties, emissions among all these processes.

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Giacomo Mazzone: a process that needs to become permanent under the Sao Paulo guidelines under UN umbrella that have some principles on which could be based, that is, has to be human rights, centered data protection. All the rights need to apply to digital space

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Giacomo Mazzone: fight against this information because this information is

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Giacomo Mazzone: something that could erode democracy. And it's a very big danger that we need to face ensuring media integrity as the G. 20 is recognized in last meeting and documents ensuring meaningful access, addressing digital inequality.

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Giacomo Mazzone: But there is a point that we have not to forget. We need to link this process to also to the process that are already mentioned in the summit for the future. That is, the addressing the climate change issues and the disaster risk, prevention.

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Giacomo Mazzone: technology, artificial intelligence are absolutely indispensable if we want to protect our world and the environment. So we need to bring this other organization, this other aspects into the process. And of course, anti-concentration rules, because we don't want a world led by companies, but a world led by humans, as you suggest at the beginning. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Mazonan, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Kostantinos comaites from athletic council.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Thank you, Ambassador. I would also like to thank you and Ambassador Locale for facilitating this process. My name is Konstantinos Commedis, and I'm a resident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Democracy and tech initiative. Today I speak in my personal capacity.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: In 2,005 I was in Tunis for the second phase of oasis, and since then I have followed closely its evolution over the past 2 decades. The aspiration for a people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented information. Society has undeniably advanced, yet its realization remains uneven.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Significant progress has been made. Digital technologies have become more accessible, enabling transformative improvements in education, healthcare governance and economic opportunity. The proliferation of mobile connectivity and digital services has empowered millions. Bridging gaps in access and voice. However, disparities persist. Nearly 2.6 billion people remain offline predominantly in the global south highlighting a digital divide that increasingly mirrors and amplifies existing inequalities.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Today, the priorities for implementing Gwsi's outcomes are twofold equity and resilience. First, st we must ensure equitable access to digital infrastructure, digital literacy and meaningful connectivity. Second, as technologies evolve rapidly, we must develop resilient rights-based governance frameworks

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Konstantinos Komaitis: that safeguard human dignity, privacy, and other democratic values.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Yet challenges remain. Profound fragmentation of digital governance, data, monopolies, misinformation, cyber insecurity and the weaponization of digital tools are growing threats to the inclusivity and development orientation which is envisioned at the same time, governance is increasingly fragmented, mainly due to geopolitical tensions, and the lack of collaboration.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Efforts to maintain an open, interoperable, and global Internet are under strain in this context, supporting and strengthening the multi-stakeholder model is crucial. And the Sao paulo, multi-stakeholder guidelines provides a useful reference. Multi-stakeholder dialogue can help establish shared norms, reduce policy, fragmentation and build trust

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Konstantinos Komaitis: the implementation of the gdc should be anchored in the multi-stakeholder process and the community of the Internet governance forum. To this end the Ihef must be safeguarded.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: For 20 years the Igf has stood as a resilient platform for multi-stakeholder governance. While other processes have faltered, the Igf has endured

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Konstantinos Komaitis: it has provided a safe and inclusive space for stakeholders from around the world to engage in dialogue on complex and often contentious issues. It is a living expression of the Wisi spirit. After December the Igf must emerge stronger with a renewed commitment to its sustainability, both financial and political. In conclusion, I would like to remind everyone that the Wisi's vision remains as relevant as ever.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Unlike the Gdc. Which was done primarily by States and 4 States, Wisi stands as a testament to the power of multi-stakeholder collaboration and a reminder that the Internet and digital technologies exist 1st and foremost, to serve people as you move forward. I would encourage you to promote meaningful and fully transparent multi-stakeholder participation by ensuring that all stakeholders are equally and concurrently involved. Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Comites, for your contribution. I would like now to invite to take the floor Mr. Julian Casabuenas, from Columardo.

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Julian Casasbuenas G: Thank you very much for this opportunity. Colonaro has actively participated in the process committed to building an inclusive, equitable, and development oriented Information society

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Julian Casasbuenas G: based on our experience over the past 30 years supporting community networks, digital rights and meaningful access to technology. In Colombia, we offer the following reflections over the past 2 decades we have seen important advancements in connectivity or recognition of access to the Internet as a fundamental enable of rights

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Julian Casasbuenas G: and increase awareness of the role of digital technologies in achieving sustainable development. However, despite this process progress, the vision of a people-centered and inclusive information, society remains

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Julian Casasbuenas G: only partially realized, particularly for communities in rural, remote and marginalized areas. We have confirmed that unit inclusion goes beyond infrastructure. It requires community empowered local ownership of networks, digital skills

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Julian Casasbuenas G: and policy environments that enable bottom-up solutions. The recognition of community networks as legitimate actors in the ecosystem has been a key step forward. But more needs to be done to reflect this vision consistently in national and global digital strategies.

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Julian Casasbuenas G: The digital divide persists not only in terms of connectivity, but also regarding affordability digital skills locally relevant content and meaningful participation in digital government processes among the current priorities are closing the urban rural connectivity gap by supporting community driving models of access

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Julian Casasbuenas G: bridging, gender and intersectional digital device, ensuring that women, indigenous peoples and marginalized groups benefit equitably from digital development, protecting digital rights, including privacy, freedom of expression and right to participate in shaping digital policies.

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Julian Casasbuenas G: ensuring that digital transformation supports sustainable development goals, particularly in education, health and economic inclusion. A major challenge remains the gap policy commitments and effective implementation, especially at the local level

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Julian Casasbuenas G: cooperation through the wishes process sustained multi-stageholder dialogue, the Igf and now the global digital compact offers a vital opportunity to strength currents, avoid fragmentation and place people needs at the center of digital government. We believe that multi-stakeholder approach must prioritize inclusion and local communities and civil society organizations

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Julian Casasbuenas G: that work directly with affected populations, particularly from the global South, the wisis process, the Igf and the Gdc. Should complement each other, reinforcing commitments to universal, meaningful connectivity and aligning with human rights frameworks.

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Julian Casasbuenas G: transparent, inclusive, and accountable governance. Mechanisms are need to ensure the commitments, translate into concrete actions that close digital gaps and foster sustainable community driven development. Colorado remains committed to working with global, regional and local partners to advance this vision of an information society that truly empowers people, leaving no one behind. Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Casabuenas, for your contribution.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: I invite now, Mr. Julian Drake, for Colombia Institute for tele information. You have the floor.

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William Drake: Thank you very much to the co-facilitators and Desa for giving stakeholders the opportunity to speak here today, as others have said hopefully. In the future. There'll be chances for direct interaction with governments, as we had during the Tunis phase, and as we have in multi-stakeholder institutions

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William Drake: regarding substantive issues.

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William Drake: given the new geopolitical and budgetary realities. I hope we could take on board the hard lessons learned 20 years ago and limit the time that we're going to spend relitigating Internet governance, enhanced cooperation and issues like that instead focus on the zone of possible agreement around reaffirming the Tunis agenda and so on

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William Drake: new issues relating to Dpi digital governance. AI, I would suggest, should be handled incrementally within the existing action lines and resources rather than trying to negotiate expansive new mandates that could cause

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William Drake: extensive debate and problems. I would suggest also that the Igf. Should be given permanent mandate, and that we should clarify that the Gdc. Should be fully integrated

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William Drake: into the Wissis process which enjoys broader support

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William Drake: regarding institutional and procedural issues. I'd like to strongly support the suggestions made in the 5 Point plan coordinated by the global digital rights coalition referred to earlier. It's great that we're able to do this via zoom and so on. But at the same time, we still fall quite short of actually multi-stakeholder engagement as practiced in other institutional environments, that matter for global digital governance. And I hope we can make further progress in trying to

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William Drake: up the game of the United Nations. In this respect I would in particular flag the plan's suggestion about reforming the accreditation process with regard to eligible stakeholders.

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William Drake: Right now, it's very difficult for those of us who are individuals who are actively participating in other multi-stakeholder processes to engage fully in these kinds of environments where you have to be a member of an accredited organization or professional staff, etc, work could be done there. Secondly, I'd say also that I support the Swiss wises plus proposal for expanding the role of Ungis

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William Drake: and creating a multi-stakeholder steering group and making the Cstd more effectively multi-stakeholder. And lastly, I would say, you know that we should think expansively about action line one, and try to consider fully how to improve the mechanisms of multi-stakeholder participation in international processes.

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William Drake: Multi-stakeholder organizations are learning organizations that are continually improving their processes and adapting to new circumstances. UN processes are fairly stagnant in comparison notwithstanding the proclamations in the Gdc. About reinventing multilateralism, etc. We need to reinvent the relationship between stakeholders and intergovernmental processes and learn how to do these things more effectively. Some of the suggestions have been made by the EU and others, I think, should be given full consideration in that regard. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Drake, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Miss Miriam Kohler from Deutsche Welle Academy to take the floor.

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Miriam Kueller: Yes, hello, everyone, and thank you very much for this opportunity to speak, and for the rich debate.

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Miriam Kueller: My name is Miriam Kuhler. I work with Gw. Academy, the media development wing of German international broadcaster, Deutsche Welle.

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Miriam Kueller: Together with our partners, we support building diverse and independent media ecosystems in over 70 global majority countries worldwide.

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Miriam Kueller: human rights and freedom of expression are at the core of our mandate. And of course the oasis process is, of course, highly relevant to what we do.

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01:45:10.808 --> 01:45:24.017
Miriam Kueller: Many important points have been made already, so I'll try to keep it short. We believe that media has an important role to play in realizing the wiz's goals as well as the sustainable development goals in peaceful societies. More generally.

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01:45:24.218 --> 01:45:30.457
Miriam Kueller: action line 9 specifically has enabled journalism to support plural pluralism and inclusion.

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01:45:31.318 --> 01:45:39.688
Miriam Kueller: Today's challenges, such as misuses of AI and global disinformation campaigns cannot be resolved without strong media systems.

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Miriam Kueller: It is therefore of paramount importance that action line 9 be not only preserved but also strengthened.

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Miriam Kueller: Moreover, given the importance of media freedom as an enabling right media perspectives should not just be confined to one action line.

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Miriam Kueller: Rather they should be embedded across all wiss action lines, action lines c, 2, c, 5 and c, 10, all impact media and therefore cross collaboration between lines should be ascertained.

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01:46:08.238 --> 01:46:18.368
Miriam Kueller: We support others in noting that whis should firmly be anchored in international Human Rights law, including express mention of the role of the Ohchr.

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01:46:18.658 --> 01:46:40.078
Miriam Kueller: And, like others, we also underline that Wiss should remain the primary forum for digital governance, and the multi-stakeholder model should be upheld. New mechanisms, like the global digital compact, should be implemented through the Wiss architecture not duplicated. Lastly, the Igf should be reaffirmed and strengthened, including through stable funding.

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01:46:40.678 --> 01:46:52.338
Miriam Kueller: To conclude, we believe that public interest media are essential for the realization of the Wiss mandate, and we look forward to contributing to the Wissis process as it evolves. Thank you very much.

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01:46:54.088 --> 01:47:05.437
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Miss Cooler, for your intervention and for your remarks. I would like now to invite Mr. Mark Carvel from European dialogue on Internet governance to take the floor.

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01:47:06.478 --> 01:47:26.367
Mark Carvell: Thank you very much for giving me the floor. And Hello, everybody! It's been a great session to hear so many views. Uidig is the European Regional Internet Governance Forum, for multi-stakeholder discussion and the exchange of ideas on emerging issues and challenges

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Mark Carvell: which is open to active participation of governments and regulators. So many governments do take advantage of

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Mark Carvell: of the opportunity to engage with stakeholders through through this forum.

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Mark Carvell: Eurodig is one of 176 national and regional Internet governance Fora, which have emerged in all regions since the global Igf was established by the Wissis in 2,005,

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Mark Carvell: that figure of 176 is

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Mark Carvell: remarkable testimony to the critical value of multi-stakeholder process launched by the Wissis in all those years ago.

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Mark Carvell: and and has been robust and and sustainable approach ever since

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Mark Carvell: Eurodig has held an annual multi-stakeholder event in a different European country. Every year since its inception in 2,008. This year's annual Eurodig event was hosted by the Council of Europe in Strasbourg in May, with 700 registered on-site and online participants from 103 countries. Actually, so actually, our reach goes beyond the European region per se.

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Mark Carvell: The program included a main session entitled Why the Wisis plus 20 review matters, and how national and regional Igfs can enhance stakeholder participation. And we thank you, Miss Janina, very much for your contribution to that session.

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Mark Carvell: Jurdic has has published on his website the following 5 messages, based on the broad consensus expressed

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Mark Carvell: by stakeholders in that session in Strasbourg, and we wish to communicate these 2 national delegations as an input into the wiss plus 20. Review the 1st message.

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Mark Carvell: your dig stakeholders welcomed the updating by co-facilitator, Miss Surala Janina yourself on the opportunities for meaningful stakeholder participation in the review meaningful.

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Mark Carvell: which will ensure its legitimacy. So meaningfulness means legitimacy.

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Mark Carvell: Eurodig stands ready to contribute as a channel for inputting key issues and for establishing the necessary momentum for achieving the right outcomes with a forward-looking agenda. Euadig recommends that all stakeholder inputs and proposals be included on the UN's official record. Second, Eurodig message.

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Mark Carvell: the Internet governance Forum is a fundamental platform for multi-stakeholder cooperation globally, and should be granted a renewed permanent mandate. The Igf needs to implement the substantive improvements expressed during the open consultations on the wisis, including enhancing its inclusivity and ensuring outcomes, lead to action.

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Mark Carvell: 3rd message, the wissis plus 20 review process should be conducted in a transparent, inclusive, and diverse manner, or a multi-stakeholder approach is key to achieving this. The upcoming action plan should align with the sustainable Development Goals

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Mark Carvell: and the priorities for action set out in the global digital compact. 4th message, the Wissis Review should address new and still existing socio-technological and economic challenges, such as the North, South, digital divide and gender inequalities.

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Mark Carvell: human-centric AI regulation climate change, human rights online and maximizing diverse stakeholder participation in the global digital economy from all regions.

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01:50:55.688 --> 01:51:16.148
Mark Carvell: 5, th message, national and regional Igfs are important and powerful engines for the bottom up and multi-stakeholder approach and therefore, should be actively included in the review process. National and regional initiatives are fundamental in providing national perspectives and mechanisms for policy adoption.

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Mark Carvell: Eudig looks forward to continuing to be engaged in the review process, and subsequently as a channel for European stakeholders to contribute information, recommendations, and proposals, drawing on its extensive network in the European region

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Mark Carvell: and on its long experience as a forward looking inclusive forum which focuses on current priorities and emerging issues in the digital environment. Thank you for attention. Sorry for going over my 3Â min.

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01:51:44.498 --> 01:51:54.587
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Carvel, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Ms. Boyanna Kostic from Global Forum for media development. Take the floor.

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01:51:54.768 --> 01:52:07.248
Bojana Kostic,GFMD: Thank you. And good day. Your Excellency organizes for this opportunity to speak on behalf of Global Forum for media development a global network of more than 200 media development and journalism support organizations.

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: Over the past 20 years this has been instrumental in supporting and promoting people-centered

and inclusive digital society, and despite so many challenges, it remains multi-stakeholder driven process. And this is also even more important in the context of the media and Information society, where we are all witnessing the challenges of digital repression attack, facilitated harms coupled with the shrinking space. Civic space

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: media funding now really threaten the survival of news media and professional journalism, and therefore the message remains vital, but also needs to involve to address these new realities previously mentioned, global digital rights coalition, five-point action plan and the follow-up aid recommendation. Practical recommendations should actually really serve us as a map in this process, and Gfmd was very

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: lucky to be able to endorse them and involve in the drafting process addressing priorities and challenges. Today means addressing digital governance comprehensively for our core mission for us our core mission, but also aligned with the overarching principles of the vesis framework is to secure digital governance and digital public infrastructure that enable journalism as a public good.

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: To achieve this, the emphasis needs to be put equally on securing safe and accountable digital government, but also supporting media independence, media sustainability and protecting journalism. Put simply

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: the key priority is to preserve principle 55, and the corresponding extra line 9. But let's also ensure that the review process takes due consideration of the media related issues that spread across different lines like the line one on infrastructure or cyber security. And then Gfmd has worked on the elements of these intersection points, and the media more particularly, and we are eager to share this document with you and further involved in the process.

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: Finally, the Gdc. Commitments should be grounded in the existing basis. Architecture, as already mentioned before in the context of the media looking more specific. Gdc, commitment, for example, 33, and the visas action line 9 c. 9 on the media are already aligned. To a large extent. This alignment should be explicitly recognized and emphasized in the visis review process. This means reaffirming visis plus 20, and

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: the central multi-stagehold digital governance, space and reinforcing mechanisms such as Internet governance forum

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: to ensure transparency and inclusive participation to conclude media and journalists are more than stakeholders in the digital governance space, as we all know, they are also enables of democracy

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Bojana Kostic,GFMD: which provides access to reliable timely and public interest information. Thank you so much for this opportunity.

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01:54:48.908 --> 01:54:57.618
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Boyanna, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Mr. Jimson Olufuye from contemporary consulting to take the floor.

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Jimson Olufuye: Thank you very much.

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Jimson Olufuye: Greetings, your Excellencies, and all my name is, I'm the principal consultant at contemporary consulting, Limited, an it firm based in Abuja Nigeria. We have been involved in the whis process since 2,003. True contemporary. I've had the privilege of founding Aficta in 2,012.

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Jimson Olufuye: I'm currently the chair of the Advocacy Council of Ficta. Ficta itself is a concerned private sector led alliance of ICT associations, companies, and professionals across Africa we started with 6 countries, but now, in 43 African countries.

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Jimson Olufuye: a victor is an outcome of the whis as the African private sector's response to the vision of the whises for a people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented Information society.

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Jimson Olufuye: Our vision is the fulfillment of the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa.

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Jimson Olufuye: I've had the privilege of serving in the Cstd working groups on improvement of Igf enhanced cooperation, and the United Nations Secretary General's Mag

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Jimson Olufuye: Aficta collaborates with Uneca doing a fantastic job in Africa, and the Au and other stakeholder groups across Africa to advance the Wisi's vision. We believe the Wisi's has prospered. Our world in all aspects of life, with a delivered declaration on action lines and targets, and the Tony's agenda on idea, which has become a veritable platform

for capacity, development on the digital networking, sharing of best practices

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Jimson Olufuye: and evolving new businesses, etc. As a matter of fact, the Wisi's efforts in fostering access, connectivity and multi-stakeholder engagement have added more than 10 trillion dollars to the global economy. So over the past 50 years, the Wisi's vision has served our world well.

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Jimson Olufuye: we know that the Analysis Review are mostly handled by the Regional Economic Commission in their regions. Like Unica. There's a need for in-country annual review as

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Jimson Olufuye: Sdgs

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Jimson Olufuye: 2013 targets approaches. Therefore, we all states who are yet to operationalize annual whises forum to do so in conjunction with Igf and Ans. Corporation and the Gdc. That the annual whises Forum be reviewed with the Whis action line targets.

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Jimson Olufuye: Igf outcomes and the Gdc. Objectives in view of the expectation on the sustainable development goal. Contemporary. Consider intelligence as an E-application. As such it can be appended to Wisi's action. Line c. 7. Along with the other E-application, or to be taken as part of the E-application without any other addition.

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Jimson Olufuye: We propose that the management of the Igf be renewed for another 10 years, or made permanent with the unit system. We also believe that why the Igf

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Jimson Olufuye: agenda is fully operational, enhanced cooperation. Paragraph 67 is already operational in the UN Commission for Science and technology for development

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Jimson Olufuye: and in other forum, like Icann associates, should be documented as the primary home of enhanced cooperation. And finally, the global data compact, which is an annex of the future. The path for the future is a derivative of Wissis, and as such should be reviewed during the Wisi's Igf access meeting, therefore in country Sdd offices

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Jimson Olufuye: should be part of the discussion processes going forward. Finally, finally, in addition, the process of engagement on with this matter should reflect the Sao Paulo, multistacular statement which provided guidelines for meaningful multistacular engagement. Thank you very much for listening.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Missuill, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Paula Ortegu from Latin America and Caribbean Network Information Center. Paula, you have the floor.

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Paula Oteguy: Thank you. Chair co-facilitators. Hello, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Latnik, the Latin American and Caribbean Internet address registry, a nonprofit association format by a community of more than 12,000 associated entities members in a coverage area of 33 Territories. Our function is to allocate and manage Internet numbers resources

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Paula Oteguy: contributing to the development of the Internet in the region through an active policy of cooperation

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Paula Oteguy: as members of the Internet technical community. We have been actively involved in this process. We consider wizys plus 20 as a key opportunity to reform and update global commitments for digital inclusion

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Paula Oteguy: before moving on to the concrete opportunities that this process offers. We would like to underline that the success of the Internet is based on its founding principles of open standards and collaboration. In this regard it is essential to recognize the role of the technical community and its operational expertise for implementing policies and protocols that ensure the functionality and interoperability of the Internet.

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Paula Oteguy: Some ways in which the Wisi's plus 20 outcomes can drive sustainable socioeconomic development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the world are an open stable, secure, and global internet. It is imperative to advocate for an Internet without fragmentation and operating under open, secure standards developed by the global community.

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Paula Oteguy: Strengthening the multi-stakeholder model, it is necessary to ensure the representation and active participation of all sectors, including the technical community in decision-making processes on the digital future. Also strengthen the role of the global Internet governance Forum as a key platform for inclusive Internet policy dialogue and an enabling space for all voices in global debate on the future of Internet.

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Paula Oteguy: meaningful access, not just connectivity. Internet access must be of quality, secure and useful, allowing free access to content and promoting digital skills and relying on standards that provide stability and security. Such, Ipv, 6 or Pkia.

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Paula Oteguy: In this context, we at Lagnik reform our commitment to a global open stable, secure Internet that serves sustainable development. Our contributions will continue to focus on strengthening technical participation in regional and global spaces, collaborating with all actors under the most stakeholder model, encouraging the active participation of our region in global debates, continuing the dialogue with governments

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Paula Oteguy: bringing evidence, experience, and learning from our daily practice.

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Paula Oteguy: So we deeply value this space for exchange and collaborative construction. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Faulna, for your inputs. I would like now to invite Alicia Sharif from technical community coalition for multi-stakeholderism. You have the floor.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: Thank you, your Excellency, and Hello, everyone. My name is Alicia, and I'm speaking on behalf of a technical community coalition for multi-stakeholderism, which is a group of aligned members of the Internet technical community with a long history of involvement in multi-stakeholder Internet governance. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this stakeholder consultation and reiterate our thanks to the President of the General Assembly.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: the co-facilitators, the Secretariat, for all the preparations thus far in the review process, and thanks also to all the previous speakers for their interesting and diverse contributions.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: My comments focus on the 3rd of the guiding questions for today's interventions. But before I move to that, I want to briefly acknowledge 4 things.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: one, that many more people around the world are participating in the Information Society than were doing so 20 years ago, and that is a success.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: 2. That, despite this, much remains to be done to bridge, complex and diverse, digital divide

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: so that all can participate.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: 3. That since the original wizard summit, the Internet has been a key infrastructure for enabling the Information Society and crucial to the development of societies, economies, communities, and culture all around the world. And 4, that the multi-stakeholder model has been and remains integral to the Internet's continued development and success.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: Our role as members of the Internet's technical community is to operate the infrastructure that supports the Internet's availability. We see an open, free, global, secure, resilient, and interoperable Internet as a crucial foundation for human development, innovation and progress.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: Ongoing engagement by all constituents of the multi-stakeholder model governments, the private sector, academia, civil society, and the technical community help us find common ground and move forward as we navigate new technologies and governance challenges

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: as such. Through this review we urge Member States to 1st ensure that the review itself remains genuinely open to and inclusive of stakeholders. Input the Sao Paulo multi-stakeholder guidelines offer a proposed approach to digital governance and deliberative dialogue which we strongly support.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: Second, to ensure that the role of the Igf is maintained, and ideally, that it becomes a permanent feature of the UN system with better resources to allow it to function more effectively and inclusively. A critical component that is missing in the wider digital governance landscape is a multi-stakeholder agenda setting function. And we believe that the Igf could fulfil this in turn, aiding the development of a governance agenda for the global Internet governance and digital policy landscape.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: 3, rd acknowledge that there is a level of complementarity between the Gdc. And wises, but also a level of overlapping coverage. We would advise against duplicating or proliferating governance. Fora, because proliferation disadvantages all stakeholders except the best resourced, and 4, th and finally, to acknowledge that any additional resources should be used to support broader and more diverse participation in existing institutions and processes.

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: The ecosystem of intersessional work, for example, through the national and regional initiatives, policy networks, best practice Fora and dynamic coalitions could be better utilised to follow up on implementation and generate outputs. The full list of organizations

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Alishah Shariff - TCCM: on to this statement, which currently stands at 24 will shortly be available on Tccmglobal.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you. Thank you, Miss Sheriff, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Mr. Mohamed Farah from Afigf, to take the floor.

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Mohamed Farahat: Thanks, Lance, and good morning. Good afternoon. Good evening, everyone, and thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak. I'm Mohammed Farhat. I'm a Mag, member of African Ijf. And also I'm a member of Cstd working group on data governance and my participation. Today, it's on my personal capacity.

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Mohamed Farahat: I will proceed from the view that the Gdc constitutes a very early foundation document for document technology and digital life.

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Mohamed Farahat: Gdc address, 3 main issue, Internet governance data, governance and Aa governance

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Mohamed Farahat: with admitted the concerns of fragmentation and the application between oasis process, Igf process and the new expected bodies established by Gdc. Particularly global dialogue on Ei governance, and maybe another platform, as maybe, as most of you know, that working group and data governance. Now, it's working to deliver a report about data governance within

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Mohamed Farahat: within Gdc, so maybe one officer competition will come from their working group to establish a new platform focus on data governance. So in this time we will have a 3 platforms. So my intervention aim.

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Mohamed Farahat: my innovation aims principally to stress on the importance of focus on the coordination mechanism between Ijf and expected AI governance dialogue

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Mohamed Farahat: platform will be established.

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Mohamed Farahat: or and, as I mentioned, maybe the other new platforms or process maybe appear in the in the future.

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Mohamed Farahat: I think the problem. The question is not.

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Mohamed Farahat: of course, we recognize that the concern of fragmentation duplication. But I think the question is not of

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Mohamed Farahat: a lot of processes and a lot of platforms. But I think the question is how to manage the intersectionality and cross cutting issue between all the process.

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Mohamed Farahat: the main concern of implementation, I think from my point of view, will disappear if we have reached to the coordination mechanism between all these processes, to conclude the focused discussion on coordination mechanism should be started between and facilitators of process to establish the global dialogue on AI governance. And I recommend

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Mohamed Farahat: to establish coordination committee between the 3 platforms or 3 process, which is global Ijf and the new parties will be stopped by within the Gdc. And to to coordinate the the contribution and direction of each platform in the digital ecosystem.

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Mohamed Farahat: I. Lastly, I recommend to measuring between AI Ijf and oasis to make Ijf or Internet governance all the process of Internet governance be under Ijf, because, as all the critics mentioned that Internet governance is one of the result of oasis, so I think we need to to think about or to ask ourselves

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Mohamed Farahat: to what extent we can like make a measuring between Internet governance form and twist this process to P.

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Mohamed Farahat: All managed under Ijf. And I agree with all the my colleagues. Intervention about. We have to keep on the Ijf. And we have to support and strength in our eyes because it's very fundamental to governing AI sorry governing Internet. So we need to have work with the 3 component of

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Mohamed Farahat: AI governance data governance and Internet governance. We need to like, just make the umbrella. What's the umbrella? How to coordinate between all the 3? Not to merging all the 3, because I think it would. It's impossible to to integrate all the 3 governs in one body. But we have

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Mohamed Farahat: have a separate bodies for Internet governance, data, governance AI governance, but the most important how to

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Mohamed Farahat: manage the intersectionality between the 3 points. Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Farhad, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Mr. Abdeljadid Basharbon from House of Africa.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: Thank you so much, dear Excellency. Dear Chair.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: thank you for this opportunity on behalf of House of Africa.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: a dedicated member of Cbc community from chat from global south. And also and the name of Chat Igf.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: our organization is committed to promote access Internet equitable access of Internet and Africa.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: As we reflect on the outcome of the visas, it is critical to recognize the significant contribution made by the diverse stakeholder, including civil society used in achieving the connectivity and the capacity building objective outlined

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: in with this action lines, we have tireless advocate for inclusive digital policy that empower marginalized community and enhance local governance.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: and the past year we have seen remarkable progress and Internet accessibility across Africa

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: with increasing initiative aim at bridging the digital divide. However, this is still much work to be done to ensure that all the voice are heard and represented, and the digital landscape.

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02:12:08.308 --> 02:12:15.897
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: we believe that updated with this framework is essential to the continued development of inclusive Internet.

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02:12:16.118 --> 02:12:23.198
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: We recommend the following area for consideration, defining digital governance and cooperation.

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02:12:23.358 --> 02:12:43.478
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: there should be clear and complementary understanding of digital governance framework. It is vital that we leverage a strength across various initiatives without duplication effort. We need Gdc, we need Igf also, we need with this for more impact and also more collaboration.

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02:12:44.318 --> 02:12:48.038
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: Second point is strengthening the role of Igf.

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02:12:48.138 --> 02:12:50.627
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: We need sustainable resourcing.

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02:12:51.148 --> 02:12:58.228
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: financing for the internal governance, for Rome is critical to have a new mandatory new, a permanent seat.

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02:12:59.038 --> 02:13:11.938
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: It is multi-call holder approach which allow for the bottom up. Agenda sitting must be maintained and supported more funding for the multilingual resources for more impact

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02:13:12.238 --> 02:13:24.787
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: incentives, such like African Igf for the case of Africa, like national Igf, like, it's a case of chat. And also we need more school of internal governance

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02:13:24.968 --> 02:13:38.948
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: to give more capacity for the people, provide essential platform for the local dialogue, and should be our priority, national, regional and youth initiative we call in our languages enterprise

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02:13:39.098 --> 02:13:45.448
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: give us more voice for each one of the community member to contribute and to shape the Internet that we needed.

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02:13:45.868 --> 02:14:14.257
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: and also to connect the inconnect people from the area number 3 to providing inclusivity. The with this plus 20 review process and Gdc. Must remain open, inclusive, allowing the all stakeholders, particularly from civil society, to engage mental discussion. The Sao Paulo, my stakeholder guidelines, can serve as valuable reference for fostering such inclusivity. Number 4 at the end.

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02:14:14.578 --> 02:14:35.208
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: recognize the civil society rules, is imperative to acknowledge

civil society, including organization and Africa. Many like organization as distinctive vital stakeholders and the internal governance. Our init perspective is to advocate effort is essential to ensure that Internet serve the need of our communities.

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02:14:35.268 --> 02:14:46.718
Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong,House of Africa /Chad IGF: Thank you for attention and support in the building, more inclusive, equitable digital for our future antenna works because the ticket holder works. Thank you so much.

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02:14:47.754 --> 02:15:00.188
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: For your contribution. I would like now to invite Michelle from consortium.

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02:15:02.388 --> 02:15:07.867
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: Distinguish participant estimate panelists, the consortium for support

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02:15:08.328 --> 02:15:18.567
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: to action, for the promotion and development of Africa, which is, plus to any consultation.

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02:15:18.688 --> 02:15:26.687
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: This mark of decisive step in sharing the global digital future and in researching a fundamental demand

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02:15:26.828 --> 02:15:34.697
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: for digital technology to fully serve the aspiration, reality and potential of the Africa continent

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02:15:34.868 --> 02:15:39.667
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: through this tool to this mission Capda advocate for safe.

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02:15:39.928 --> 02:15:51.967
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: inclusive, and resident digital Africa, where technology isn't a distant promise, but a concrete level for employment, share property and social justice.

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02:15:52.068 --> 02:16:17.198
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: Africa overflow with talent, energy, and innovation. However, inequality in access, particularly in rural areas, risk of depending social and economic divide, if not decisively addressed, a large part of

women and productivity potential reside in those overlooking territory.

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02:16:17.538 --> 02:16:28.858
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: To this end Capda intended identify 5 essential parallels to give this digital transformation, resulting with the purity of resist plus 20

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02:16:29.217 --> 02:16:38.517
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: first, st universal equity, equitability and affordability. Connectivity, especially in the rural area.

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02:16:38.708 --> 02:16:51.527
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: Broadband asset must not longer, but luxury reserve for urban center. It's imperative to implement proactive investment policy coupled with including

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02:16:51.708 --> 02:16:58.558
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: model to ensure that every village, every remote area can be connected to the digital world.

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02:16:59.387 --> 02:17:05.417
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: Second, digital skill tailored to the need of territory and population.

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02:17:05.578 --> 02:17:10.988
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: That's robust security and a trust digital space.

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02:17:11.227 --> 02:17:28.147
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: So yeah, a resilient digital Africa rest and secure environment. This demand strength, our legal framework for service security and data protection, investing in national technical practicing and promoting a culture of digital vision

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02:17:28.408 --> 02:17:45.118
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: through the cornerst of sustainable digital ecosystem for innovation, driven by African need and talent, call for increasing support for digital initiative designed by A

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Michel TCHONANG LINZE: and for Africa in response to local challenge, smart agriculture, digital health in a remote area, online education, inclusive financial integrated democracy, and so on. And so on.

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Michel TCHONANG LINZE: 5

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02:18:01.108 --> 02:18:21.487
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: open, inclusive, and truly multi-stakeholder, Internet governance, digital governance must remain open, transparent, and collaborative. The multi-stakeholder model is a necessary, not an option in ensure that Africa voice, including those from rural community use.

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02:18:21.688 --> 02:18:30.668
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: Women and civil society, fully participate in sharing digital policy, both national and globally, that he did

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02:18:30.788 --> 02:18:43.277
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: its commitment to work with all partner, government, private sector, civil society, parliament, area, international institution to bring more equitable human and sustainable digital future.

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02:18:43.538 --> 02:18:56.967
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: We call for a secure partnership, catalytic financing and strong cooperation between public and private sector to make digital technology, not just a tool, but a true catalyst

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02:18:57.108 --> 02:19:12.407
Michel TCHONANG LINZE: for structural transformation across the continent together. Let's make digital a parlor of soverety, social cohesion, and property for Africa. Thank you very much for your attention, Asha commitment.

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02:19:14.498 --> 02:19:23.797
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Chong and Lindsey, for your contribution. I would like now to invite to take the floor Illona Hickok, from global Network initiative.

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02:19:29.268 --> 02:19:51.677
Elonnai Hickok: Hello! You're excellent, and thank you for this opportunity to provide comments. My name is Anna Hickok, and I'm the managing director at the global network initiative. We are a multi-stakeholder initiative working towards responsible business conduct in the tech sector. We have over a hundred members globally, and we bring together companies, civil society investors, and academics.

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Elonnai Hickok: We believe that the principles envisioned, outlined in the Geneva Declaration principles and Tunis agenda remain relevant today, but face renewed challenges this includes deepening of digital divides by AI new tactics for surveillance and overly broad state actions impacting freedom of expression such as Internet shutdowns.

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Elonnai Hickok: We also believe that the implementation of wisis should advance regional, national and local priorities. Key priorities include ensuring universal affordable Internet access, especially for rural, remote, and underserved populations

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02:20:25.988 --> 02:20:30.648
Elonnai Hickok: supporting the development of rights respecting digital public infrastructure, ecosystems.

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02:20:31.208 --> 02:20:35.238
Elonnai Hickok: reaffirming and assuring. The private sector adheres to the ungps.

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02:20:35.578 --> 02:20:40.137
Elonnai Hickok: understanding the impact of conflict on human rights and achieving the Sdgs.

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02:20:40.518 --> 02:20:50.418
Elonnai Hickok: Understanding the risks to achieving the Scg is the disproportionate surveillance practices pose, including surveillance powers enabled through broad cybercrime regulation and efforts

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Elonnai Hickok: ensuring a human rights-based approach to the governance of AI inclusive data governance and the impact of AI on the digital divide

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Elonnai Hickok: and addressing the impact that shrinking civic space has on the achievement of the Sdgs for effective Wista's implementation.

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02:21:07.148 --> 02:21:13.527
Elonnai Hickok: We believe that there is a need for a commitment to wistas at the international, regional national and local levels.

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Elonnai Hickok: Adequate resourcing localized metrics and robust reporting mechanisms are necessary to facilitate this.

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Elonnai Hickok: The wiss plus 20 review. Should one reaffirm commitments to people-centered digital developments, it should renew the mandate of the Igf and establish it as a permanent mechanism.

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02:21:32.378 --> 02:21:37.408
Elonnai Hickok: In doing so it should strengthen and streamline regional and national Igfs.

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02:21:38.078 --> 02:22:05.788
Elonnai Hickok: It should ensure. Multi-stakeholder approaches to Internet governance that embody the principles of multi-stakeholderism as articulated in the Sao Paulo guidelines. It should enable robust engagement with civil society and the technical community as articulated in the 5 point plan and the 8 recommendations by the global digital rights coalition. And it should streamline digital cooperation efforts, including by integrating the Gdc. Into the Wista's implementation.

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02:22:06.018 --> 02:22:16.388
Elonnai Hickok: In particular, we see opportunity for this around areas of connectivity with a focus on blended financing mechanisms and accessible and affordable access to data

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Elonnai Hickok: data governance with a focus on ensuring data. Governance frameworks are grounded in international human rights standards empower the end user and further catalyze the use of data for achievement of the Sdgs

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02:22:28.308 --> 02:22:31.168
Elonnai Hickok: rights respecting digital public infrastructure.

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02:22:31.608 --> 02:22:42.837
Elonnai Hickok: digital inclusion with a focus on technology transfer and facilitating north South and south-south triangular cooperation, information, integrity, and disinformation. And AI.

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02:22:43.178 --> 02:22:44.248
Elonnai Hickok: Thank you very much.

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02:22:46.818 --> 02:22:54.288
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Miss Hikok, for your contribution. Now, I'd like to invite Elena from Microsoft to take the floor.

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02:22:55.248 --> 02:23:12.768
Elina Volksone: Thank you, Ambassador, and at the outset I would like to thank both co-facilitator teams for their deep commitment to open and inclusive business plus 20 review process and recognition of multi-stakeholder approach as the core characteristic of business.

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Elina Volksone: Over the past 2 decades the importance of the visis vision has grown significantly, largely influenced by the increasing role of digital technologies in our societies and in our daily lives. The focus on connectivity digital skills and access to technologies has intensified. As the digital divide remains a pressing issue. Stakeholders, including Microsoft.

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Elina Volksone: recognize business as the critical process to ensure that digital transformation benefits people across the world.

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Elina Volksone: The multi-stakeholder governance model has proven to be essential in advancing digital policy discussions and enabling broad participation. A key. Success has been the recognition that the technical foundation of the Internet is best managed through multi-stakeholder institutions.

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Elina Volksone: One major priority for visys today is reinforcing the multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance. Another priority is integrating a stronger human rights. Approach to digital governance challenges include the rapid evolution of digital technologies which require adaptable governance frameworks without compromising continuity.

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Elina Volksone: while some may advocate for new business action lines. Microsoft believes that existing frameworks are flexible enough to incorporate emerging digital trends.

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02:24:37.958 --> 02:24:50.177
Elina Volksone: voices, mechanisms, continuously enhance digital governance by bringing together diverse perspectives and fostering consensus building. The Ijf plays a vital role in creating an open forum

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Elina Volksone: where stakeholders from various backgrounds can collaborate on digital policy challenges. We believe that wisis plus 20 review presents an opportunity to reaffirm the commitment to digital governance frameworks that prioritize inclusion, human rights and sustainable development.

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Elina Volksone: ensuring coherence between wiss principles and new frameworks, such as the Global digital Compact will be key to strengthening governance models. Moving forward. In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm Microsoft's commitment to remain engaged throughout the Wisis Review process, and hope that this is the 1st of several conversations to come. Thank you.

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02:25:33.318 --> 02:26:01.757
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Missconi, for your contribution, and with you we have concluded the speaking list, but we see that there are some colleagues that would like to take the floor, and I would encourage everyone. If any one of the participants would like to take the floor. Just raise your hand at the screen, please, and I will invite. Now Jacqueline Trevison, Pigado, from data, privacy, Brazil, to take the floor.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: Thank you very much for your Excellences. My name is Jacqueline Pigato. I represent data, privacy, Brazil, an organization that is part of the Global South Alliance, the global judicial justice Forum and the global judicial rights coalition for oasis.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: I would like to emphasize a few brief points that my colleagues have already raised, such as the permanent mandates, and funding for the Igf.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: As its coordination with regional and national Igfs.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: The incorporation of the Gdc. Into the wises, framework, and the effective implementation of the multi-stakeholder guidelines from the Sao Paulo Declaration.

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02:26:37.958 --> 02:26:44.137
Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: also, the language of human rights should be reinforced within, whis as has already been mentioned.

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02:26:44.428 --> 02:26:52.307
Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: However, I would like to use my few minutes to draw attention to a central issue of our digital lives. That is, data governance.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: Although not explicitly stated. This is a cross-cutting issue within the Weez's action lines, and deserves greater recognition in the review process.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: This also relates to the Gdc. In this integration wizards could incorporate. Some of the language updates the Gdc presents

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: data. Governance, as we understand it, is not resumed to technical aspects. It refers to a set of structural, strategic, regulatory, and dialogical elements between the local and global levels to fully realize human and social development capacities across various aspects of the digital economy.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: In this sense, initiatives such as the Cstd's working group on data governance, are welcome as an opportunity to consider this issue for both Gdc. And whis.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: However, it is important to highlight that data. Governance demands state action, particularly in the context of AI regulation.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: These points also relates to a wider problem that we have not yet been able to solve the growing information and power concentration in the digital economy.

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Jaqueline Trevisan Pigatto: This concentration directly implies intensifying power, asymmetries, a challenge that demands a more cohesive dialogue between multilateral and multi-stakeholder initiatives at a global level. Thank you.

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02:28:13.268 --> 02:28:21.848
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Jacqueline, for your remarks. I would now like to invite Netra Tendi from dynamic team coalition. Do you have the floor.

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Netra Senthil: Thank you so much.

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Netra Senthil: My name is Netra Santo, and I speak on behalf of the dynamic teen coalition. The 1st and only teen born at the United Nations. I want to begin by thanking you sincerely for your time and attention.

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Netra Senthil: I'm here to advance a Dtc teen civil rights movement by. And for the UN.

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Netra Senthil: We need to move beyond token inclusion and begin building real structural support for teams in global decision-making processes.

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Netra Senthil: At yesterday's session my colleagues, Alia, Gupta and Amrit Kumar raised this issue, and we deeply appreciate Mr. Vint Cerf's response. He said that the decisions made today shape the future, that teenagers will inherit and lead.

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Netra Senthil: That kind of leadership is essential. But we must also move from recognition to reform. So today we delivered 3 urgent practical recommendations.

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Netra Senthil: update the UN. And Igf. Age frameworks, using the inclusive, lifelong multi-stakeholder model that our Dtc co-chairs pirate Ruby Pasel and Stacey Guildenstin developed over 3 years this reflects real world and evolving digital participation. Starting at age 13. If we teens are expected to navigate digital spaces, we must also be trusted to help shape them

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Netra Senthil: to remove the existing structural barriers that prevent teens from registering, contributing, or being selected for formal roles, and last, but not least, to make way for funded sustainable pathways to increase teen-led UN engagement.

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Netra Senthil: These are not visionary ideals. They are basic governance updates, long overdue.

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Netra Senthil: We also have a model for children all the way to senior careers, 0 to 12 years, being child with a focus on safety, 13 to 19 being teen

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Netra Senthil: focus on human rights, 18 plus being early career, mid-career being focalizing on developing a deeper targeted network of exchange and senior career, being a time for giving back through mentorship and legacy building.

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02:30:24.218 --> 02:30:31.688
Netra Senthil: a people-centered, inclusive information. Society cannot be built while entire generations are left out by design.

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02:30:31.818 --> 02:30:38.547
Netra Senthil: We cannot claim to serve a next generation, while that generation remains locked out of almost all UN processes.

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02:30:38.768 --> 02:30:48.668
Netra Senthil: We're not asking for permission. We're already participating. We're asking the system to reflect reality because this is what modern multi-stakeholderism demands.

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Netra Senthil: because this is a Dtc teen civil rights movement by and for the UN. If inclusion is more than a principle on paper, then it must mean all of us, and that includes teens.

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Netra Senthil: The Dtc. Age inclusive multi stakeholder framework is a mechanism, and the time is now, thank you so much.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Netra, for your commitment and activism. I would like now to invite Kenneth Blank from Net Mission, Asia, to take the floor.

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Kenneth Leung: And fellow Internet governance practitioners. I appreciate this opportunity in this consultation session, where my colleagues from Hong Kong youth, Internet governance forum, have made an intervention in yesterday's session. However, we also see the value of emphasizing some of our thoughts from the Asia Pacific region in today's Sessions, that target stakeholders from the Americas, Africa and Europe, where I'm currently based as an independent tech policy and digital empowerment consultant

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Kenneth Leung: for the wizards review process. So far, there is a broad consensus on strengthening the existing components rather than creating entirely novel ones for tackling emerging issues and technologies, as well as the continuous implementation of Gdc. And wizards processes. So we want to emphasize on the current processes and strengthening these components.

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Kenneth Leung: And as we applaud and appreciate the proliferation of national regional and youth initiatives organically sprung up in communities and grassroots approaches. It would be beneficial to reinforce the Nli support network for sustainable engagement of different communities of the Internet.

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Kenneth Leung: we recognize the current endeavors by the Igf secretaries and the organizations, such as the Internet governance forum support associations.

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Kenneth Leung: Yet community events and showcases of Igf initiatives are some of the examples. Besides the current

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Kenneth Leung: efforts of uploading post-event reports onto the dedicated websites will be beneficial. A portal for Nri coordinators to engage and exchange ideas will also be great to support local and youth initiatives and coordinators, to collaborate beyond the regions and community groups, as well as for better impact measurements of Nlis.

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Kenneth Leung: This will support and strengthen local and grassroots. Internet governance network beyond the current level of monetary and resource support for grassroots, organizations of Nlis.

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Kenneth Leung: Efforts like these encourage more people and stakeholders which are not already in the Internet governance arena to participate in the discourse. We also want to highlight, the collective Hong Kong youth statement on Internet governance, where we call for a smart digital economy, where smart is an acronym for sustainable multi-stakeholder, valued accountable, resilient and trusted.

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Kenneth Leung: We believe this will give insight into the future of people-centred, inclusive, and development-oriented Information Society. While I don't have the time to go into details of what we envision a smart digital economy would be. I invite you all to read our full statement later on. And meaningful engagement like this, like today is crucial in shaping

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Kenneth Leung: our digital future and must be continued and be strengthened in prompting a smart digital economy. I thank you again for this opportunity, and I look forward to seeing many of you in Norway for the 20th and Igf and other research engagement. Thank you.

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02:34:15.908 --> 02:34:42.518
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, thank you, Kenneth, and indeed, we would love to have more time. But time is a little bit limited now, and we'll get through the statements that you have delivered very carefully. I would like now to invite. Just please keep in mind that we are short of time, and keep your intervention very focused, and please present the organization that you are coming from.

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02:34:43.168 --> 02:35:00.937
Shumaila Hussain Shahani: Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am speaking on behalf of Tech Global Institute. We are a policy lab with a mission to reduce equity and accountability gaps between technology platforms and the global majority. Because there is short time. And I recognize that many of our colleagues have already highlighted key concerns and proposals.

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: I want to use my time to briefly reiterate what we see as essential to a fair and inclusive digital governance framework. We know these perspectives are now shared by many across the global majority, and are grounded in the belief that inclusive and multi-stakeholder governance benefits us all. We urge a renewed commitment to visas as the foundation for global digital cooperation. The Gdc should not sit apart but be integrated into the visis framework, reinforcing its people-centered approach and building on the Igf's open, deliberative model.

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: To realize this, we need a stronger Igf one with a clear mandate, sufficient resources and the ability to meaningfully shape global Asian dollars. This also means reforming multi-stakeholder advisory groups supporting national and regional Igfs and enabling sustained participation from underrepresented communities. Inclusion must be guaranteed through practical measures, such as support for travel, visas and connectivity, multilingual and regionally considered participation

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: and capacity building that responds to local realities. We also believe this is action. Lines must evolve to address urgent issues like artificial intelligence, it carries risks that must be addressed through processes centered on public interest, transparency and equity, not just innovation.

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02:36:16.218 --> 02:36:34.798
Shumaila Hussain Shahani: Finally, digital governance must support sustainable development. We cannot meet the Sdgs. If digital exclusion and monopolies persist, the digital economy must be reoriented to serve people by protecting workers, regulating exploitative practices and ensuring wealth generated from our communities is reinvested in them.

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02:36:34.798 --> 02:36:49.037
Shumaila Hussain Shahani: In closing we see this as not just as a review, but as a renewal, the global majority brings not only critiques, but vision solutions and deep commitment to building a fairer digital future. We look forward to continuing this work in true partnership. Thank you.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Shamana. I have the request to speak from Mr. Rossam el Gamal.

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H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Awesome. Can you please confirm if you are in line? Okay. You have the floor, sir.

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Hossam Elgamal: Thank you very much. Appreciation to you, ambassadors. It's an opportunity to speak as one of the stakeholders representing private sector from Africa. Sme.

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Hossam Elgamal: I was Chairman of Affecta for a period of time and International Chamber of Commerce, Digital Economy Ambassador for Africa. So simply, I reiterate the point that it is extremely important. With the review of the wsis and the Igf.

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02:37:41.268 --> 02:37:57.867
Hossam Elgamal: To make sure that we have enough integration between the processes of each initiative, wsis has been maturing over 20 years and has been very successful in helping the digital transformation in the world.

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Hossam Elgamal: But still we have missing access for more than a billion people. And we have the challenge of innovation, advancement, AI and new technology. And for this it is extremely important to benefit from the existence of the Nri as part of the Igf to make sure that the voice is coming bottom up.

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02:38:23.448 --> 02:38:36.038
Hossam Elgamal: using the multi-stakeholder of the Igf to deliver consultation messages to the wsis and to be able to deliver on the digital

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02:38:36.168 --> 02:38:41.438
Hossam Elgamal: at them. One thing for sure.

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02:38:41.678 --> 02:38:47.028
Hossam Elgamal: we have for for a successful digital transformation.

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02:38:47.148 --> 02:38:58.127
Hossam Elgamal: We need one building capacity, especially in the global South, to ensuring access.

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02:38:58.368 --> 02:39:02.158
Hossam Elgamal: 3 building entrepreneurship and funding.

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02:39:02.468 --> 02:39:20.148
Hossam Elgamal: One of the things that are very important is multilingual, because many countries have languages that are not used, and they are not capable of using the Internet because they are not using the language. Their original language. Thank you very much.

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02:39:22.328 --> 02:39:28.388
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Mr. Hossam. I would like now to invite to take the floor.

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02:39:36.318 --> 02:39:37.978
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Is Winnie online?

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02:39:38.278 --> 02:39:38.823
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: No.

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02:39:41.128 --> 02:40:05.518
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: okay. I think that this was the last request, but we cannot connect with Winnie, so we have concluded with the list of speakers for today, and with my gratitude for everyone's participation and contribution. I would like to hand over to my colleague, Ambassador Locala, for his closing remarks.

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02:40:06.998 --> 02:40:16.288
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Th- thank you very much, Ambassador Janina, for steering that session. So ably. Thank you all

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02:40:16.488 --> 02:40:25.408

H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: for your meaningful participation, and the deeply, deeply thoughtful insights that you've shared with us throughout today's session.

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02:40:26.118 --> 02:40:35.118
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: It's been a privilege for me as I'm sure it is for my colleague to hear directly from such a diverse range of voices

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02:40:35.468 --> 02:40:43.698
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: representing civil society, a technical community academia, private sector partners.

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02:40:44.048 --> 02:40:48.237
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: We've heard from you, those of you who've been able to take the mic.

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02:40:48.748 --> 02:40:51.250
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: We've also been following very closely

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02:40:51.838 --> 02:40:55.118
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: the interactive chats which you've been able to post.

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02:40:55.428 --> 02:41:02.878
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: as well as references to other sources. Where we can get additional information.

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02:41:03.398 --> 02:41:08.727
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: Your experiences are truly vital as we collectively shape a digital future

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02:41:09.058 --> 02:41:13.908
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: upholds the principles of equity, inclusion, and development.

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02:41:14.498 --> 02:41:23.638
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: As we move forward. Your contributions will directly inform the Elements Paper, which will be releasing on the 20th June.

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02:41:24.278 --> 02:41:29.317

H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: and will help guide us on the road to the high level meeting this December.

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02:41:30.618 --> 02:41:39.098
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: On my part, I would like to encourage you to remain actively engaged as you've done during this session.

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02:41:39.688 --> 02:41:43.728
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: and to very kindly continue sharing your expertise in future

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02:41:43.948 --> 02:41:48.357
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: milestones, and I look forward to seeing you again.

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02:41:49.178 --> 02:41:57.088
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: here in subsequent in consultations, but also in other platforms where Ambassador Jenina and I

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02:41:58.338 --> 02:41:59.927
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: forward to interacting with you.

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02:42:00.108 --> 02:42:02.757
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I thank you most sincerely for

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02:42:02.978 --> 02:42:07.257
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: your contributions and your Input and we look forward to

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02:42:07.668 --> 02:42:13.338
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: interacting closely with yourselves between now and the high level meeting in December.

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02:42:13.438 --> 02:42:15.615
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: I thank you, and I now give it

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02:42:16.558 --> 02:42:20.138
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: back to my colleague, Ambassador Gnina, to also make her

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02:42:20.268 --> 02:42:22.378
H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, PR of Kenya: closing remarks. Thank you very much.

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02:42:24.128 --> 02:42:38.068
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you, Ambassador Lacala. In fact, I would like just to echo your appreciation for the contribution of everyone during yesterday, but also during today's

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02:42:38.178 --> 02:42:50.278
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: part of consultation with all stakeholders. I think that we have had very rich and very substantial inputs that will help us a lot in building up the elements. Paper

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02:42:50.720 --> 02:43:15.057
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: we take notes, and we hear very clearly the messages that have been transmitted to us on preserving the multi-stakeholder approach, and the fact of being at the same level of communication with Member States, will reflect this accordingly, and during the last during the next months there will be very intensive

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02:43:15.058 --> 02:43:38.247
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: ways of cooperation together. I think that we need to underline that this process, the oasis plus 20 process, belongs to everyone. No one has exclusivity over it. So I think we'll build on over this perspective and stay connected together through the months ahead. Because these are very important. You mentioned that we'll have some meeting points

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02:43:38.248 --> 02:44:03.238
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: in Oslo, but also in Norway, but also in Geneva. But we are open all the dates that you may have any idea, or would like to bring to our attention any kind of element. So by thanking you again, we look forward to working with you, and to take this journey together with you for the months to come. Thank you very much, and with much appreciation.

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02:44:03.238 --> 02:44:10.998
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: We conclude this meeting today, and wish everyone a good continuation of your day from all parts of the world that we are connected.

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02:44:11.078 --> 02:44:12.078
H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, PR of Albania: Thank you.