

## **Concept Note**

### **Informal Interactive WSIS stakeholder consultation on the review of implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+ 20)**

9 June 2025 at 8:00 p.m. and 10 June at 10:00 a.m. (EST), 2025  
Virtual Meeting, Online Registration by 5 June 11:59 p.m. (EST) Required

#### **Background**

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 79/277, the General Assembly will convene a high-level meeting on 16 and 17 December 2025 for the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The high-level meeting will take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and address potential information and communications technology gaps and areas for continued focus, as well as addressing challenges, including bridging the digital divide, and harnessing information and communications technologies for development.

In accordance with the same resolution, the President of the UN General Assembly will organize informal interactive consultations on 9 and 10 June 2025 with all relevant WSIS stakeholders to collect their inputs for the intergovernmental negotiation process.

#### **Objective**

The consultation will provide all relevant WSIS stakeholders with an opportunity to contribute their views to the preparatory process for the review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes.

#### **Guiding questions for the consultation:**

1. *To what extent and how has the vision of a "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society" evolved over the past 20 years since WSIS?*
2. *What are the priorities and challenges to the implementation of WSIS outcomes today?*
3. *How can cooperation through the WSIS mechanisms, including multistakeholder dialogue and recently adopted the Global Digital Compact, enhance coherence in digital governance?*

#### **Format**

The two-day virtual consultation will be divided into two geographically/timezone-inclusive sessions: a first on 9 June aimed at stakeholders in Asia Pacific and western North America; and a second session on 10 June aimed at the eastern Americas, Europe and Africa.

Statements will be limited to 3 minutes and guided by the questions provided above. The session on 10 June (Second Session) will open with statements from UN agencies.

## **Outcome**

The outcome will be the UN GA President's Summary and will be circulated to all stakeholders, including all Member States. The summary will also feed into the Co-Facilitator's Elements Paper which will be launched later in June.

## **Provisional Programme**

<b>Day One - 9 June 2025*</b>	
(*Timing intended for stakeholders in the Asia Pacific region and western North America)	
<b>Opening Segment</b> 20:00 - 20:15 (EST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Philemon Yang, President of General Assembly</li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, Permanent Representative of Albania</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya</li> </ul>
<b>Session One</b> 20:15 - 22:00 (EST)	<b>Stakeholder interventions</b> (3 minutes each): *Speaking list TBD based on meeting registration
<b>Day Two - 10 June 2025</b>	
<b>Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Philemon Yang, President of General Assembly</li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, Permanent Representative of Albania</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya</li> </ul>
<b>Session Two</b> 10:00 - 10:30 (EST)	<b>Stocktaking by UN System</b>
10:30 - 12:45 (EST)	<b>Stakeholder interventions</b> (3 minutes each): *Speaking list TBD based on meeting registration
<b>Closing Segment</b> 12:45 - 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms. Suela Janina, Permanent Representative of Albania</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Ekitela Lokaale, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya</li> </ul>