1. What are the most important **achievements** arising from WSIS that should be highlighted in the Zero Draft? *

> WSIS has been instrumental in promoting and fostering a multistakeholder model of internet governance, aligning ICT development with the SDGs, and fostering digital inclusion, which the Dominican Republic continues to support and strengthen across fora such as the ITU and the IGF. The Action Lines have guided national strategies, particularly in e-government, capacity building, and access to information. Platforms like the WSIS Forum and IGF have enabled inclusive dialogue and collaboration across regions.

2. What are the most important **challenges** to the achievement of WSIS outcomes to date and in the future that need to be addressed in the Zero Draft? *

> - Persistent digital divides, especially in rural and underserved areas, remain a major challenge.
> - The coexistence of multiple global digital agendas.
> - Emerging challenges such as AI governance and AI misuse, misinformation, and weak cybersecurity frameworks also demand urgent attention to protect rights and trust online.
> - Environmental sustainability and digital platform regulation must be addressed through adaptation—not replacement—of existing WSIS Action Lines.

3. What are the most important **priorities** for action to achieve the WSIS vision of a 'people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society' in the future, taking into account emerging trends? *

> - Expanding meaningful connectivity.
> - Strengthening inclusive and secure digital public infrastructure. Ensure that digital public infrastructure is inclusive and rights-based, including through regional cooperation.
> - Advancing digital literacy and inclusion.
> - Ensuring ethical and rights-based governance of emerging technologies.
> - Aligning digital policies with national development goals and the 2030 Agenda.
> - Recognize cities and local governments as key actors of digital transformation, especially through smart and sustainable city policies.

4. What **additional themes/issues**, if any, should be included in the Elements Paper? *

> Adapting the existing WSIS framework to incorporate issues such:
> - Artificial intelligence (ethics and governance)
> - Environmental sustainability
> - Ethical governance
> - Smart cities
> - Digital public infrastructure (e.g. ID, interoperability, payment systems)
> - Digital sovereignty and cybersecurity
> - Digital investment frameworks
> - Fair rules for digital economy
> - Digital research and evidence-based policy.

5. Do you wish to comment on **particular themes/issues/paragraphs** in the Elements Paper? *

> We agree with the Paper's emphasis on human rights and trust. We also support the articulation with the Global Digital Compact with coherence and complementarity ensured.

6. What suggestions do you have to support the development of the **WSIS framework** (WSIS Action Lines, IGF, WSIS Forum, UNGIS etc.)? *

- Update Action Lines to include AI, data governance, and digital rights.
- Strengthen support for developing country participation.
- Promote regional implementation, peer learning, and knowledge transfer.
- Improve coordination between WSIS and the digital agencies.

We support the creation of a WSIS+20 monitoring platform to allow countries to share progress and access technical cooperation, aligned with the SDGs.

Also, the WSIS framework should include a dedicated mechanism to support data collection, research partnerships, and evidence generation in countries.

7. Do you have any **other** comments? *

The Dominican Republic reaffirms its commitment to a human-centered digital transformation. WSIS+20 is an opportunity to advance inclusion, cooperation, and innovation aligned with national and global priorities. We value the work of the CSTD, ITU, and the UN system in sustaining a coherent review process and encourage greater access for developing countries to WSIS-related governance and funding mechanisms.

8. Who is **submitting** this input? *

Kindly provide the name of the person submitting this input, as well as the associated country, organization, stakeholder type, and relevant contact information

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