

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

One of the most significant achievements arising from WSIS that should be emphasized in the Zero Draft is the consolidation of regional cooperation frameworks as a cornerstone for implementing the WSIS Action Lines. In the case of Latin America and the Caribbean, the WSIS process catalyzed the creation and institutionalization of the eLAC regional digital agenda, a platform for political dialogue and cooperation that has guided digital policies in the region for over two decades.

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? *

From the standpoint of Latin America and the Caribbean, one of the most significant challenges to achieving WSIS outcomes—both to date and in the future—is the persistent structural asymmetries that limit equitable access to and appropriation of digital technologies. While progress has been made, digital divides remain wide, especially in terms of rural connectivity, affordability, digital skills, and access to advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and cloud computing.

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? *

To fully realize the WSIS vision of a people-centred, inclusive, and development-oriented Information Society, it is imperative to adopt a forward-looking agenda that aligns technological change with equity, sustainability, and regional development goals. From the perspective of Latin America and the Caribbean, three strategic priorities should be emphasized in the Zero Draft: productive development, institutional weaknesses, and inequality

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

ECLAC recommends that the WSIS+20 Elements Paper incorporate emerging and cross-cutting themes essential for a just, inclusive, and development-oriented digital transformation. These include strengthening digital public infrastructure and digital public goods; fostering regional digital cooperation and regulatory convergence; advancing inclusive governance frameworks for emerging technologies like AI; promoting a just digital transition that addresses inequality and labor market shifts; enhancing measurement and data systems to support evidence-based policymaking; and integrating environmental sustainability into digital strategies. Addressing these issues through a regional cooperation lens is key to ensuring that no country or community is left behind in the evolving digital era.

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

Add after paragraph 39. Regional cooperation is a fundamental enabler for advancing a people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented digital transformation, as envisioned by the WSIS agenda. Regional cooperation enhances the effectiveness of national strategies by promoting regulatory convergence, supporting the development of cross-border digital infrastructure, and enabling joint responses to shared challenges such as cybersecurity, data governance, and the ethical use of emerging technologies. Strengthening regional frameworks and institutions not only facilitates the implementation of WSIS Action Lines but also ensures that digital transformation is guided by the principles of equity, solidarity, and sustainable development.

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

To support the continued development and effectiveness of the WSIS framework—including the Action Lines, the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), the WSIS Forum, and UNGIS—ECLAC underscores the importance of institutionalizing the role of the UN Regional Commissions as key facilitators of digital cooperation at the regional level.

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

None

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

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