

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

One of its most important achievements has been to promote and sustain the global commitment to connect those who are not yet connected, which has contributed to the evolution and reach of the Internet over the last two decades.

Today's Internet is the result of a shared vision and the collaborative effort of multiple actors. In particular, the constant coordination, technical knowledge, and contribution of the different actors have been essential for the Internet to remain open, global, interoperable, inclusive, and secure.

A key factor in achieving these accomplishments has been the multistakeholder model, which has proven to be not only valid but indispensable for addressing the evolving challenges of the digital ecosystem. This model has allowed for significant participation, shared responsibility, and informed dialogue among governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, and academia.

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is the main global multistakeholder platform for dialogue on Internet governance. It has fostered open and inclusive debates on complex issues, contributing to building trust and common understandings. In addition, National, Regional, and Youth Initiatives (NRIs) have strengthened local voices and empowered communities.

These advances have ensured that the Internet continues to be a powerful tool for sustainable development and social inclusion worldwide.

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? *

While the WSIS process has enabled significant advances, persistent gaps continue to be a critical challenge. Access to meaningful connectivity remains unequal across and within regions, especially in marginalized or underserved communities. Addressing this situation requires infrastructure, human capacity development, inclusive digital literacy, and equitable access to technologies and knowledge.

Another key challenge is ensuring that all stakeholders can participate meaningfully in the construction of digital policies and governance processes. If the formulation and application of digital strategies do not reflect the diversity of real contexts, global outcomes risk being disconnected from local needs and priorities.

The Internet must remain a stable platform. Preserving its fundamental elements, including its open architecture, technical protocols, and decentralized governance model, is essential to maintaining a unified, resilient, and accessible network. Fragmentation and unilateral approaches to digital governance threaten to weaken its foundational characteristics and global public value.

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? *

1. Reaffirm and align the WSIS Action Lines with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This will ensure that digital development efforts remain people-centered, inclusive, and results-oriented.

2. Renew and strengthen the mandate of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and leverage the potential of National, Regional, and Youth Initiatives (NRIs). The IGF must have a reinforced and permanent mandate to consolidate itself as the main global multistakeholder digital cooperation platform. Formal recognition and strategic integration of NRIs can strengthen local relevance and more effective bottom-up participation in global governance debates.

3. Safeguard Internet architecture in digital policies. Policies must favor interoperability, stability, and the use of open standards, avoiding network fragmentation and preserving its global and shared nature.

4. Promote meaningful connectivity and digital capacity development. Universal access must go beyond basic connectivity and focus on the real empowerment of people. This implies secure, affordable, and reliable access, accompanied by robust infrastructure, digital skills, and the use of robust technical standards such as IPv6 and RPKI.

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

Need to address the concrete and measurable impacts generated by the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and its network of National, Regional, and Youth Initiatives (NRIs).

Over these two decades, the IGF has consolidated an open, inclusive, and multistakeholder space for dialogue on Internet policies. Its decentralized model, reflected in the NRIs, has facilitated the emergence of relevant debates, adapted to each regional context. However, its contributions are often underestimated due to the lack of mechanisms that make its concrete impacts or its influence on public policies visible.

WSIS+20 is an opportunity not only to recognize the strategic role of the IGF as a space for building trust and convergence, but also to promote the development of impact assessment mechanisms that can demonstrate how its discussions feed into digital policy processes at national, regional, and global levels.

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

We believe that the definition of Internet governance in paragraph 59 does not adequately reflect the breadth, diversity, and existing consensus on the actors involved in shaping the global Internet ecosystem.

This framework recognizes that Internet governance must be: inclusive and multistakeholder, with the participation of governments, the private sector, civil society, technical and academic communities, international organizations, and other relevant actors, each according to their different roles and contributions.

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

None

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

No

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