

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

I defer to the Multi-Stakeholder Consultation Group.

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? *

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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? *

The Elements Paper Paragraph 4 should be revised to include full participation by Indigenous Peoples as a priority as follows: " 4. Ensuring the full participation of developing countries and Indigenous Peoples is a priority, supported by capacity building, technology development, and financial resources."
The UN Resolution on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples emphasizes in Paragraph 46 that Indigenous Peoples should have full participation of their representatives in UN meetings. This should be a priority for WSIS+20 proceedings. Please also note that the UN standard is for the term Indigenous Peoples to be capitalized in recognition of the unique identities of these people groups. How can full participation be supported? Direct consultation by the Distinguished Co-Facilitators from Albania and Kenya with the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples, Dr. Albert K. Barume, is recommended. The published email address is hrc-sr-indigenous@un.org. UNDESA may have more direct contact information for Dr. Barume.

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

Please see Item 3.

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

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

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

Reference in Paragraph 8 of the Elements Paper to "indigenous peoples" needs to be changed to "Indigenous Peoples" in accordance with the UN Standard expressed in its Resolution on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. See also the April 2025 letter from the UN Special Rapporteur for Indigenous Peoples regarding visa issues which form a barrier for attendance of members of these people groups at UN meetings.

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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