

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

WSIS and more specifically IGF have evolved with the digital and ICT technologies over the last twenty years, e.g. by including and addressing artificial intelligence. This is evidence for the value that the multi-stakeholder processes of WSIS and IGF have in identifying and clarifying challenges, as well as in creating and refining solutions.

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? *

WSIS action lines have been developed and evolved over time to cover the large and multi-faceted information society. While being able to cover most topics of ICT, they are verticals. Their sectoral structure allows for benchmarking and specific solutions, but is not ideal for horizontal topics. Artificial intelligence is the major cross-sectional or horizontal development today. It affects all action lines. Although the action lines could address AI in their specific context, they fail to provide a structure for an overarching global governance, which is urgently needed.

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? *

Review, modernization and, where needed, consolidation of the action lines.
Increased transparency of the WSIS process - especially for newcomers. (As visible at the WSIS+20 High-level Event 2025, it was clear that most participants did not attend the 2003 and 2005 events. Being a newcomer is the norm. Yet, the knowledge about past meetings and decisions is important to avoid duplication and repeating mistakes. So, historic knowledge must be preserved as well and is part of the transparency.)

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

AI safety needs to be an explicitly mentioned topic in the final document. It should become clear that AI systems need to be designed, developed, operated and used in a safe way. Specifically, their benefits have to outweigh the associated risks, harm to users have to be avoided, and national and international laws have to be respected.

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

Paragraph 71 provides a general statement about the potential and risks of AI. Both aspects need to be detailed further in order to be addressed. Especially for risks, the complex structure of impacts that AI impacts has needs to be elaborated. Systems with Artificial General Intelligence and Artificial Superintelligence should be mentioned specifically.

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

The IGF and the WSIS Forum are important multistakeholder events with complementary focus. Both should continue. Sharpening of the profiles may be needed to increase efficiency.

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

No further comments.

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

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