

**AfICTA's 3mins Intervention at the Open Consultation ahead of
the UN GA High-Level Meeting on WSIS+20 Rev2
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Your Excellencies, my name is Kayode Oyeyemi, Senior Programme Officer of AfICTA – the Africa ICT Alliance, representing ICT associations, companies, and experts across more than 40 African countries.

Focus: Capacity Development (Paragraphs 58–60, WSIS+20 Rev2)

AfICTA welcomes the strong emphasis on capacity development. Limited capacity remains a major barrier to closing digital divides in Africa, and future efforts must reflect **local realities**, build **sustainable ecosystems**, and ensure **inclusive participation** in the digital economy.

First, we stress the need for **long-term, context-specific** capacity development. Africa faces unique challenges, affordability, energy constraints, linguistic diversity, and low digital literacy. Capacity programmes must therefore empower communities, support local-language content, and strengthen region-specific innovation.

Second, AfICTA supports the call for strengthening **local content development**, which is vital for digital sovereignty and ensuring technology solutions reflect Africa's cultural and social contexts.

Third, we call for **predictable, accessible financing** dedicated to capacity development. Sustainable funding is crucial for long-term skills initiatives, institutional strengthening, and regional training hubs.

Finally, we recommend establishing a **monitoring and accountability mechanism** to track progress and ensure capacity-building efforts lead to measurable impact towards the realization of the SDGs.

Your Excellencies, AfICTA stands ready to collaborate with all stakeholders to advance capacity development that empowers communities, supports innovation, and accelerates Africa's digital transformation.

Thank you.