

## Proposed edits on WSIS+20 Rev.2 Document

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Reiterating deepest appreciation for the remarkable work of Co-facilitators Janina and Lokaale, I would like, for the reasons explained below, to provide a focused suggestion on the wording of paragraphs 102 and 103:

102. We also call upon the Forum **to review its organizational evolution before the end of 2026**, to enhance its working modalities, including by reinforcing its intersessional work and supporting national and regional initiatives, and to apply innovative, open, inclusive, transparent and agile collaboration methods. We emphasize the need to broaden the participation of all relevant stakeholders, with particular attention to underrepresented communities as well as Governments and other stakeholders from developing countries. The Internet Governance Forum should continue to serve as an inclusive platform for dialogue among all stakeholders, while further strengthening the engagement of governments and other stakeholders from developing countries in discussions on Internet governance and emerging technologies.

103. We call for the strengthening of the Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum, to enable it to continue its development, implement further improvements and support the work of National and Regional Internet Governance Forums and intersessional activities, and invite the Secretary-General, **in light of the result of the Forum's organizational review**, to submit a proposal to the General Assembly during its ~~eightieth~~ **eighty-first** session to ensure sustainable funding for the Forum, combining a mix of core UN funding and voluntary contributions.

### **Rationale:**

Sustainable funding for the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) cannot be seriously discussed without addressing its necessary organizational evolution. Both are inextricably connected:

- The IGF needs significantly more resources to achieve its full potential;
- But funders won't commit ongoing support without a clear vision of improvements to be implemented;
- This is the Catch-22 we have been struggling with for many years.

The IGF was - and remains - a unique institutional innovation. But with a still untapped potential. Merely reconducting it in 2025, whatever the duration, is not enough. After 20

years, the key question should now be its organizational evolution and how to ensure its sustainable funding. Accordingly, the WSIS+20 resolution to be adopted at the UNGA review this year, when dealing with the improved funding question, should couple it with the institutional evolution of the Forum.

It behooves all actors in the Forum (and its national and regional instances) to consider how to organize in 2026 a structured discussion, maybe taking inspiration in the uniquely multistakeholder Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) of 2004-2005, which produced the very concept of the Forum.

To reflect that:

- Para 102 should establish the objective of such an organizational review in 2026 by the Forum itself, in a self-organized manner.
- In parallel, Para 103 would highlight that funding proposals by the UN Secretary General should take into account the results of this review and that they should be submitted at the 81st UNGA instead of the 80th UNGA.

Ideally, both organizational review and funding proposals should be available to be discussed at the 21st annual meeting of the IGF, wherever it takes place.