

Submission of Written Intervention to WSIS+20 Informal Stakeholder Consultation on Rev 2 on 8 December 2025

Dear Co-facilitators for the WSIS+20 Review,

I am writing to submit my oral statement as a written input to the WSIS+20 Review process. We hope these recommendations will strengthen subsequent revisions and look forward to continued dialogue with all stakeholders. Please find my input below:

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1. Thank you, distinguished co-facilitators and colleagues.
 2. I am Sherry Shek, Program Manager at NetMission, a network of young changemakers from Asia-Pacific, committed to empower youth in Internet governance. I speak on behalf of the Asia-Pacific youth community, who have actively contributed to the WSIS+20 Review process.
 3. We welcome that Rev 2 retained important youth recognition from Rev 1.
 4. Paragraph 3 recognises youth as a stakeholder in effective multistakeholder participation, partnership and cooperation.
 5. Paragraph 119 recognises the significance of youth commitment in the ongoing implementation of the WSIS outcomes.
 6. Paragraph 98 recognizes Youth Internet Governance Forums enhancing multistakeholder discussion.
 7. We especially commend Paragraph 100, which decides that the Internet Governance Forum shall be made permanent with stable and sustainable resources.
 8. We urge that these texts remain intact.
 9. While the draft recognizes youth contribution and its significance, critical elements remain absent. They are: supporting and formalizing youth participation.
 10. There are three reasons why these are structural necessities.
 11. First, current governance decisions impact youth disproportionately and over longer timescales.

12. Second, youth bring lived expertise in digital environments, and fresh perspectives to emergent challenges.
13. Third, inclusion of youth brings plurality of interests. This helps ensure governance reflects diverse experiences and priorities, rather than concentrated decision-making power.
14. Without formalised roles and dedicated resources, youth participation remains consultative. We recommend three specific additions:
15. First, in Paragraphs 89 and 105, include youth in the stakeholder lists.
16. Second, in Paragraph 90, add youth as an under-represented group requiring measures to ensure more effective participation.
17. Third, in Paragraph 102, edit the phrase “supporting national and regional initiatives” by adding “youth” behind “regional”. Furthermore, after the first sentence, add “We call for strengthened linkages between Youth Internet Governance Forums and the Internet Governance Forum, with formalised youth participation and leadership across the Internet Governance Forum ecosystem”.
18. Thank you.

Best regards,
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