

UNESCO COMMENTS WSIS+20 Outcome document Rev2

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UNESCO appreciates many improvements in the [Rev2 document](#), and thanks the co-facilitators as well as the Members of the **Informal Multistakeholder Sounding Board** for their work.

The draft document includes many of our suggested proposals, including:

- a better clarification of the articulation between the WSIS process and the Global Digital Compact (GDC) in **coherence with other recent resolutions calling for the integration of the GDC commitments into the work of the WSIS action lines**.
- Furthermore, as the UN agency responsible for promoting and defending freedom of expression, we appreciate the **reference to Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights** and to misinformation and disinformation
- We also appreciate the strengthening of references to digital literacy: Para 60 might say, I quote: “We call on all stakeholders to **promote media and information literacy and, digital skills** in order to empower individuals.”
- We are glad to see recognized the importance of **developing the capacity of civil servants and the judiciary** (para 59) in AI and technologies.
- As the UN cultural agency, we welcome paragraph 38 dedicated to culture. We believe it can be further strengthened by including **specific reference to protecting the rights of artists and creators, including appropriate remuneration, and safeguarding their intellectual property rights**, in line with the Mondiacult Declaration recently adopted by 150 countries at our global conference in Spain.
- Similarly, Para 27 could make reference, I quote to “We reiterate the need for the development of local **and culturally-diverse** content and services..”
- Finally, WSIS should explicitly **reference knowledge societies**, a core WSIS concept sitting at the heart of today’s world and challenges. It is knowledge society - not just information society – the concept explicitly referenced in the 2030 sustainable development agenda. In an AI-shaped world, knowledge underpins education, culture, scientific cooperation, access to information, and the full realization of human rights.

UNESCO stands ready to continue its commitment to the facilitation of the multistakeholder implementation of WSIS Action Lines, also through the UN Group on the Information Society, the WSIS Forum and IGF.