

Comments on WSIS+20 Zero Draft

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Information and communications technologies for development

1. **Paragraph 20:** we would suggest the addition of the following text: “We encourage societies, in cooperation with other stakeholders, to establish financial mechanisms that promote and support digital public goods and digital public infrastructure”.

Bridging digital divides

2. **Paragraph 23:** The paragraph addressed only Internet usage. This may limit the issue of divide to Internet access only, while the availability of broadband Internet services is equally important today for Internet users and digital divides exist in this respect. We would suggest within this paragraph or in another separate paragraph addressing the broadband issue.
3. **Paragraph 30:** it is important to recognize, within the paragraph, that developing local content and services should be considered part of the scope of digital public goods.

The digital economy

4. **Paragraph 35:** It is equally important for developing countries to have a framework to measure and monitor the progress and growth in their digital economy environment as well as its impact in national GDP and local communities. Such a framework can be a best practice developed in partnership among UN related organizations, international organizations and other regional organizations.

Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs

5. **Paragraph 63:** The need for international cybercrime convention, treaty or arrangements are more important today than any time in the past. They are important to establish cooperation, coordination and exchange of information between countries especially in areas related to cross border cybercrime activities. The delay in this matter may expose all of us to higher risks that may have severe economic and social impacts. We would suggest that this issue is addressed within this paragraph or in a separate paragraph due to its global importance.

Artificial intelligence

6. **Paragraph 99:** We would suggest this paragraph includes within its text that AI capacity and knowledge building are considered part of public good.

Internet governance

7. We strongly support **paragraph 103** reaffirming the working definition of Internet governance in the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society
8. **Paragraph 104:** We recommend that the paragraph references only internet governance rather than referencing internet management at the same time. Internet management in the Geneva declaration has evolved into Internet governance in the Tunis agenda. Mentioning internet management in the text of paragraph 104 may give the impression that it extends to the day-to-day operation of the internet as well as its resilience and stability, this is not the case here. The Geneva declaration of principles limited its scope to policies while the Tunis agenda in paragraph 69 avoided the day-to-day technical and operational matters.
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