

Submission by the Ministry of Science and ICT(MSIT) of the Republic of Korea on the WSIS+20 Zero Draft

1. Multi-stakeholder Approach

The Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT) of the Republic of Korea highly values the multistakeholder model that has been integral to the implementation of WSIS and strongly supports its continued application.

To effectively address global challenges, it is essential that intergovernmental cooperation be complemented by the perspectives and expertise of diverse stakeholders — including the private sector, civil society, the technical community, and academia — who directly shape and experience the impacts of global change.

MSIT believes that this multistakeholder approach is a core principle that drives inclusive and sustainable digital cooperation.

2. Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

MSIT supports the decision to establish the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) as a permanent forum. We also support discussions aimed at ensuring financial stability, enabling the IGF to grow and evolve on a predictable and durable basis, and to respond to new and emerging opportunities and challenges.

We highly appreciate the role of the IGF in providing an inclusive platform for communities and stakeholders, and in promoting linkages between global frameworks and regional implementation. MSIT has been engaging in the KriGF as part of Korea's multistakeholder community and has supported its cooperation with regional forums.

3. Meaningful Connectivity

MSIT fully agrees on the necessity of sustained international efforts to enhance meaningful connectivity, and expresses strong support for the leading role and contributions of the ITU in this regard.

We recognize that more than 2.6 billion people remain offline and stress the need for practical and inclusive efforts to address this gap. In this context, we encourage the active use and support of existing programs and initiatives,

including the Partner2Connect initiative.

4. Artificial Intelligence

MSIT reaffirms the approach to international governance of artificial intelligence that was adopted by the General Assembly in the Global Digital Compact and welcomes the discussions on cooperation within the United Nations system to improve capacity building efforts on artificial intelligence.

MSIT shares the view on the necessity of strengthening AI research expertise and other capacities in developing countries, and supporting their meaningful participation in global AI governance initiatives.

5. WSIS Forum

MSIT welcomes the inclusion of the WSIS Forum's importance in the draft text, as it has served as a platform for annual stocktaking and dialogue on the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines.

In particular, the WSIS Forum has developed into a key platform for fostering multistakeholder dialogue and cooperation in reviewing the progress of the Action Lines. MSIT fully supports the continued operation of the WSIS Forum and expects it to further strengthen its role as a venue for cooperation and knowledge-sharing in advancing the Information Society.

6. UN Cooperation Framework

MSIT welcomes the decision to integrate the follow-up of the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and the WSIS outcomes.

For the global community to continue implementing WSIS outcomes, it is crucial to adopt forward-looking and action-oriented results. To this end, it is essential to avoid duplication and fragmentation of activities across the UN system and to promote coordination facilitated by the UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS), taking into account the roles of each entity within available resources.

Furthermore, MSIT emphasizes that the WSIS Action Lines must remain sustainable and technology-neutral, and should continue to be implemented in

close cooperation with existing processes, programs, initiatives, and commitments. Efforts should avoid duplication and aim for measurable outcomes and results.