

Subject: Re: Zero Draft Comment for WSIS+20 Review

Dear sir,

I hope this message finds you well.

The previous email talks about the following:

“Teenagers are digital natives who bring fresh and innovative perspectives to global digital policy. To make their participation meaningful, we need scholarship opportunities for students and a lowering of age limits for certain courses to 14, since many 14-year-olds are fully capable of engaging with these programmes. By removing these barriers, we can unlock the creativity and voices of youth in shaping our digital future.”

Please take the above and the measures in the previous email in consideration while creating the agendas for the WSIS meeting to be held in 2026.

Best Regards,
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On 10 Sep 2025, at 11:48 PM, saanvi saraswat <saanvisaraswat@gmail.com> wrote:

****Draft Comment for WSIS+20 Review****

We appreciate the emphasis in the Zero Draft on youth inclusion in digital development. However, we believe more attention should be given to teenagers as active stakeholder's in the Information Society. Teens are not only the future but also the present — they are digital natives who bring new, fresh perspectives to global discussions.

While opportunities exist for participation in youth forums, financial barriers remain a major obstacle, as there are ****no dedicated scholarship opportunities for students**. We recommend the creation of scholarship funds and travel grants to ensure meaningful and equitable youth participation.

Additionally, many courses and capacity-building programmes set age limits that exclude capable younger participants. We urge that the minimum age for certain digital and

governance-related courses be lowered to 14, recognising that 14-year-olds are fully capable of understanding and contributing to these programmes.

By lowering barriers and investing in teenage participation, we can ensure that global digital policy benefits from the creativity, innovation, and lived experiences of the world's youth.