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Ekitela Lokaale: All right, good evening and good morning to all colleagues and stakeholders joining us from across time zones.

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00:00:12.031 --> 00:00:16.861

Ekitela Lokaale: Ambassador Janina and I are pleased to welcome you to this virtual consultation.

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Ekitela Lokaale: in the WSIS Plus 20 review process.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Bringing together all stakeholders in a shared dialogue.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Today's session follows the release of the zero draft of the OASIS Plus 20 outcome document.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Since its publication, we've received more than 90 written inputs from all stakeholders.

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Ekitela Lokaale: which have been made publicly available on the WASIS Plus 20 website.

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Ekitela Lokaale: We thank all those who contributed for the substance and thoughtfulness of these submissions.

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Ekitela Lokaale: This consultation provides an opportunity to reflect on the zero draft, And to share perspectives.

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Ekitela Lokaale: That will guide the next iteration of the text.

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Ekitela Lokaale: We look forward to hearing your insights on key themes.

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Ekitela Lokaale: proposed actions and institutional aspects of the WSIS framework.

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Ekitela Lokaale: I now invite my co-facilitator, Ambassador Janina, to offer

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Ekitela Lokaale: Please remarks before we open the floor.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Ambassador Locale. I would like, as well, to join all participants, and welcome them, and extend also our appreciation for the written contributions that they have shared since we have released the zero draft.

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Suela Janina: These consultations, as mentioned, will be held in two time slots to enable broad participation.

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Suela Janina: And provide an essential space for direct exchange among member states and all stakeholders. Today's interventions will focus on key thematic areas reflected in the zero draft, so we'd like to invite speakers to address one or more of these themes as relevant to your perspectives. And we'd like also to ask you to keep your remarks

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Suela Janina: concise, as all inputs will inform the preparations for the revised zero draft. And now, without further ado, I'd like to invite the

Secretary to share some rules about how we'll proceed during this session.

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Suela Janina: Dennis?

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UN DESA DPIDG: Thank you, Ambassador. Just briefly, each speaker in the queue will have a maximum of 3 minutes, and we will have a timer for that, and microphones will be controlled by the Secretariat.

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UN DESA DPIDG: To ensure a smooth process.

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UN DESA DPIDG: If your name is not on the speaker's list and time permits, you may raise your hand to request a floor at the end of the session.

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UN DESA DPIDG: And, we also appreciate your written statements, which you can email to ungabissereview at visits.org.

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UN DESA DPIDG: And they will be made publicly available online on the session website.

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UN DESA DPIDG: Over to you, Ambassador.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Well, thank you, Ambassador Yanina. Thank you, Denise.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Before we open the floor, we would like to take a moment

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Ekitela Lokaale: to acknowledge the sad passing of Peter, Mr. Peter Major.

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Ekitela Lokaale: who played leading roles in the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

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Ekitela Lokaale: CSTD.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Among others, serving as the chair of the CSTD Working Group on Data Governance, and in the Internet.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Governance Forum, IGF.

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Ekitela Lokaale: In honor of Mr. Peter Major's memory.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Let us observe a minute of silence.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you.

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Ekitela Lokaale: May Peter Sul rest in peace.

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Ekitela Lokaale: So, colleagues, I would now like to invite you to speak, and we shall handle this topic by topic, so we'll proceed from one topic, exhaust that, and then move on to the next.

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Ekitela Lokaale: And without wasting time, I would now like to invite speakers before

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Ekitela Lokaale: Under the topic on Bridging digital divides.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Capacity Development, and human rights.

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Ekitela Lokaale: And the first to start us off under this topic heading is Lavina Rankinson from the African Union.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Lavina Ram Kisson, you have the floor.

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UN DESA DPIDG: She's not here, Ambassador, so we can move to the next one, and once... if they join later, we will give them the floor at hand, like we did during the first consultation.

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UN DESA DPIDG: And, neither the second speaker is also here, so...

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Ekitela Lokaale: We can...

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UN DESA DPIDG: Go to the third one.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Very well. So I think we'll go to the third speaker, that's Gunella Asbrink from the Internet Society Accessibility Standing Group.

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Ekitela Lokaale: As brink, you have the floor.

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UN DESA DPIDG: We are just promoting her as a panelist, yeah.

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Gunela Astbrink: Hmm.

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Gunela Astbrink: Thank you.

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Gunela Astbrink: Thank you very much, Ambassadors, for the invitation to speak. My name is Gonela Asbrink of the Internet Society Accessibility Standing Group. I'm also a MAG member.

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Gunela Astbrink: I will be speaking on behalf of the Accessibility Standing Group.

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Gunela Astbrink: We welcome the zero draft and its recognition of persons with disabilities, but urge strengthening the references to disability, recognizing that according to the World Health Organization.

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Gunela Astbrink: Persons with disabilities form over 1 billion of a global population, with 80% residing in the Global South.

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Gunela Astbrink: We remind you that accessibility for persons with disability is a cross-cutting issue, and needs to be included in sections beyond the zero drafts introduction and sections on bridging digital divides and human rights.

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Gunela Astbrink: The terms accessibility and access are sometimes used interchangeably. We note and welcome that the zero draft mostly adheres to the use of a term accessibility in relation to, for example, paragraph 25.

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Gunela Astbrink: We suggest a glossary of terms be added to the zero draft.

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Gunela Astbrink: And I'd like to cover some specifics, if I may, about particular paragraphs. Paragraph 12 on digital divides

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Gunela Astbrink: Please add accessibility of in the last sentence to read, the affordability of networks and accessibility of devices.

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Gunela Astbrink: Paragraph 30 on languages.

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Gunela Astbrink: Please add deaf people in the last sentence to read.

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Gunela Astbrink: Including Indigenous peoples, deaf people, and speakers of minority languages. This recognises sign language for deaf people. In fact, sign language in New Zealand is designated an official language.

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Gunela Astbrink: Paragraph 47 on natural disasters. Please add accessible to read, enhancing and developing accessible early warning systems.

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Gunela Astbrink: Persons with disabilities are often the most vulnerable in a natural disaster, and ensuring accessible, multimodal early warning systems together with associated response and recovery processes is vital.

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Gunela Astbrink: And please add a paragraph under the Human Rights section on disability in a similar way to the paragraphs on women and on children and young people. Make reference to the size of a disability policy. The text can encourage governments to develop

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Gunela Astbrink: for its department's Disability Inclusion Strategy with an annual auditing process modeled on the UN disability inclusion strategies for its agencies.

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Gunela Astbrink: And finally, please add a paragraph under the Internet Governance section on the IGF MAG that, in planning its future composition, a member with a lived experience of disability is included, and that about the MAG would be an additional paragraph.

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Gunela Astbrink: So, thank you very much for my opportunity to speak, and that concludes my input. Thank you.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much, Ms. Ostbrink, for those very useful, comments. We've taken note of that.

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Ekitela Lokaale: I note that the fourth and fifth speakers are not with us. That's Kiao Mao and Maria Fernanda de Brasdefer, so I now give the floor to Jane Tanaka.

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Ekitela Lokaale: University Student Chamber International.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Jane, you have the floor.

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Jin Tanaka: Alright, thank you so much. So, this young beggars, and also the member states and the stakeholders.

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Jin Tanaka: It's... it's, some profound honor to stand here to talk about some, future side of education, equity, and also the... our human rights in the digital age, as a U.S. representative from Asia-Pacific regions.

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Jin Tanaka: So...

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Jin Tanaka: So, so we also have the very, welcome to the, to the, taking some, such initiatives for some bridging to the... some digital device to cover to the, human rights, and also the, some, education and also equities as well.

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Jin Tanaka: And our region is different, some term spaces for some dynamisms and diversities. Yet, as for the surface, we also confront the stack of the idea of deep-seated disparities.

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Jin Tanaka: The digital divide, especially in the education, is... is still undergoing some separation for our side and our futures.

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Jin Tanaka: The pandemic evades some potential of online learning, but it is also exposed to some harsh truths. I have some friends who cannot afford the single smartphones, and I know some pieces.

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Jin Tanaka: with no internet connections. I've seen some peers left behind simplicity because they have never taught how to use digital tools.

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Jin Tanaka: So, it's not just technical issues, it's some human rights issues. We had some, fundamental right to access the education under the throat.

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Jin Tanaka: The bridge in this gap is distributing to some devices. It's not enough. What we... what we urgently need is some capacity development.

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Jin Tanaka: cause some digital usage. And we also, come to the necessities to use some skills to accurately evaluate some information to create and expose ourselves using some digital tools.

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Jin Tanaka: And to protect ourselves from some online lists as well.

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Jin Tanaka: There's still some of the... some of the vital skills is our time. We, the youth, are not passionate for learners. We are active partners in some building our own futures.

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Jin Tanaka: And digital space is now... it's gonna be the new frontiers, but it is also some landscape across the disk, like the... like some properties, vibrations, and also the disinformations and cyber building as well. Therefore.

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Jin Tanaka: Education must teach us for our rights and our responsibilities as our digital citizens and as our future citizens.

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Jin Tanaka: It's imperative that we build an inclusive digital learning environment where we everywhere, regardless of some disabilities, genders, and religions, can practice safety and free.

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Jin Tanaka: So, what's FEM has to do?

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Jin Tanaka: to our leaders, to government and international organizations, and also our stakeholders. Please, try to diversify our voice of the Youth members, and also investors of available and global internet infrastructures, and

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Jin Tanaka: to make some future practices, not only the US sectors, and also any other sectors, crossing the regions, countries, and any borders. Thank you so much.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much, Gene Tanaka, for your intervention.

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Ekitela Lokaale: I would now like to give the floor to...

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Ekitela Lokaale: Mohammad Shabir from the IGF Dynamic Coalition on Disability.

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Ekitela Lokaale: and accessibility.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Mr. Shabir, you have the floor.

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muhammad shabbir: Thank you very much.

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muhammad shabbir: Excellency. Excellencies, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

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muhammad shabbir: Thank you very much for the opportunity. I speak on behalf of the Internet Governance Forum's Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability, where I serve as a coordinator.

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muhammad shabbir: Beyond the coordinator of DCAD, I address this August gathering and the zero draft.

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muhammad shabbir: Which has so kindly been presented to the community for comments.

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muhammad shabbir: As an advocate, and beyond that, as a person who experienced

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muhammad shabbir: Enjoyed and benefited, as well as got frustrated from the potentials and inadequacies of the digital technologies that bring us today.

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muhammad shabbir: Ladies and gentlemen, I refer to our earlier speaker, who mentioned that there are persons with lived experience of disabilities in this world

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muhammad shabbir: Amounting to a number of over 1 billion.

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muhammad shabbir: I... am one of those who have

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muhammad shabbir: lived experience of disabilities. With that context, I would like to comment on the draft zero. The formal comments on the specific paras and sections

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muhammad shabbir: are already submitted, so I would not be reading those comments, but would like to share some of the thoughts that have gone

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muhammad shabbir: Behind those comments, And they are as follows. Number 1.

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muhammad shabbir: persons with lived experience of disabilities, and we are thankful to the Excellencies who have mentioned so kindly United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Draft Zero. There are references to it, but we would like

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muhammad shabbir: to move beyond the references and beyond checkboxes. We would like the draft zero to ensure that there are certain indicators of measuring that how persons with disabilities are being included

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muhammad shabbir: In the digital environments, spaces, and how the platforms are being made accessible and usable for them.

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muhammad shabbir: I would also like to note that disability is a transnational, transgender, trans-racial issue.

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muhammad shabbir: It can catch because of natural dis... natural

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muhammad shabbir: causes. It can catch someone because of man-made or natural crisis, or it can catch us due to aging. So, everyone of us may experience disability

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muhammad shabbir: in some or the other... some or the other way. There are temporary disabilities, and then there are permanent disabilities. So, in that context, we urge

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muhammad shabbir: the... Co-facilitators and the process which is being enabled to make the future of digital rights

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muhammad shabbir: and digital inclusion to make it accessible and usable for people with disabilities. And it should be done not just by listening to people with disabilities, but also making them a part of decision-making processes.

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muhammad shabbir: In that context, we urge the draft zero and the facilitators to include

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muhammad shabbir: decision-making bodies where the decisions about the digital technologies and environments are being made to have the representation of persons who have lived experience of disabilities. This will not just

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muhammad shabbir: Be able to...

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muhammad shabbir: Bring the voices of diverse people and communities to the discussions and negotiations, but also will provide the opportunity for persons with disabilities to be the part of decision-making

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muhammad shabbir: And the... and to shape the future of our digital environments that is come... that is going to come in our way in the upcoming years. And...

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muhammad shabbir: and days. In that context, There are two particular references that ought to be done. One, internet governance

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muhammad shabbir: forums, decision-making body, the multi-advisory Group, MAG, should have

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muhammad shabbir: the representation of people with lived experience of disabilities, and as we note, that AI and these related technologies

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muhammad shabbir: They are increasingly playing a role in our lives, so any future discussions or decision-making bodies that are established to make AI

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muhammad shabbir: AI-related decision-making should have the representation of persons with disabilities.

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muhammad shabbir: Ladies and gentlemen, thanks for the patient hearing. I rest my case.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much, Mr. Shabir, for your interventions.

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Ekitela Lokaale: I now give the floor to...

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Ekitela Lokaale: Jenna Fong from Net Mission Asia.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Jenna?

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Ekitela Lokaale: I'm sure.

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Jenna Fung: you.

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Jenna Fung: Thank you, distinguished co-facilitator and colleagues, for this opportunity to bring youth voices to this important discussion. My name is Jenna Feng, Managing Director at NetMission.asia, and today I speak on behalf of the 70 APAC youth leaders who signed a joint letter for our written input to the zero draft.

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Jenna Fung: At the heart of our message is this. Youth are not just beneficiary of the digital age, we are a co-creator of its future. And to make that future just and sustainable, bridging digital divide, advancing capacity development, and upholding human rights are not separate goals. They are the foundation that keep youth structurally included in digital governance and policymaking. Without this foundation.

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Jenna Fung: Youth engagement remains symbolic rather than systemic. Across the APEC region, young people face deep and layered inequalities between urban and rural communities, genders, and generations.

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Jenna Fung: Between dominant and local languages, and between those who can afford internet access and those who's still waiting for it.

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Jenna Fung: Our voices too often enter after decisions are made, when youth perspectives should be shaping those decisions from the start. That is why nearly 70 youth leaders from 18 APAC economies came together to craft a joint letter to call for youth to be recognized as distinct stakeholder groups, not as an afterthought, but as equal partners in building our future together.

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Jenna Fung: Our message is simple.

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Jenna Fung: Youth don't just need a seat. We are here to help build a stronger, sturdier table for all who come after us, one that can carry diverse voices and make room for those who will inherit the world shaped by our decision today.

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Jenna Fung: I would like to put forward three key calls to action. First, bridge divides with diversity in mind. Access must go beyond the connectivity to include linguistic, cultural, and gender equity. The internet should speak our languages and reflects our realities.

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Jenna Fung: Second, invest in capacity development that empowers, not just trains.

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Jenna Fung: Youth are ready to serve as innovative researchers in Kamiiji Buder, but we need clear structural pathway into governance, including youth leaders in national delegation and establishing a youth advisory council ensure capacity building leads to leadership, not dependency.

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Jenna Fung: That's not symbolic structure, they are structural commitments to intergenerational, justed, and sustainable digital development. Third, embed human rights and sustainabilities in digital innovation. Responsible innovation must consider environmental impact, equity, and meaningful participation of marginalized youth, especially those from Pacific Islands Nation and Conflict Zone.

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Jenna Fung: APEC youth contribution to WISS Plus 20 in the past months proved that when youth are meaningfully included, we don't just enrich the process, we redefine inclusion and show that we can build consensus, propose solution, and uphold multi-stakeholder principles across border. The future of digital governance is not something that we inherit, it's something that we build together across generations. Youth must not be passengers.

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Jenna Fung: We must be partner-shaping the decision that we define the world we and the generation after us will live in. Thank you once again, and we appreciate the opportunity to add our voice to this important conversation today.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much, Jenniferang, for your comments and input.

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Ekitela Lokaale: I think Sita Tongj from the Ministry of,

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Ekitela Lokaale: Austin Telecommunication of Cambodia, I think has joined us. Sita...

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Ekitela Lokaale: If you're here, please, you have the floor.

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Ekitela Lokaale: see if I... Phone.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Are you able to join us?

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Ekitela Lokaale: Okay, then I guess,

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Ekitela Lokaale: We'll have to proceed to the next. As CITHA prepares, we'll give a... we'll give SITA a chance later on.

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Ekitela Lokaale: So that was the last speaker among those who are present, at this point under that topic.

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Ekitela Lokaale: I would now like to...

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Ekitela Lokaale: I would like us to move to the next topic of discussion, and that is under internet governance.

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Ekitela Lokaale: And I'd like to give the floor to... Lucien caustics.

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Ekitela Lokaale: from AFNIC Lucy and Castex, if, you're here, you have the floor.

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00:24:48.021 --> 00:24:55.490

Lucien CASTEX: Thank you, for giving me the floor. I hope you can hear me correctly. Excellencies, dear colleagues.

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Lucien CASTEX: AFNIC, the French Internet Registry and Network Information Center, would like to welcome the opportunity to actively participate in the WSIS PUS20 review process.

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Lucien CASTEX: We welcome the open and participatory

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Lucien CASTEX: Process, allowing stakeholders to take part.

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Lucien CASTEX: As negotiations draw near, we would recommend that the process remain open and continue to facilitate the participation of stakeholders as possible, adhering to principles of transparency and efficiency.

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Lucien CASTEX: We would like to, to draw your attention, on two key points.

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Lucien CASTEX: First of all, on a broad note, AFNIC welcomes the approach to digital cooperation and the alignment between the WSIS review and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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Lucien CASTEX: As well as the proposition to reinforce the Internet Governance Forum.

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Lucien CASTEX: We strongly believe that implementing the with these outcomes and reinforcing trust in the Internet has been greatly facilitated by multi-stakeholder cooperation in both the development of internet technical standards and policy discussions.

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Lucien CASTEX: We wish to emphasize the importance of further developing the WTI's framework.

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Lucien CASTEX: Granted in multi-stakeholder cooperation and human rights.

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Lucien CASTEX: To strengthen internet governance, we would also welcome the inclusion and reaffirming of the NetMundial Plus 10 guidelines for multi-stakeholder collaboration, consensus building, and decision making.

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Lucien CASTEX: Secondly, AFNIC is pleased to note the attention given to the various digital divides and measures to implement.

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Lucien CASTEX: And address them. However, we would like

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Lucien CASTEX: To emphasize our concerns regarding the discussion condition on this text, with the absence of interpretation and translations of document, which limits the effective participation of stakeholders.

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Lucien CASTEX: We would like to underline the importance of cultural and linguistic diversity, and hope that the text will further elaborate on these issues.

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Lucien CASTEX: Particularly with regard to the design of digital tools and the discoverability of content.

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Lucien CASTEX: Multilingualism could not be a mere aspiration, but a fundamental and cross-cutting principle of an inclusive digital society.

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Lucien CASTEX: We will also send a write-in contribution. Thank you.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much, Lucienne Kastix.

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00:28:03.221 --> 00:28:05.471
Ekitela Lokaale: I don't like to give the floor to...

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Ekitela Lokaale: PEO Theri Luin from the Southeast Asia Youth IGF.

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00:28:13.061 --> 00:28:14.781
Ekitela Lokaale: Luin, you have the floor.

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00:28:15.731 --> 00:28:32.840
Phyo Thiri Lwin: Thank you. Thank you very much for our apology that I got 10 on my camera at this moment, as I requested. And it's my honor to speak today as a coordinator of the South Asia Internet Governor Forum, which is a regional... a sub-regional

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00:28:32.841 --> 00:28:41.301
Phyo Thiri Lwin: you initiated that closely aligned with the principles of, Global Internet Governor Forum. In,

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00:28:42.311 --> 00:28:46.830
Phyo Thiri Lwin: We have been focused on the deep,

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00:28:47.141 --> 00:28:51.671
Phyo Thiri Lwin: all the things related to the digital challenges in the South region.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: level and peace fading in the era of the digital diplomacy and the intersection of the green technology and digitalization last year, and...

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: By taking this opportunity, we would like to reflect the summary report, and we would like to ask for the recognition of the participation.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: Not as, not as male beneficiaries or consumer.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: And also to be recognized as an equal partner in this, Internet of, in this, with this process. As, even a speaker and participant have been called for,

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00:29:32.691 --> 00:29:38.360

Phyo Thiri Lwin: Reforming the governance structure to make sure more accessible and inclusives are represented.

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00:29:38.361 --> 00:29:58.231

Phyo Thiri Lwin: As you are eager to contribute to the policy making, as, Jennifer mentioned before, like, we need the China to... that, transparent and participatory and truly multi-stakeholder experience by recognizing the U.S. stakeholder at this moment.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: Also, in addition to that, in line with this plus 20 reaffirmation, we would like to echo, again, the recognition of the vital role of the local, self-regional.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: regional, and, you initiated, which includes the more than 107... 17 national and regional IGF forward.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: So, With us, South Asia and Jeff Fragli to contribute to this.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: With process and, and, through the, regional discussion, by ensuring the youth prosperity from the South Asia to have to shape the global internet.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: Global Internet Government, agenda. And last... lastly, we would like to remain committed to the advances with this vision.

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Phyo Thiri Lwin: of the People Center Inclusive Center Planet Orientation Information Society, and we believe that by empowering youth, strengthen cooperation that reinforces the multi-stakeholder model, we can sustain the internet that remains open, global, and secure for all. Thank you.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much indeed, for your...

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Ekitela Lokaale: inputs, I would now like to give the floor to... Matt Pajaro-Velasquez from ISOC.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Colombia.

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00:31:35.621 --> 00:31:37.230

Ekitela Lokaale: Velasquez, you have the floor.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Thank you very much. Hello, everyone.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Esteemed colleagues and fellow stakeholders.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: The Wixis Plus 200 draft document offers us a critical map of undercurrent and shows the most navigatory reports of digital inclusion and internet governance.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: We commend the immense effort that has shaped this draft, recognizing in his pages a fair commitment to a people-centered,

inclusive, and development-oriented digital world, built on essential principles of multi-stakeholder cooperation and respect for human rights.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: However, aroma, no matter how well-intentioned, is only the first step.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: The draft speaks eloquently a brightening digital device, yet the vision of inclusion at times feels like a distant short of scores by mids.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Like an Iceland that remains on map of the official charts, there is an archipelago of communities that the draft barely acknowledge.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: For example, who are these communities that are quori or mentioned in the WC plus 20 documents as marginalized communities?

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: For me, they are the individual experiences homelessness. The informal are rural workers who are the bedrock of our communities, or economies. The immigrant and the refugees seeking a foothold in a new world.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: To invite them into the complex chambers of internet governance, we must first build a pathway that can work.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: We cannot simply open the door to a library for those whose immediate needs are forcherted as sustenance. We must integrate the digital world future into the fabric of their present reality.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Futuremore color palette for gender remains binary.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: remains binary. The draft gender vision remains trapped in binary coordinates, like a navigation system that only recognized north and south.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: ignoring the multiple dimensions of the human landscape. In a world that increasingly understands and embraces a wide spectrum of gender identities and expression, this limited view is

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: and architectural flow.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Contemporary gender theories and the lived realities of individuals whose expression transcend the traditional categories remain like unnamed constellations in the night sky of digital policies, shining but not forming part of official guidance systems.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: We are attempting to bring a bribe and a global rainbow with only two colors, leaving countless individuals and realities unseen.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: This brings us to the future inhabitants of this structure, or you.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Joe barely appears in this document beyond the beginning.

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00:34:50.521 --> 00:35:03.521

Umut Pajaro Velasquez: When in the reality, they constitute the native population of the digital... of the digital ecosystem. We are attempting... we are attempting to administrate. We are charting a course for a

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: occurs.

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00:35:05.461 --> 00:35:15.880

Umut Pajaro Velasquez: To build bridges to the new generation without including them... including the ones that are going to chart the... the future.

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00:35:16.351 --> 00:35:20.490

Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Their energy innovation, and in a digital

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: And ideas and fluency are not merely a resource to be a knowledge, but a thought that must be actively woven into ongoing models.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: They're recognizing

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: It's not only recognizing that a fish live in the ocean, it's also construed... it's also a structure

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Structure the navigation paths, including those features.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: The spirit of the document roughly championed the power of the global majority.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Yet the language sometimes framed disempowerment as a project to be promoted from the Global North, rather than a capacity to be unlocked with the Global South.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: On the Charter shows that the draft construed the inclusion of the global majority as a philanthropy project directed from the Global North, reading and recognizing it is a process of self-determination.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: The draft... the draft beef speaks of planting seeds, but it's most... not forget that these lands are already fertile, rich with

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: their own gardens and ancient knowledge. Our shared task is not to plant for others, but to ensure everyone has the tools, the water, and the sunlight to cultivate their own digital harbors, to build their own unique corner of the global digital garden.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: We also, we also identify a fundamental problem, the lack of systematic integration between

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: ITU, Action, Internet Governance, forum messages and objectives, the Global Digital Compa ade... and the...

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. This initiative flawless separates Iceland instead of forming a connection or effect coordination.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: The vital connection between the WCs

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: outcomes, the global digital compound, the social development goals.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: cannot be a footnote. It will be a central resounding chord that harmonizes every paragraph and every proposal. This alignment remains more as a cartography, aspiration than something that we can really navigate into in the reality.

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00:37:46.171 --> 00:37:57.291

Umut Pajaro Velasquez: To transform this drama into a living reality, we proposed... we proposed a tricky... three... three... critical informants. First.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Should be concluding so that we give.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: aisle.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Yeah, the speakers, yeah.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: I'm going to say the three points, and conclude, okay?

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: First, let alone commitment with uncheckable results a key proposal is to replace child with most in relation to the Internet Government Forums as a permanent forum.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Second, unintention must be modified with clear HMO mechanism.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: We need... we need... we needed a document and have more than all aspiration for capacity building and inclusion.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: And specify financial and structural support.

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00:38:36.761 --> 00:38:54.890

Umut Pajaro Velasquez: for the global majority. And finally, when it comes to innovation and technology, not only are public and private sector key actors, both civil society, academia, NGOs, and technical communities, must be integrated parts if we truly want a human-centered technology.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: There is a lot more, but I will send it.

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Umut Pajaro Velasquez: Thank you very much.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much indeed, Velasquez, for... Your input,

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Ekitela Lokaale: I would like to give the floor now to Alban Kwan from CSC Global.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Alban Kwan, you have the floor.

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Alban Kwan: Thank you, Excellency, colleagues and friends. I speak today in my personal capacity. Due to the nature of my work, I have the privilege of engaging closely with many large enterprises across Asia-Pacific region about the issues they face on the internet every day.

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Alban Kwan: In the context of research plus 20 review, we specifically organized a number of meetings together with a member of the IMSB,

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Alban Kwan: To tell them about what's happening with Wizards for 20. Well, unfortunately, none of them were actually aware of Wizards for 20. Now, they... they are... these are not niche players. They are the platforms that millions of people in our region rely on to access the internet. For many in the APAC region, especially those with limited digital literacy and resources.

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Alban Kwan: Services like TikTok, Line, Facebook, or WeChat are the internet.

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Alban Kwan: The summary of those conversations has already been submitted as part of the zero draft consultation, so I will not repeat it here. Instead, I would like to share a few honest observations.

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Alban Kwan: The private sector is one of the stakeholder groups explicitly recognized in the working definition of internet governance. In reality, these platforms already act as part of the governance structure online, whether we acknowledge it or not. Yet, I don't think I'm being unfair in saying that their participation in the Business Pass-20 process, and maybe in internet governance as a whole, remains very limited.

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Alban Kwan: Beyond these platforms, I also spoke with many companies that relies on the internet for critical workflows and form the backbone of digital economy, digital infrastructure, and digital goods.

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Alban Kwan: Many of them were genuinely surprised to learn that they are considered part of the multi-stakeholder governance community, but yet they were excited by the idea that they could contribute.

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Alban Kwan: I think, like government, the private sectors are often assumed to have more resources, but in reality, a lot of these organizations do not have the staff empowered to represent the company in these discussions, and many lack the knowledge or experience to meaningfully participate.

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Alban Kwan: If more of them can participate, I believe it would help make IGF more impactful and relieve part of the funding issues that we face as well.

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Alban Kwan: The good news is that I believe there is a strong willingness within the community to reach out and induct them into the IG processes.

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Alban Kwan: But for that to happen, enhancing the modality of the Internet Governance Forum to make it more relevant to private sector and create a systematic capacity building for private sector would be crucial.

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Alban Kwan: On behalf of the companies I've spoken with, I want to conclude by expressing our deep appreciation of the Wizards 20 co-facilitators for embracing a multi-stakeholder consultation process, and in particular for establishing the IMSB. It has been a meaningful step that allows the voices of the private sector to be heard directly, and I hope it marks the beginning of their deeper

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Alban Kwan: involvement in shaping the future of internet governance. Thank you.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much indeed, Albank Juan, for those kind remarks and for your input.

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Ekitela Lokaale: I would like to now give the floor to Joyce Chen from the Asia-Pacific Network Information Center.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Chris Chen, you have the floor.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): Thank you. Distinguished excellencies and colleagues, on behalf of the Asia Pacific Network Information Center , I thank the co-facilitators for this opportunity to contribute to the WIS Plus 20 review.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): As the regional internet registry for the Asia-Pacific, APINIC fully supports the vision of a people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented information society. To achieve this, we must reinforce global, multi-stakeholder cooperation.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): Only by working together can we safeguard an internet that is open, secure, and interoperable.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): We therefore urge this process to grant the Internet Governance Forum, the IGF, a permanent mandate and ensure it is sustainably resourced. For nearly two decades, the IGF has enabled governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, and academia to collaborate on an equal footing. Its stability is vital to preserving the open governance model that underpins

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): pins the internet's success.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): Regional and national IGFs and youth initiatives must also continue to be recognized and supported.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): Bridging the digital divide remains urgent. While infrastructure has grown, gaps persist in affordability, digital

literacy, and equitable access. Large-scale IPv6 deployment is critical to connecting billions of new users and devices.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): Without IPv6, developing regions face higher costs and barriers to innovation.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): We also call for support for community-driven infrastructure and internet exchange points, which make the internet more affordable, resilient, and locally relevant.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): Finally, capacity building must go beyond digital literacy to include technical expertise.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): In the Asia-Pacific, diverse economies and geographies mean many communities still require technical skills and resources to participate fully in the digital age.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): APNIC invests in training and community empowerment on IPv6, routing security, and network operations.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): Capacity development should be treated as a long-term investment, with particular focus on least developed and developing economies, small island states, and remote communities.

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Joyce Chen (APNIC): Excellencies, we call on all stakeholders to act boldly, enshrine the IGF's permanency, accelerate IPv6 deployment, invest in local infrastructure, and prioritize technical capacity building. Together, we can ensure an internet that truly serves all humanity. Thank you.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you very much indeed, Joyce Chen, for your input.

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Ekitela Lokaale: I would now like to give the floor to Ashawat Tripathy, from... Asia Pacific as well.

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Ekitela Lokaale: To pass it, you have the floor.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Namaste from Nepal, Riverwood ambassadors and colleagues.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: My name is Ashira Tripachi.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: I am the vice chair of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group of APRIGF.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: On behalf of APRIGF community, I wish to share 6, key suggestions to make Draft0 even stronger.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: First, to make IGF the permanent forum, IGF a permanent forum.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Where everyone can come together and work on important issues.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: We should make sure that the IGF's work is based on commitments made in WSIS and the Tunis agenda.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Second, there is a need to ensure that the IGF is adequately funded, especially to continue its important work.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: We need to figure out how to raise the money and make sure that the IGF is sustainable.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Third, the national, regional, and youth IGF need to be supported as well.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Fourth, it's really important, that everyone Feels, included and heard.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: We need to make sure that all stakeholders, civil society, academia, private vet sector.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: And the technical community.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: And also the vulnerable groups, like women, youth, indigenous population, and people with disability, have a say in the process.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Fifth.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: The power imbalances between countries need to be addressed so that the voices of the global majority are heard in the multi-stakeholder discussions.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Especially when it comes to enforcement of digital rights.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: And sixth stop... There is a need to focus on building

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Ashirwad Tripathy: skills and knowledge of people, for them to participate fully in the IGF.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: We should give special attention to helping people from the Global South

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Ashirwad Tripathy: And underrepresented groups to get involved in the process.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Your Excellency, Our collective vision is to secure IGF's future as a permanent, legitimate institution.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Concurrently, we want to champion clearer, more equitable, and sustainable outcomes

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Ashirwad Tripathy: Ensuring that the forum is truly accessible to all, especially those whose voices have been historically excluded.

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Ashirwad Tripathy: That would be my intervention on behalf of APIGF community. I thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to put in the community voices. Thank you so much. Namaste.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Namaste, thank you, Ashawad Tripathi, for your intervention. I think that was the last speaker under the topic on internet governance. I think,

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Ekitela Lokaale: I'd like to invite my colleague, Ambassador Janina, to take us through the rest of the topics. Ambassador Janina.

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Suela Janina: Thank you. Thank you, Ambassador Locale. And under other topics, I would like to invite Marina Mera from Derechos Digitales to address us. Marina, the floor is yours.

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Marina Meira: Thank you, Ambassador. I speak on behalf of the Reches Digitales, a Latin American civil society organization, part of the Global Digital Justice Forum, the Wizzes Coalition, and the Gender and Digital Coalition.

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Marina Meira: My intervention focuses on one thematic and two cross-cutting priorities that we believe are essential to strengthen the zero draft and ensure that the Wizards Plus 20 provides an operational, accountable framework to deliver a rights-based and inclusive digital future. Artificial intelligence, gender equality, and corporate accountability.

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Marina Meira: So first, on AI, we welcome the attention given in the zero draft, but call for stronger rights-based language.

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Marina Meira: AI governance must ensure that human rights and fundamental freedoms are respected and protected throughout the entire life cycle of AI systems, and that no system incompatible with international human rights law is deployed.

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Marina Meira: The text should also affirm digital sovereignty and the right to development, allowing all countries to shape their own regulatory frameworks while upholding public value and inclusion.

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Marina Meira: We urge member states to include mandatory impact assessments, transparency, and reporting on serious AI incidents.

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Marina Meira: Second, on gender. While we believe that the ideal approach would be to establish a dedicated action line on gender equality, if action lines are not reopened, it is crucial to ensure effective gender mainstreaming across all of them, going further than what is now foreseen in paragraph 131.

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Marina Meira: This means integrating gender perspectives in areas such as data governance, AI, capacity building, and digital inclusion, not treating gender as an isolated or optional issue, nor as a matter restricted to women and girls.

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Marina Meira: Gender equality must be incorporated from an intersectional approach and operationalized through measurable indicators, reporting mechanisms, mandated gender impact assessments for ICT and AI policies, and participation of gender-diverse stakeholders in implementation and review processes.

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Marina Meira: We also call on the recognition that addressing technology-facilitated gender-based violence is essential to digital development.

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Marina Meira: We need survivor-centered, proportionate, and rights-based measures that make online spaces safe and enabling for all.

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Marina Meira: Third, on corporate accountability. We strongly support paragraph 83 of the zero draft, but urge its expansion to include

accountability for noncompliance with the UN guiding principles on business and human rights.

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Marina Meira: Private sector actors hold immense power on internet dynamics, in some cases even larger than Global South states. They must be held responsible for algorithmic discrimination, online harps, and failures to provide access to remedy.

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Marina Meira: States should commit to mandatory human rights due diligence for technology companies and to ensure independent oversight and effective rhetoric for rights violations perpetrated by them.

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Marina Meira: Thank you.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Marina. Now, I would like to invite Mr. Muad Al Rumai from Communications, Space, and Technology Commission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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Suela Janina: Mr. Mot, the floor is yours.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): Thank you so much, Your Excellency. Good morning, good day, good evening to all colleagues.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): First of all, let us, you know,

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): Aksabrista, while deeply saddened by the passing of Mr.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): Beats a matter whose contribution and legacy would be remembered.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): We also express our deepest condolences to his beloved ones.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): I thank you again, your extensive, for purveying this zero draft.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): And I would like to address a couple, or maybe several points in this version.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): As many said, there is huge need to harmonize.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): between the Wiz's outcome and the Global Digital Comeback.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): And we would like to emphasize on the role of the specialized United Nations agencies in delivering the Wizards outcomes and the GDC.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): And as we all know, many of these outcomes, those outcomes have been achieved. However, several components of the action lines remain only partially implemented. And I can give an example of Tony's agenda, paragraph 69.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): On enhanced cooperation.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): So... More focus, more initiative should be, you know, elaborated, discussed.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): To make sure all those outcomes, especially when it comes to the internet governance, are implemented.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): We also highlight the, you know, the significance of the emerging technologies, AI, space-based technologies, satellite communications.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): they will contribute huge in, you know, delivering those outcomes. Also, they bring some challenges when it comes to the cybersecurity, privacy.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): sharing their knowledge, sharing their technologies between default and the following countries. So these aspects, we would like, you know, to see more emphasized on these, you know, critical aspects.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): And as we have revised the zero draft, we, you know, we looked into different treaties, you know, United Nations conventions mentioned on this zero draft.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): And some of the members, member states, are not part of these treaties, and some of these treaties are not, you know, directly related to the matter of the Wizards Framework. So we kindly ask to focus on the telecommunication, and the ICT, and the Wizards Framework in the best effort.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): We also, you know, appreciate the work of community networks.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): I mean, this technology that should deliver to the remote areas to provide communications, but however, the model of these community networks are not necessary to be aligned with the national

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): legislations. As you know, you know, the service providers should be licensed to make, you know, some guarantees and some, you know, to be accountable. So we would like, you know, to replace the terminology of community networks.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): So these are, you know, in essence, our, you know.

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Muath AlRumayh (Saudi Arabia): points, and we will send it in writing, and we hope to be available in the website. I thank you so much.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Mr. Al-Remach, for your contribution, and we are looking forward to have,

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Suela Janina: your remarks on writing as well, and I would like now to invite, Yahin Lee from Asia Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association to take the floor. Yaein, the floor is yours.

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Yuyin Liu: Thank you. Thank you for Ambassador and everyone being here today. My name is Yu Yin Liu, Chief Commissioner of Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association.

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Yuyin Liu: I share this reflection based on my engagement in multilateral discussion on AI. We recognize the valuable work reflected in the Xero draft, but as AI becomes central to our digital future, we must acknowledge something important.

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Yuyin Liu: AI is changing not only our tools, but the logical of development and security itself. First, what was it helped close the connectivity gap?

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Yuyin Liu: AI is creating a new kind of a divide, not about who is online, but about who has the power to shape AI systems.

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Yuyin Liu: If some country only receive AI models without ability to aliate or adopt them, the digital dependency will deepen instead of digital inclusion.

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Yuyin Liu: Second, in a Unidier conference, I raised, that the nature of AI is fundamentally different from positive technologies.

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Yuyin Liu: It's due by nature. So, driven both the development and military capacity at the same time. And it is self-exhalating, meaning once AI competition, which we can call arm rise, begins, there's no clear switch to possibly end it.

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Yuyin Liu: This is related to a new understanding of security. But about security in AI Arrow is not only about preventing attacks.

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Yuyin Liu: but about preserving human control and accountability. We often talk about human-centric AI.

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Yuyin Liu: then we should be talking about human responsible AI, where responsibility can always trace back to human decisions.

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Yuyin Liu: Third, we welcome capacity-building efforts, but capacity alone is not enough.

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Yuyin Liu: If countries lack access to core AI infrastructure, computer power, dataset, and transparent models.

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Yuyin Liu: In this spread, we encourage you to explore a voluntary UN-facilitated mechanism to support shared access to trusted AI resources, not as assistance.

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Yuyin Liu: But as a platform for mutual dignity and equity participation.

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Yuyin Liu: In approaching AI governance, security should not become a justification for technology exclusion.

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Yuyin Liu: Any development passed away should be designed to avoid structure dependency.

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Yuyin Liu: Thank you for everyone.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Ian, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Avery Doria from Technicalities to take the floor.

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Suela Janina: Avery, the floor is yours.

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Avri Doria: Thank you very much.

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Avri Doria: For allowing me to come speak on this.

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Avri Doria: This comment relates specifically to paragraph 104 and to the topic of roles and responsibilities.

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Avri Doria: The roles and responsibilities as indicated in the Zero paper relate to an understanding of the Internet as it was 20 years ago.

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Avri Doria: They do not reflect the roles and responsibilities as they have developed over the two decades since Tunis.

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Avri Doria: As we begin to apply governance criteria to new areas, such as data governance, AI governance, or the governance of other emerging areas, we will find them becoming less and less relevant.

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Avri Doria: The roles and responsibilities as laid out in paragraph 35,

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Avri Doria: of the Tunis agenda miss the fundamental aspects of roles and responsibilities of the issues we face today.

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Avri Doria: At the time of the Tunis agenda, it almost made sense to talk about 3 or 4 stakeholder types, each having a distinct set of non-overlapping roles and responsibilities.

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Avri Doria: Now, we find that roles and responsibilities are often shared by several stakeholder groups. Additionally, as processes and projects get more complicated.

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Avri Doria: It turns out that roles and responsibilities often change depending upon the phase of a project or the circumstances of a process.

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Avri Doria: Determining roles and responsibilities in 2025 is far more complicated than the view held 20 years ago.

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Avri Doria: Understanding the historical importance of the Tunis agenda.

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Avri Doria: and of this paragraph, one that has been the focus of many extensive discussions over the years. I do not suggest removing it as a reference. Instead, I suggest modifying paragraph 104 of the Xero paper to read as follows.

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Avri Doria: We reaffirm the principles agreed in the Geneva Declaration of Principles that the management of the internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues, and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations within their respective roles and responsibilities.

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Avri Doria: Building on those set out in paragraph 35 of the TUDIS agenda, with attention to the new sets of emergent roles and responsibilities that vary depending upon the phase of a process and the type of management required.

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Avri Doria: Again.

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Avri Doria: I wish to thank the co-facilitators for the degree of multi-stakeholder cooperation they have brought into this multilateral process.

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Avri Doria: The enhancement of our cooperation through this process is a good indicator of a direction for continued evolution in the enhancement of governance cooperation.

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Avri Doria: Thank you.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Avery, for these concrete proposals. Now I would like to invite Jasmine Ko from Hong Kong Youth IGF. Jasmine, the floor is yours.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: Thank you, distinguished co-facilitators and colleagues. My name is Jasmine, I'm the co-convenor of Hong Kong YHF 2025. I speak on behalf of my local youth, and along with my fellow APAC youth leaders and the WISIS Youth Caucus team.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: join with other continents. So my key message is, here is that the research for trending outcomes must prioritize inclusivity and accountability to realize it's efficient with youth as represent, respected co-creator of the process.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: So to adjust, the concern of my local youth, we want to highlight the bridging... to bridge the decorative defiance and equitable participations, and we urge that the serial draft to focus on equitable access and accountability for a human-centric decorative future.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: Earlier on September 26th, the Hong Kong Youth IGF convened with youth participants on mandate for a smart digital future requires moving beyond just simply connectivity to address structural inequalities.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: Our youth participants, assert that for Tenenergy to be truly responsible and fair, policy must

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: actively reduce pervasive digital divide and technical digital exclusion, ensuring accessibility and accountability for everyone. And the CRF must deliver concrete measures to strengthen accountability within the digital ecosystem.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: So here we call for a clear, transparent, and legally binding framework to safeguard data protections and privacy.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: Directly adjusting the problem of companies prioritizing profit over user well-being.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: Strong ethical guidelines and governance to mitigate the risk of cyber attack damage, prevent the misuse of emerging technologies like AI, and secure a truly resilient digital environment.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: I would also like to take this opportunity to amplify the joint position of nearly 70 youth leaders from 18 APAC economies, and the research youth progress based on the recent written submission facilitated by NetMission.asia. So here, the key message, again, is youth are not just beneficiary of the digital age, we are co-creators of this feature and in the directorial era.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: We urge to recognize youth as a listed stakeholder group consistently, to call for youth to be recognized as a distinct stakeholder group. We need structural inclusion.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: We urge government institutions to include youth leaders in national and international delegations, and to establish a youth advisory council to support the research forum.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: AshenLine facilitators, and the Internet Governance Forum.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: We request an explicit mention of the mechanism for this kind of intercessional review. So, three action items here, prioritizing editable assets and decorative inclusions.

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Jasmine Yee Man Ko: Second, strengthening accountability and human-centric governance. And lastly, recognizing youth as a distinct stakeholder group. Thank you very much for the chance to speak here. Thank you.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Jasmine, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Nick Ashton-Hart from APCO Worldwide to take the floor. Nick, the floor is yours.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Thank you very much, Excellencies, colleagues. ATCO Worldwide works on international digital economy policy with and for companies from many vertical markets, and we're pleased to be able to comment today. Thank you for making time for us.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Our thanks to you and the Secretariat for running such a broadly consultative and open process, which is a new gold standard model for under negotiations on digital policy.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Thanks also for remembering Peter Major, a tireless advocate for the WIS's vision and a dear friend to many of us personally, including me.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: We support the statements you will hear subsequently with ICC, CCIA, GNI, AFRICTA, ISOC, and Microsoft, among others, and welcome the draft overall. It is comprehensive, recognizes the centrality of development outcomes to the WIS's vision.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: The success and value of multi-stakeholderism, human rights, and last but not least, the value of the IGF and its ecosystem by endorsing a permanent mandate for it, which we strongly support.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: The drop could use improvements in practical measures in several areas, especially key given that funding to address priorities is shrinking while needs are not.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Mainstreaming GDC implementation through the action lines is a welcome and logical start.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: On the digital divide, the lack of affordable connectivity should be a relic of history. The fact that it is not should be seen as a critical global priority.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: The draft should recognize the clear linkage between best practice and telecom regulation and affordability of connectivity.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: We have decades of evidence for this. ITU have literally written the book on it. It should also recognize that affordability of ICTs impacts access and use, especially by vulnerable groups, and that very high tariffs exist in many countries on ICT goods, averaging over 35%.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: On financing, we suggest that the World Bank, IMF, regional development banks, as well as private foundations and other funders, should be engaged more in the action lines.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Inviting them to intensify their participation, and to surface their programs related to each action line to make it easier for countries to find assistance is one way to do that, and for all to see what areas of implementation require more resourcing options.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: On building confidence and security in ICTs, the document should recognize the norms of responsible state behavior in cyberspace adopted by consensus by UNGA, and call on all member states to both observe and implement them.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: On improving the value of institutions, the IGF, WSIS Forum, and CSTD should work more closely together without changing their mandates or focus. The objective should be to improve how each leverages the work of the other two, so that participation in each process has more value and impact.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Last but not least, we welcome paragraphs 100 and 101. These were good ideas when they were proposed in previous negotiations, and we hope this time around, they'll get adopted, as we know how important these are to developing countries.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Thank you for your kind attention.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Nick, for your contribution. Now I would like to, invite,

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Suela Janina: I have my list Arpita Kanjilal from Digital Empowerment Foundation, and my understanding is that Arpita is not here.

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Suela Janina: So, we continue with the next one on the list.

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Suela Janina: Adebun Mi Akimbo from DNS Africa Media and Communication.

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Suela Janina: Which, who is, not here, as I understand.

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Suela Janina: So, I'd like to call Maria Bolshakova from Regional Commonwealth in the field of communications.

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Suela Janina: like to know if Maria is.

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Mariia Bolshakova: Yes, I'm here.

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Suela Janina: Maria, please, you have the floor.

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Mariia Bolshakova: Your Excellences, Good morning, good day, good evening for all the colleagues, I believe that.

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Mariia Bolshakova: We all...

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Mariia Bolshakova: I'm so focused here today, and thank you for all the interventions made before. Apologies for not being able to connect with my camera, I have pretty poor connection, but hopefully you hear my voice.

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Mariia Bolshakova: So, the regional commonwealth in the field of communications, we are interstate coordinating body in the field of communications and informatizations, and we serve as a platform for discussing priority tasks and practical solutions.

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Mariia Bolshakova: in ICT-related issues at national levels and international arena, and we promote our coordinated

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Mariia Bolshakova: position of the countries of Commonwealth of Independent States to the ITU and Universal Postal Union and other organizations. So, in November last year, we started our,

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Mariia Bolshakova: preparations, that resulted in the RCC declaration on visas plus 20, that is now joined by 40 parties.

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Mariia Bolshakova: So, the declaration has been submitted as the written input to the elements paper, for which is plus 20.

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Mariia Bolshakova: And now it's also published on UNDES website.

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Mariia Bolshakova: I think that, our document can also serve as a source of inspiration for the zero draft.

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Mariia Bolshakova: And, I will shortly focus on, key areas of

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Mariia Bolshakova: Our actions are depicted in the declaration, its development of accessible and secure telecommunication infrastructure, its integration of new technologies, ensuring cybersecurity, protection of personal data.

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Mariia Bolshakova: Coordination of efforts between all the stakeholders, support for developing countries bridging the digital divide.

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Mariia Bolshakova: Financial support mechanisms, building an inclusive digital space, ensuring security in using ICTs, promoting environmental sustainability, supporting small and medium businesses, protecting cultural and lingual diversity.

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Mariia Bolshakova: So, the document emphasizes the human-centered approach to technology development, the importance of responsible state behavior in the ICT.

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Mariia Bolshakova: The need for cooperating between the stakeholders and the necessity to consider the interest of developing countries a top priority.

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Mariia Bolshakova: So, in general, in our document, we deteriorate commitment to the provisions and principles set out in Geneva Declaration of Principles and the Tunis Agenda.

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01:12:04.871 --> 01:12:09.431

Mariia Bolshakova: And support continuation of IGF and VSIS Forum.

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Mariia Bolshakova: The document advocates also against the practice of adopting more and more simpler documents, and calls for focusing on the implementation of already agreed documents.

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Mariia Bolshakova: Noting the necessity to increase the level of coordination of efforts between the New York and Geneva headquarters in initiating and implementing such kind of processes.

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Mariia Bolshakova: And also, please give me 30 more seconds.

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Mariia Bolshakova: We also believe that responsible behavior by states and the use of ICTs will become very important in future years.

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01:12:44.131 --> 01:12:48.071

Mariia Bolshakova: And for the general, comments for zero draft.

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Mariia Bolshakova: We would like to suggest explicitly reaffirm the provenance and ITU's convene and coordinating mandate for this follow-up. The alignment with the Global Digital Compact

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Mariia Bolshakova: should build upon rather than supersede the VSIS outcome documents and corresponding QNJ and ECOSOC resolutions. And the focus of the, on the achievements made and areas for further work.

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Mariia Bolshakova: in line with the contents of the VSIS outcomes, documents with equal treatment of the Tunis agenda, and to also reflect on some of the comments made. To conclude with.

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Mariia Bolshakova: When it comes to the roles and responsibilities, it's crucial to understand and remember that they differ for different stakeholder groups, as they all have rights, but not all of them have responsibility to people to fulfill the high-level agreements. Thank you very much for giving me the floor.

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01:13:43.081 --> 01:13:52.571

Suela Janina: Thank you, Maria, for your contribution. Now, I would like to invite you at Anjali Sarma from Cyber Safe Association

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Suela Janina: of India.

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Suela Janina: Srath Anjali, the floor is yours.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Thank you. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I'm Shadhanjali, and I'll be speaking on behalf of CCAOI, a civil society organization from India.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: At the outset, we would like to commend The Zero Draft for grounding itself in continuity by reaffirming the Geneva Declaration.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: the Tunis agenda, and subsequent UN resolutions, including the Global Digital Compact. This continuity reflects a strong commitment to multi-stakeholderism, meaningful cooperation, human rights, and a development-oriented approach. However, we are concerned that paragraph 83 of the draft leans too heavily on voluntary cooperation without establishing a clear framework for accountability.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: While it calls on the private sector to respect human rights.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: It doesn't set out how compliance will be monitored or enforced. To strengthen this, the paragraph could require not merely encouraging the private sector and other stakeholders, but to integrate respect for human rights throughout the entire lifecycle of emerging tech.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Member states should establish independent oversight bodies at national or regional levels to monitor compliance, investigate abuses, and apply penalties wherever necessary.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: We also note that paragraph 4, 5, and 35 rightly acknowledge the challenges faced by developing countries, yet these provisions do not sufficiently address the deep power imbalances that continue to limit meaningful participation. True inclusivity requires more than open invitations, it requires redistribution.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Mechanism for technology transfer, capacity building, and equitable representation in decision-making spaces are crucial so that the Global South can participate on an equal footing and share fairly in the benefits of digital cooperation.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Finally, paragraph 115's recognition of the IGF as a permanent UN forum is a major step forward. However, the draft should clarify how the IGF will coordinate with the other UN digital cooperation structures. To avoid duplication and ensure coherence, the text should explicitly state that the IGF will serve as a permanent inclusive platform, working in structured coordination with these frameworks

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Shradhanjali Sarma: To advance shared goals of inclusion, equity, and accountability.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: In conclusion, WSIS must go beyond voluntary commitments. It must embed accountability, address systemic inequities, strengthen coordination within the UN digital governance framework. Only then we can ensure a digital future that is inclusive, fair, and right-respecting for all. Thank you.

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01:16:29.461 --> 01:16:37.760

Suela Janina: Thank you, Shadan Jalif, for your contribution. Now, on the list, I have Sorina Sefer from UN Economy Commission for Africa.

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Suela Janina: who I understand is not connected, so I would like now to invite Mr. Bazlur Rahman from Bangladesh NGO's Network for Radio and Communication. Mr. Bazlur, the floor is yours.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Your Excellency.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Bangladesh and News Network for Radio and Communication, the Bangladesh Internet Governance Forum, and the effect for the Future Bangladesh CSU Initiative has advocated for the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: and the IGF agenda in Bangladesh. Your Excellency.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: The current version of the zero draft of WSIS plus 20,

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: reflect considerable progress in addressing many of the issues raised during previous consultation. We appreciate this advancement and believe it is essential to preserve key language in the outcome document.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: I must thank... I must thank you, both of you.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: We wholeheartedly support the submission by the Global Forum for Media Development, GFMD, the Global Digital Rights Coalition for WSIS, and the Global Digital Justice Forum.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: Together, this perspective from the strong foundation for our ongoing dialogue about the zero draft all over the world.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: The essential of the objective of the WSIS mandate have yet to be fully realized, as outlined in the Geneva Plan of Action and the Tunis Agenda for Action. Therefore.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: There is an urgent need for further strengthen and continued WSIS from to raise discuss long-standing and emerging issues that contribute to identifying possible way to address them.

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: and facilitate the localization of WSIS action line, as well as the annual monitoring, implementation, and review at the country level, and align with the UN Resident Coordinator and relevant stakeholder to address the country's specific needs. What is urgently needed is a permanent reinforced

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: And even more inclusive WSIS and IZF with sustainable funding at the both

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AHM Bazlur Rahman | Bangladesh: at the Secretariat and country level. We urgently need your attention to this matter. I appreciate your consideration. Thank you... thank you, honorable co-facilitators.

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01:19:19.341 --> 01:19:31.051

Suela Janina: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Basler, for your contribution, and now I would like to invite Sophia Longwi from Wikimedia Foundation. Sophia, the floor is yours.

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Sophia Longwe: Thank you very much for giving me the floor, Your Excellency. On behalf of Wikimedia Germany, an NGO with over 113,000 members, we thank the co-facilitators for facilitating such an inclusive and transparent process.

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Sophia Longwe: As part of the global Wikimedia movement, we welcome the opportunity to comment on the zero draft. Hence, we endorsed the 10 steps to strengthen stakeholder engagement in the Wizards Plus 20 intergovernmental phase.

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Sophia Longwe: We welcome the recognition of digital public goods in paragraph 20.

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Sophia Longwe: Wikipedia is officially recognized as a digital public good, serving humanity and contributing to the common good around the world. We appreciate the mentioning of multilingualism and digital divides in paragraphs 28-31. Wikipedia exists in over 300 language versions.

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Sophia Longwe: Provides knowledge across regions.

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Sophia Longwe: The strong language on human rights in paragraph 77 to 93 must also be preserved.

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Sophia Longwe: We also highly welcome the decision for a permanent internet governance form in paragraph 115. We support the decision to make the IGF permanent, and value the emphasis on its international work and national, regional, and youth initiatives.

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Sophia Longwe: Areas for improvement from our perspectives are...

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Sophia Longwe: We would like to explicitly mention Knowledge Commons as essential infrastructure for equitable access to knowledge. This language would exemplify how open licensing, volunteer work, and digital infrastructure contribute to the vision of WSIS.

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Sophia Longwe: We also recommend the strengthening of Action Line C3 by evolving it into an Action Line on access to information, knowledge, and digital commons. We hope for the recognition that volunteers and knowledge communities are stakeholders in their own right, and require meaningful access to policy processes.

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Sophia Longwe: To build legitimacy, however, Weses Plus 20 must ensure that stakeholder contributions are integrated transparently into clear follow-ups, avoiding the pitfalls of fragmentation through parallel urn processes.

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Sophia Longwe: We reiterate our call for clear accountability mechanisms and timelines, including sustainable funding for underrepresented groups and volunteers.

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Sophia Longwe: To conclude, the Xero Draft provides a strong foundation. To fully realize the vision of WSIS and information society, we hope that you explicitly recognize knowledge commons, safeguard the multi-stakeholder approach, but also ensure that multiple young institutions remain involved in the process.

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Sophia Longwe: Preserve and operationalize strong human rights protections, and also embed accountability mechanisms, transparency, and follow-up into this process. Thank you very much.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Sophia, for your contribution. And now, last but not least, it's time for our informal multi-stakeholder sounding board to present the input on the zero draft. I would like to invite Jennifer Chung to present this input. Jennifer, the floor is yours.

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Jennifer Chung: Thank you very much, Excellencies, and thank you for this continuing of a very diverse, very inclusive process.

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Jennifer Chung: The informal multi-stakeholder sounding board has endeavored to join as many community-led, stakeholder-led consultations and engagements as possible to listen, to understand perspectives from a whole range of these stakeholder groups and communities.

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Jennifer Chung: We commend the Zero Draft's transparent and inclusive approach, notably, of course, the engagement of co-facilitators with all of the stakeholders, and we also urge the openness to continue throughout the negotiations.

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Jennifer Chung: We recommend that all preparatory meetings be open to non-governmental stakeholders, with transcript published, and also minimal closed-door discussions as necessary.

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Jennifer Chung: The IMSB welcomes the alignment of the WISS review with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, and also the Pact of the future, of course, also the GDC. We appreciate the reaffirmation of foundational WISS documents, and the recognition of multi-stakeholder cooperation as a core value is very essential to advancing WISS outcomes, WSIS goals, and should be strengthened throughout this

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Jennifer Chung: implementation plans.

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Jennifer Chung: We welcome very much the acknowledgement of the diverse stakeholder roles

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Jennifer Chung: Governments, civil society, private sector, academia, and the technical community, and the importance of coordination among them.

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Jennifer Chung: So, we very much welcome the draft call to avoid duplication and leverage existing institutions, remaining technology neutral, especially when addressing AI and emerging technologies.

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Jennifer Chung: We support the rights-based approach embedded in this draft, including the role of OHCHR to mainstream human rights across digital governance.

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Jennifer Chung: We also commend the attention to gender gaps, rural-urban disparities, and accessibility for marginalized groups. We need to have to focus on affordability, digital literacy, and local multilingual content.

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Jennifer Chung: We support creating an environment, enabling environment for innovation, digital skills, fair competition, and trust

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Jennifer Chung: in the digital economy. And most importantly, sustainable and predictable funding is seen as essential for WIS's implementation, along with strengthening the WIS's framework, potentially through an enhanced IGF and CSTD roles.

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Jennifer Chung: perhaps a help desk and coordination through GDC implementation. And then finally, we strongly support the decision in paragraph 115 to make the Internet Governance Forum a permanent forum of the United Nations. We wish to highlight the importance of clear criteria and assumptions to establishing this as a permanent IGF, and the need to recognize its evolution into a forum that deals with broad-spectrum

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Jennifer Chung: of digital governance issues. We remain here listening to everyone throughout these two days, and we also remain open to further engagements with the community and stakeholder groups throughout. Thank you very much.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Jennifer, and through you, I would like also to thank and to express gratitude to every member and all the informal multi-stakeholder sounding board for your engagement and the support you have given us, and we hope you'll continue to give until the last mile of the high-level event in December.

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Suela Janina: So, with that, we have exhausted,

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Suela Janina: the list of speakers that have been registered, and now I would like to hand over back to you, Ambassador Locale, for the concluding remarks.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Thank you, thank you very much, Ambassador Janina. Let me also join you in thanking all the participants.

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Ekitela Lokaale: For your active engagement and substantive interventions.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Your feedback today will be instrumental in shaping the next version of the WSIS Plus 20 outcome document.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Together with the more than 90 submissions, these oral contributions will guide refinement of the zero draft.

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Ekitela Lokaale: On my part, let me thank everyone who took,

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Ekitela Lokaale: Time to join us, in this session.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Also, special mention should go to the informal multi-stakeholder sounding board.

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Ekitela Lokaale: Who have done a phenomenal job in channeling, The views and comments from...

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Ekitela Lokaale: All stakeholders, and to thank you and look forward to engaging with you in tomorrow's session.

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Ekitela Lokaale: And as Ambassador Yenin has said.

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Ekitela Lokaale: We look forward to completing the last mile with all of you, so that we have a document that we can all identify with. I thank you very much, indeed.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, Ambassador Locala. If I may also join you in thanking all participants for their thoughtful and constructive engagement this session.

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Suela Janina: Your perspectives, of course, continue to strengthen this multi-stakeholder process and help ensure the TWSIS plus 20 document reflects our shared priorities and ambitions. We are looking forward to continuing this dialogue with you in the coming weeks, and I ask now the Secretariat if there is any other element that we need to discuss, or...

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Suela Janina: we should conclude this meeting for this session, and continue it tomorrow morning with New York time and other time zones again. So, with this.

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Suela Janina: Dennis, we can conclude the meeting.

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Suela Janina: Thank you, everyone. Thanking everyone for the participation and engagement. Thank you.

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UN DESA DPIDG: Yes, thank you, Ambassador. We'll, continue tomorrow at 10am EST.