



APNIC Statement at UN Virtual Stakeholder Consultations on Rev. 1 of WSIS+20 Outcome Document

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Distinguished Excellencies, Colleagues,

I represent Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) to thank the UN Co-Facilitators for the opportunity to provide views on Revision 1 of the WSIS+20 Outcome Document.

We also thank the penholders for their excellent work in consolidating all the comments received and refining the input further from the Zero Draft to Revision 1.

In the next revision of the Outcome Document, we would like to see the Informal Multistakeholder Sounding Board – IMSB – recognized for their efforts to provide guidance and advice during the review process, and ensure multistakeholder input is heard from all regions, in particular the Asia Pacific region. Thank you to the IMSB members who have spent countless days and nights doing this work voluntarily.

Focusing on the Internet Governance section of Revision 1, we would like to highlight the following:

- We agree and support recognition of all actors in paragraph 87 – governments, the private sector, civil society, technical and academic communities, international organisations, and all other relevant stakeholders – to maintain and uphold the global and multistakeholder nature of Internet governance.
- We are committed to enabling greater participation and engagement of all stakeholders, particularly those from developing and least-developed countries, land-locked developing countries, and small island developing states.
- We must protect the open, interoperable nature of the Internet because only when it is global, interoperable, stable and secure, can it fully benefit all. To this end, Revision 1 rightly affirms the need to promote international cooperation among all stakeholders.
- We commend the inclusion of the NETmundial+10 guidelines in paragraph 93. It is an excellent resource for multistakeholder collaboration and consensus-building.
- We welcome the continued language that supports permanency of the IGF, recognition of the NRIs and intercessional work, and the need to strengthen the Secretariat. In this regard, the IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) should also be recognized for their work to shape and evolve the IGF throughout the years.
- On the future funding for the IGF, we encourage the UN Secretary-General to consider mechanisms that enable the full participation of the multistakeholder Internet community to support the Forum's sustainability.

We look forward to Revision 2 and wish you the very best in the upcoming informal negotiations.