

Written Input for WSIS+20 Informal Consultations on November 14, 2025

Dear Co-Facilitators and Colleagues,

We are pleased to submit our written input to the WSIS+20 Review process. We hope these recommendations will strengthen subsequent revisions and look forward to continued dialogue with all stakeholders.

We welcome the progress reflected in Revision 1, particularly the explicit recognition of youth as stakeholders (paras. 3 and 117) and the acknowledgement of National, Regional, and Youth Internet Governance Forums (para. 96). We also strongly support the decision in paragraph 98 to make the Internet Governance Forum a permanent United Nations forum, and we urge that these provisions including the recognition of Youth IGFs, be retained in subsequent revisions.

Youth across the Asia-Pacific region have actively engaged in the WSIS+20 Review process and are already helping to shape the systems, norms, and cultures that define the Internet. We stand ready to work as capable partners with other stakeholders, guided by principles of collective responsibility, collaboration, and accountability.

While Revision 1 makes important normative acknowledgements, it lacks the concrete, operational mechanisms necessary to translate recognition into meaningful, sustained participation. To ensure that youth participation is structural, resourced, and respected, we recommend that the final text include clear calls for:

1. First, Institutionalization of youth delegate roles across governance structures
2. Second, dedicated support and resources for Youth IGFs and other youth initiatives such as youth-led research and innovation.

These measures are essential because youth as digital natives, innovators, and advocates bring perspectives that increase the responsiveness and accountability of governance to a broader public interest and to future generations. Embedding structural provisions for youth participation will enable the WSIS+20 process to evolve into a genuinely intergenerational framework in which young people are treated as partners today, not simply as beneficiaries of tomorrow.

Thank you for the progress already reflected in Revision 1. We urge that the final outcome incorporate the structural provisions outlined above to strengthen and sustain youth participation.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Asia Pacific youth Community