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UNHQ-S-26MM2: Good morning good afternoon, everyone. It will start shortly. We are just

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: waiting for both ambassadors. Please give us a few minutes. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Hello! Good morning. Good morning, Dennis. Can you hear me?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I apologize, Dennis. I don't know. I cannot hear you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): It seems that you can see and hear me. I read the messages, but unfortunately I cannot. Hear you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I'll try to do as suggested, to disconnect and to rejoin again apologies for this.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Hello, Dennis! Do you hear me?

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: Yes, we can hear you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Okay, maybe it's a problem I don't know with my account. So I'm connecting with the account of my colleague of the mission. So if does this does not pose any problem for you, I suggest that we can start, as I see many people online. So not to take any more time from this technical problem. But good morning. Good afternoon, everyone. So, although I'm connecting with another name. But it's a pleasure to see if you here today.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): and I suggest that we can start the meeting.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): So good morning, and good evening. Distinguished colleagues, stakeholders, ladies, and gentlemen.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Ambassador Equitela Locale and I are very pleased to welcome you to this informal virtual consultation in the wises, plus 20 review process which brings together Member States and stakeholder communities in a shared dialogue.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): The consultation is a follow-up to the written inputs that we have received by the end of the deadline that we put for the Elements paper. Today's session also builds on our earlier consultations held throughout May, June and July, in New York, in Paris, at Unesco, at the Igf. In Norway, and in Geneva at the Wisis Forum.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): We are grateful for the many written submissions received since then and for your continued engagement.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): These consultation is structured to follow the main thematic areas outlined in the elements papers where feedback was requested from us stakeholders.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): It offers an opportunity to reflect verbally on the written inputs we have received on the scope of the wisis framework, its alignment with emerging priorities and the coherence of implementation mechanisms.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): We hope today's discussion will provide valuable perspectives to guide the 0 draft preparations which will take place over the coming weeks.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): We thank all participants for your willingness to engage in the constructive and forward-looking exchange and all present Member States and non-government stakeholders for their openness to hearing diverse views. I now would like to invite my co-facilitator Ambassador Locale to say a few words before we open the floor for the discussions. Ambassador, the floor is to you.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: Thank you. Thank you, Ambassador, I can. I am not sure if my colleagues could locate Ambassador locally.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: I also need help, maybe from his stuff.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: We have. We have right now around 100 50 people online, and we also

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: published a speaker list yesterday. So we will go through that Speaker list and our colleagues in the Secretariat will promote those speakers who are in the list in in order, so that everyone can take their turn.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: I see that some people are already promoted as panel as panelists. So we will. We will see this over the over the meeting today. So Tony, I see you are promoted as panelists. I'm not sure if Ambassador is there.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: Okay, maybe ambassadors.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Then is again. Maybe this is a format which we tried with our goodwill to make very participatory, but it has its own challenges. So I I I my please to everyone to be a little bit patient, because we are trying our best to have everyone on board.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I had the communication a few moments ago with Ambassador Locale. But I don't know what's happening now. So for the sake of the time, I think that.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): We're ready. We're ready!

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Okay, we, we are here. Okay.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Okay.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): So, Ambassador Locale. I just presented a few opening remarks, and I would like to invite you now to address the virtual audience with a few welcoming remarks from your side. The floor is yours, ambassador.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Alright. Thank you, Ambassador.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you, Ambassador.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Let me join you in welcoming all the participants

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): and thanking you for your contributions throughout this process.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Today's consultation provides an opportunity to continue the dialogue in a joint setting

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): with both Member States and stakeholders present.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): As noted, the consultation is organized thematically

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): following the structure of the elements. Paper.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Though we invite interventions on one of those areas per speaker, we acknowledge topics and issues are cross-cutting.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): and interventions need not be overly restricted by theme.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): as in previous sessions we ask that remarks be concise.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): these contributions will directly inform the drafting of the oasis plus 20 0 draft.

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): We look forward to a focused and constructive discussion

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H.E. Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): before we start. The Secretariat will share a few housekeeping rules. Dennis, thank you.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: Thank you. Thank you so much. Ambassador. Yes, we have. Today from 10 to 13 Eastern time

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: speaking list. We will go through the sections in the elements paper in the ICT. For development. I see we have 8 speakers, so we will start with those.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: however, we understand that you may not only target that section of the elements people. So

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: if your interaction is going through other other sections this is perfectly fine

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: the meeting is also being recorded and it will be available on the on the website later today or tomorrow. So you can watch the full recording. We understand it's a it's going to be a long meeting secretariat will also prepare a summary of the meeting and publish it online

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: with this ambassador, if I can turn back to you. If you want to. Go through the speaking list, or if you want us to indicate you, and

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: we can, we can go. However, you prefer.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Dennis. Indeed, we have a speaking list which we would like to open now, because I think we have

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): had a few

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): moments lost in our communication. So I would like now to open the speaking list and to invite everyone, please to keep

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): short to the 3 min time that has been allocated in order that we have possibility to hear from everyone that would like to take the floor. So the 1st topic for discussion that we've put in this informal consultation is ICT. For development, and the 1st speaker in our list

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): is Miss Arpita Kanjalal. From digital Empowerment Foundation. Arpita, you have the floor.

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Dr. Arpita Kanjalal: Hi, Hi, good evening from India. I'm arpitha from the digital empowerment foundation. We work to bridge the digital divide by empowering marginalized communities through technology.

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Dr. Arpita Kanjalal: So as we reflect on the basis 20 Review, we recognize the tremendous potential of icts in development, but also acknowledge the critical need for more hyper, local and decentralized models of digital development that directly address the unique needs of local communities. These models, we believe from our learning

from India

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: is are essential, like, we believe, are essential for achieving sustainable, inclusive digital development, particularly in regions where top down centralized approaches may not be as effective. So visis has had long recognized the importance of ICT in advancing societal development. Yet in many parts of the world the digital solutions that work at a national or global level do not necessarily fit

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: the local context. So like, what I'm trying to say is that centralized one size fits all solutions often miss the mark, especially in regions with diverse languages, cultures, and local needs. Like, we have in India a lack of localized content and infrastructure continues to exclude vast segments of the population in India, for example. So at digital empowerment foundation, we advocate

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: for hyper local, decentralized models. And these models are community driven and specifically tailored to the realities on the ground. And we have majorly learned that bottom up models like frugal technologies, localized need based solutions and fidgetable systems, are a key to success.

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: These systems embed technology with a human anchor ensuring that digital tools remain accessible, relevant and rooted in the community's needs. Importantly, these models are not fully automated because they involve a human touch which, you know, strengthens trust and reliability among communities. So yeah, so many digital development

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: initiatives still fail to engage with the grassroots level. We see where solutions need to be tailored to address those unique local issues. So the barriers to this are often lack of local infrastructure, low digital literacy and unavailability of content in local languages. So then, we must also address information dependency, ensuring that the information people access is reliable.

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: interested like technology policies increasingly are becoming tech only policies that are driving deeper exclusion, particularly among marginalized communities. And this trend

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: creates an even wider digital divide, pushing vulnerable populations further away from the opportunities that ICT can offer for digital transformation. To be truly, meaningfully inclusive, we must focus on hyper local models is what I'm trying to say again and again, which centers communities and is tailored to the local context. So

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: here, when I say, the digital model is basically where technology is integrated with human engagement which allows basically a real world connection with tech. So these non fully automated systems ensure that human presence continues to play a key role. So in yeah, so importantly, we must shift from tech only policies

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: towards an approach where technology serves people rather than exasperating this exclusion. So digital empowerment foundation has a model called the suchnapreneur model, suchna as in information and preneur is entrepreneur. So information entrepreneurs who are basically local community leaders enabling access to information and access to e-governance

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Dr. Arpita Kanjilal: in their own local context. So as we move forward with the Visis 20 review, we must, I think, reaffirm the importance of hyper local, decentralized models. And when we imagine a model which centers on them leading their own digital development, I think we can truly ensure that no one is left behind in this digital transformation journey, and thank you so much for this opportunity to share our vision for a more inclusive, locally relevant.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, and I would really plead to the following speakers, please stick to your 3Â min in order. We'll have time for everyone to give their opinions and their views about the discussion we're having today. So without further ado, I would like to invite Sokiata Sokashon from Net Mission Asia to take the floor. Sokiata, the floor is yours.

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Socheata Sokhachan: Thank you. My name is Sujita, and I'm from Cambodia as a country that has experienced.

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Socheata Sokhachan: He's

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Socheata Sokhachan: historical wounds, and more recently, tensions and conflict with our neighboring countries that have brought sacrifice and hardship. So we know firsthand how fragile peace can be, and how essential it is for the progress. So for us peace is not just the option of conflict. It is the foundations for development, for hope and building a digital future where no one left behind.

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Socheata Sokhachan: So it is with the spirit that I speak today, representing young digital leaders from across the Asia Pacific economy, who gathered virtually this early July for the Apac youth versus plus 20 series that organized by netmissionasia. So we welcome the element paper that recognized the ICT as central for achieving the 2030 agenda and to building inclusive resilience

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Socheata Sokhachan: society, and however based on our original youth consultation, we emphasize that digital development must go beyond access to be truly transformational. So, despite this advancement in broadband and mobile coverage.

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Socheata Sokhachan: some youth in rural and low-income communities still face significant barriers from affordability, and how digital literacy can be lack of localized, relevant content. And this reality was echoed by our Asian youth and remote Pacific Island States, where national coverage statistics often obscure real gaps in the Usability service quality and inclusion.

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Socheata Sokhachan: So we call for a rank based and user-centered approach to the ICT development that include the broadening, the definitions of connectivity to include the speed latency, especially the affordability and fair competitions, not just infrastructure rollout. Second point investing in capacity building for underserved area with the support for youth, digital literacy program and public-private partnership that prioritize skills, not just access to device.

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Socheata Sokhachan: Lastly, enabling youth driving innovations from local language, AI tool to healthcare agriculture

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Socheata Sokhachan: and to the community. So, as one of our contributors from Pakistan said, ICT must empower youth to solve the local problem, not just consume the global content. So we urge the Wasc. Plus 20 stakeholders to embed youth as a co-creator, not just the beneficiaries of ICT strategies, and to provide a

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Socheata Sokhachan: that

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Socheata Sokhachan: and support to grassroots initiative that overall and marginalized youth in development effort. So let's ensure that ICT don't just connect, but uplift, empower, and enable every young person to thrive in the digital age. That's it for my intuition. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Sachata, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Vashkar Bachay jare from young power in social action, to take the floor. Vashkar, the floor is yours.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Do we have Ashkar online?

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: Ambassador Washkar is not here. Maybe we can move to.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yeah, we can. We can move and like to invite Mr. Alberto Bissio from social watch.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Roberto, are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If not.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: And.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I would like to call Wisdom Dunkar from Ghana igf Ghana Domain name registry wisdom.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Okay, then I'll try to ask the next next speaker on the list. Jean Tanaka, from University Student Chamber, International.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Jean, are you online.

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Jin Tanaka: Yes, I am.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Please, Jean, the floor is yours.

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Jin Tanaka: Alright, thanks. So much so.

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Jin Tanaka: Okay, thanks. So much so. Yes, for the our university students also like to take an initiative for the genetic AI, and also the machine to the some of the topics with written onto the some.

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Jin Tanaka: the meter, Anderson direct, with some cooperation and rankings, and that time. We also have some of the

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Jin Tanaka: the pros and cons as a facing. So that's what I came here to share about it

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Jin Tanaka: as a pros. We have introduced. Some of the these kinds of method is introducing onto the some generative AI based onto the make into the Chat Gpt or open open source. And that's a site that's so highly effective. Because these kinds of systems, I mean the education assistant tools can assist

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Jin Tanaka: for each of the student and also the personalizing to them each of the running speed as well. But whereas

still they have, we have some of the relations. It's kind of not correct information can be shared. So

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Jin Tanaka: so it can be the increasing some of the burdens for the teachers. They are not for teachings we can solve, the we can solve, make the teachers, or less burdens for the teaching itself, but

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Jin Tanaka: checking, checking to the to the some some of the AI generated by the generated by the AI for some information or some education, truth or education, information should be should be checked. So it's gonna be that going to be that this kind of point going to be the increase in some burdens for the teachers. So what I want to say is

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Jin Tanaka: as a to introduce for the AI tools is also going to be great opportunity, and also the open to the any other students who like to know more, more and more, and also the best on to the

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Jin Tanaka: to know about, how can we improve based on the AI. So that's why I came. I also did just

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Jin Tanaka: 2 weeks ago. I just released onto the systems for the global ethics and also the introducing to the some another AI, I mean, so some some 3 AI's. I use. I use it. And first, st AI, the ideas, and second, AI, going to be considered about, which is, according to the some official guidelines based on each each school's or each country's education process. And 3rd one is, I just try to correct

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Jin Tanaka: or judge for whether this information is correct or not, and we also introduced that kinds of systems. But

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Jin Tanaka: still we have the under development of the discount systems, and our our system going to be introduced and expand in until 2,030 s. For for the transforming educations, for making less teachers, making less burden for teachers, and also the for the also. This.

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Jin Tanaka: this financial difficulties for any other students who like to run about any other topic, even some of the science or technology or history, or anything as they want.

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Jin Tanaka: So that's my perspective. And that's my my kind of progress that I want to share. As here's thank.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Jean, for your contribution. I would like now to invite Joel Gogwin from University of Jos. Nigeria. Joel, are you online.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Joel? We don't hear you. So

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I would like to invite the next speaker, and if any of the persons that I've called the name join later. They can just write a message to the chat, and we try to accommodate their request to speak.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): The next speaker in the list is Mathyola Safi from Afghanistan.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Mathula. Are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I don't hear Mathula. So these were the names that we have on the list under this chapter ICT for development. Now, the next chapter of our discussion is the digital economy, and would like to invite Jose Sandyucci, permanent mission of Brazil to the United Nations. Jose, are you online.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: He's not here.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Okay? Then I see Cheryl Miller, United States Council for international business. She is online. Cheryl. The floor is yours.

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Cheryl Miller: Thank you so much. Ambassadors. The United States Council for international business. Uscib appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to the WISSIS plus 20 draft Elements paper

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Cheryl Miller: Uscib is the US. Affiliate to the International Chamber of Commerce, and we connect business with the work of international organizations and represent the voice of business. In multilateral discussions

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Cheryl Miller: the private sector recognizes that the digital economy remains challenged by the continued digital divide, the increase in fragmentation and the inconsistent adoption of the multi-stakeholder model for digital governance.

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Cheryl Miller: financial barriers, technological barriers and regulatory barriers expand the digital divide, leaving a stark 2.6 billion people still unconnected from the Internet today.

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Cheryl Miller: This imbalance sharpens as advanced technology, such as AI. Further, the gap by requiring new skills not only to access technology but to meaningfully use it.

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Cheryl Miller: Policies and regulations still allow Internet fragmentation and increase the risk of fragmentation.

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Cheryl Miller: The private sector has worked hard to collaborate with the multi-stakeholder community to facilitate cross-border data flows and support the development of global digital standards. That drive innovation.

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Cheryl Miller: The gains we have achieved must be protected and furthered and ongoing barriers to trade and innovation threaten to reverse the progress that has been made.

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Cheryl Miller: The Internet governance Forum remains an important example of how the multi-stakeholder approach to addressing key policy challenges can successfully balance the growth of advanced technologies.

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Cheryl Miller: However, the multi-stakeholder model is still inconsistently applied across countries, and in some cases it's not meaningfully applied at all

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Cheryl Miller: to create a robust digital economy. The multi-stakeholder community must

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Cheryl Miller: create policy environments that support innovation and investment to fully harness the power of icts in the digital economy. We need policy frameworks that are fit for purpose and consider the entire digital services and communications ecosystem.

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Cheryl Miller: We must expand meaningful connectivity without urgent action. The existing gaps in connectivity will widen. Access to reliable infrastructure and services must be paired with investments in digital literacy, locally relevant content and capacity building.

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Cheryl Miller: we must strengthen multi-stakeholder cooperation. The growth of advanced cooperation is more important than ever. We must work together to ensure that AI governance is based on interoperable, inclusive, and rights-based approaches. The multi-stakeholder community must work to avoid fragmented regulatory regimes, that hamper innovation, reduce trust and increase compliance burdens. We thank you for the opportunity to speak today and look forward to being a partner in helping to achieve these goals. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you. Thank you, Cheryl, for your contribution. I would like now to let we try to connect with Jose from the Mission of Brazil.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Jose, do you hear me? Are you online.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): Yes.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): Can you hear me?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, please. You have the floor.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): Well, now, it's good. Sorry, I mean, there were some technical issues before. Well, thank you very much, master, for this opportunity for Brazil as a Member States to share some views with other stakeholders and other colleagues. We'd like just to stress some key outcomes we hope to achieve in this decision. Review of the whises. Process.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): The final wizards plus 20 documents needed to envision how to build upon the existing framework of international cooperation. The digital realm in order to align it with the current demands to bridge currency and emerging digital divides.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): We need to take stock of what has worked, what has not, and how to meaningfully include developing countries in the digital transformation.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): This entails highlighting among other issues, the promotion of digital public infrastructures, universal and meaningful connectivity, environmental sustainability and information integrity, integrity.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): And in order to avoid the duplication efforts, the implementation of the global digital compact, the Gdc should be integrated within the process with the implementation of the Gdc.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): A joint with this Gdc. Roadmap would ensure budgetary efficiency and optimize the use of resources. We would also like to reinforce the role of the Odt, the office for digital emerging economies. And finally, Ambassador, I'd like to say that we advocate for the strengthening of the Internet governance for the Igf. Its mandate

should be permanent with a stable and practical budget.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): and the scope should evolve in line with the rapid development of digital technology.

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Jose Scandiucci (Brasil): In fact, maybe there should be a change in the terminology. It should be maybe digital governance. For instead of Internet governance forum due to this evolution. So thank you very much. Again, Brazil will continue continue to work constructively with all stakeholders towards a a final visits plus 20 documents that promotes global digital transformation that benefits all. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Jose. Now, I would like to invite Aditya Vikram Dube from center for development of advanced computing.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Aditya, are you online.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: Yes, I am online.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, you have the photo.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: Good afternoon. Good morning, and good evening to the co-facilitators, the Secretariat.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: and also to the fellow delegates and other participants, and we thank you for organizing this session at a timely juncture.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: And I am Aditya Vikram. Today I serve as a policy analyst with the center for development of advanced computing and R&D organizations, the field of ICT governance and electronics under the Ministry of Electronics and it government of India.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: 1st of all, we know that 2 decades have passed since the visas process began. The landscape of digital landscape has evolved profoundly.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: and it's great that the element paper recognizes this by incorporating themes that were absent from the earlier outcomes. Most notably the digital economy that we are discussing right now, AI as well as environment,

sustainability, etc. This broadening of scope is both necessary and timely. As these domains have increasingly defined the context of global Information society. Equally welcoming is the paper's focus on digital inclusion affordable access. Digital skilling and Msme participation

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Aditya Vikram Dube: areas that remain foundational to ensuring digital economy delivers equitably.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: however, with these benefits, we also need to identify that there are gaps that we need to address. There are gaps in infrastructure, affordability, digital literacy, institution, capacity, risk excluding large segments of population, particularly in the under connected low resource setting global south environment

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Aditya Vikram Dube: the Internet residence index also gives some indications on on areas such as infrastructure, performance, security and market readiness

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Aditya Vikram Dube: which require practical, which are practical conditions that determine whether individuals are meaningfully engaged and connected online for their contribution to digital economy.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: In this context, we'd also like to draw your attention to the transformative potential that Dpi has as a globally relevant model for inclusive digital transformation. Dpi architectures that are anchored in open source. Technologies, open standards, and modular frameworks have demonstrated how innovation can be both scalable and equitable.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: Flagship initiatives and solutions for diverse use cases such as digital identity for real time payments and also for trusted digital documentation, exemplify how a foundational layer of digital public codes can empower citizens and enable last mile connectivity. These are not just digital solutions, but also social technical innovations that reflect a broader evolution

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Aditya Vikram Dube: by offering open Apis and modular design. These platforms have lowered entry barriers for startups and Msmes, enabling them to build a top public infrastructure without duplicative investments in entity or payment system. Moreover, the nature of interoperability and device. Agnostic dpis is also something which Dpis should follow globally, and so that even communities which are from low resource can participate meaningfully.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: We would also like to again harp on the factor of affordability in particular, that remains a critical concern

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Aditya Vikram Dube: in many parts of the world. The cost of Internet remains high, and that is a barrier to full participation. The elements before also addresses this, and we will be glad if it is addressed to an even further extend in

the 0 draft. Finally, meaningful engagement also requires capacity building and national campaigns for digital awareness must be paired with, you know, global digital skill training without such efforts, connectivity risks remain symbolic

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Aditya Vikram Dube: rather than transformative.

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Aditya Vikram Dube: So, in conclusion, Vcs Review is not only a moment of reflection, it's an opportunity to reframe the digital economy as a universal enabler of sustainable development, and as the process moves forward, continued cooperation, knowledge, sharing and commitment to open inclusive system will be essential to building a digital future that leaves no one behind. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Aditya, for your contribution. I would like to invite Shumaila Hussain from Tech Global Institute to take the floor, Shumaila, the floor is yours.

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: Thank you, your Excellencies. My name is Shamila Shahani. And I represent a global institute. We co-submitted and fully endorse the joint inputs by global digital justice Forum and the global digital rights coalition for voices.

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: The elements paper provides a useful starting point. But to build on it, we propose that 0 draft incorporates specific provisions to one remedy. Structural imbalances.

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: 2 nurture, small enterprises, enterprises, and 3 institutionalize fair access principles. The current market-led paradigm entrenches, digital colonialism with extractive data flows and infrastructure dependency. The 0 draft must explicitly include language on asymmetric data flows and call for reforms to trade and tax regimes that enable value extraction from the global South

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: establish a global fund financed by corporate levies on digital monopolies to support digital public infrastructure in developing countries recognize connectivity as a human right and anchor it in the draft's principles aligned with the Gdc's commitment to universal access

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: equally urgent is addressing how big tech dominance stifles local innovation. And the 0 draft can break the stranglehold by requiring interoperability in digital infrastructures to reduce Sme dependency on big tech allocating resources for community-led platforms and cooperatives requiring data markets to enable fair competition and local value creation

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: with over 1 3rd of the world's population still offline due to cost barriers, language divides



and power asymmetries. We need transformative solutions for this. The 0 draft must ensure digital growth advances, gender responsive and climate just transitions ensuring digital growth doesn't come at the expense of marginalized communities or the environment. Localized solutions, including multilingual technologies and circular economy models to combat e-waste dumping.

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Shumaila Hussain Shahani: We hope for a global Internet framework that recenters the digital economy around justice and dismantles colonial legacies. We stand ready to collaborate on this transformative agent with you. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much for your contribution. I would like now to invite Ekram mustachem from 3rd World Network to take the floor.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Ekram, are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is not the case, I would like to invite Barratank, mia

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): girl Hype, and women who code to take the floor. Bharatan, are you online.

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Baratang Miya: Yes, thank you very much.

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Baratang Miya: Okay, thank you very much. My name is.

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Baratang Miya: Oh.

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Baratang Miya: thank you very much for the Flow Ambassador. We know that the digital economy is transforming global markets, creating an unprecedented opportunities for

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Baratang Miya: growth and innovation, however significant disparities persist particularly for women and youth who face systematic barriers to access skills and economic participation. The must prioritize digital economic inclusion by ensuring equitable access to digital tools, skills and financial resources. We propose actionable solutions, including gender, responsive funding.

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Baratang Miya: inclusive, including digital skills programs and policy reforms. To ensure no one is left behind in the

digital economy.

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Baratang Miya: The digital divide limits economic participation. Despite the rapid expansion of digital services, 3.7 billion people remain offline with women and youth in developing regions disproportionately affected.

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Baratang Miya: This is, according to itun in 2023. Without Internet access and digital literacy. These groups cannot participate in e-commerce, remote work or digital financial services, perpetuating economic inequality, lack of skills for future jobs by 2030, 90% of jobs will require digital skills. Yet 60% of African youth and 40% of women globally lack basic digital competencies.

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Baratang Miya: Traditional education systems are failing to prepare marginalized groups for the digital workforce, leaving them at risk of unemployment and economic instability. The 3rd one is financial barrier for digital entrepreneurship. Women-led startups receive less than 2% of global venture capital funding.

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Baratang Miya: limiting their ability to scale digital businesses. Additionally, many women and youth lack access to digital payment system, microloans and e-commerce platforms restricting their economic mobility solution for all solution for an inclusive digital economy is

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Baratang Miya: for voices to try and expand and make sure that within the framework there are policies that expand, affordable and accessible digital infrastructure governments and private sector must partner to invest in the last mile connectivity.

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Baratang Miya: The digital economy should be a force for equality, not exclusion, by removing barriers and access, and

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Baratang Miya: at the same time there should be dedicated resources

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Baratang Miya: and structural change, gender equality on as part of the framework.

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Baratang Miya: The gender justice should be at the heart of voices, process through clear commitment, measurable goals, and dedicated at

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Baratang Miya: the dedicated measurable accountable policies.

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Baratang Miya: Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, mia, for your contribution. I'd like to invite Mohan Raidu from Internet society.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Esoc, India hinderbet chapter Mohan, are you on the line.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): We don't hear you. So I suppose you're not able to be connected. And now I'd like to go to the next

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): chapter, which is social and cultural development. And I would like to invite Joseph Leonie Hallo from international organization of La Francophonie. Joseph.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Joseph, are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is not the case, then I would like to invite the next speaker.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Mr. Giacomo Mazzone, from Igf. Policy network for meaningful access. Giacomo

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Giacomo, we cannot hear you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): We see you, but we cannot hear you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Maybe the secretary can help us with the technical issue.

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UNHQ-S-26MM2: Needs to unmute himself.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Giacomina attendee per favor.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Probably now.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): No, it's.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Can you hear me?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, we hear you.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Sorry for the technical glitch.

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Giacomo Mazzone: I would like to intervene in Italian for the ambassador Suela, but I will not, because the others will not follow me.

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Giacomo Mazzone: So I will do in in my bad English. I speak today in my role of co-chair of the policy network on meaningful access. One of the intersessional activities of the Internet governance forum.

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Giacomo Mazzone: I've been asked to intervene on social and cultural development aspects. So I will focus on that. Why I also send a written contribution on behalf of the media that I invite you to consider

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Giacomo Mazzone: the work of pnma within the Igf. And before of the best and best practice of content and languages is always focused on the best ways to promote form of.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Access to the.

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Giacomo Mazzone: Internet that are.

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Giacomo Mazzone: for instance, are made in the languages, the community target of the access with the focus, for instance, on indigenous communities and indigenous languages, focus on providing services that are useful and necessary to these communities, and improve their lives like

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Giacomo Mazzone: e-government, access to markets, access to education and health, etc. Etc. With a special attention. In view of the impact of the climate change on the life of community devoted to the access to services of emergency that could save lives like early warning systems, and others verify also the access that is provided in a safe and secure way to avoid that digitally Literate could become victim of cyber attacks

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Giacomo Mazzone: and verify that the condition of the access are, as Vincent has said many times in our meetings, equitable and affordable, because if I'm not affordable, this means that the people will not subscribe. We can see through

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Giacomo Mazzone: examples of what happened in many cases that sometimes the signal is available. But the people doesn't subscribe because or cannot afford, or because the services that are provided are not useful to them.

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Giacomo Mazzone: This is the main

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Giacomo Mazzone: question. But apart of that, I think that there are other important issues that need to be mentioned in the element paper that we are preparing

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Giacomo Mazzone: 1st is that the process that we have we have experienced all over this 20 years has been very useful because it's allowed people of different communities and different segments of the Internet world. And now the digital dimension to work together and to recognize the needs and the and the

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Giacomo Mazzone: experience of the others. Through this dialogue constantly we have been able to improve the capacity to work together, so we need to

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Giacomo Mazzone: break down the barriers that are obliging us to work in silos and to work together in the future of the global digital compact implementation. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Giacomo, for your contribution. I would like to invite Ms. Anna Maria Suarez, Franco from food, 1st information and action network.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Anna Maria, you have the floor.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: Yeah, thank you very much. Ambassador Pn is a member of the global digital justice. And we would like to state that the laissez-faire digital economy has seen fragrant human rights violations, including of social, economic, and cultural rights which are a condition for fair cultural and social development.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: Exhorting these corporations to respect the UN guiding principles on businesses and human rights, which are a voluntary standard resulting from multi-stakeholder. Negotiation has unfortunately not met with any success.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: The question of corporate accountability remains unsolved, and especially corporate liability for the human rights and environmental violations by tech companies remain unsolved without effective enforcement tools for the affected human rights holders. This happens in a context in which big tech companies often hide behind the smokescreen of virtualized operations that go beyond borders, which deflects attention from real impacts

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Ana María Suárez Franco: of their pan global activities, including on the right to development human and environmental rights, all those intrinsically connected.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: unfortunately, human rights and humanitarian extraterritorial obligations which have been recognized in a number of legal sources and jurisprudence in other fields, and more specifically, the master principles and extraterritorial obligations.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: and also reaffirmed in the general comment. 24 of the Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights of the UN remain toothless for affected individuals and communities harmed by technological corporations. This impunity does not only nullify and undermine the human rights of the present generations, but put at risk the enjoyment of the human rights of future generations.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: Given the urgency to address the cross-border harms unleashed by the big tech companies, and in the spirit of upholding Parad 22 of the Gdc.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: Where Member States have committed to upholding their duty to protect human rights throughout the technology lifecycle which today is cross-border, the 0 draft must urge for a specific recognition of a State obligation to protect against human rights abuses by their digital businesses in global technology value chains and to ensure effective implementation

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Ana María Suárez Franco: of the guidance of technology companies in respect of remedies. The obligation to protect includes also States obligations to regulate monitor compliance, investigate abuses, and if the abuses take place to punish the abusers

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Ana María Suárez Franco: regarding the information, integrity to epistemic rights. We affirm that, despite progress on platform regulation and AI ethics.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: there is considerable ground to be covered in respect of designing the technology. The techno architectures of a democratic digital sphere.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: On 20 second of July, Brazil, Chile and Colombia and Uruguay and Spain agreed to international collaboration to ensure transparency in algorithms and data management with the digital environment, technical cooperation for democratic digital governance and strengthen the UN global initiative for information integrity on climate change. From the start point of democratic accountability in the digital public sphere.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: the 0 draft needs to direct Unesco to further its work in the

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Ana María Suárez Franco: following areas, I will be quick guarantees to the epistemic rights of citizens, including access to their factual and reliable information and knowledge in the competence.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: critical literacy to use technologies in their own benefit.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: disclosure of guidelines for AI models, including training data, model architecture, human rights based regulatory frameworks to hold media platforms accountable for negatively affected democratic integrity, whether through legal.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: illegal, harmful, and AI generated content. In our contribution to the elements paper, you will find more elements. But finally, I would like to highlight that States must ensure intergenerational justice, providing and enabling regulatory environment

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Ana María Suárez Franco: through appropriate digital policies, including universal and meaningful access investment in local language, content and content for local livelihoods. The Internet is not by itself an enabler of social and cultural rights.

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Ana María Suárez Franco: but it needs to be duly regulated. We have seen how misuse or not access to the technologies can create violations of the right to non-discrimination and the right to self-discrimination and members of the global digital justice have documented cases regarding the right to health.

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Ana MarÃa Suarez Franco: Also regarding the right to work.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Apologize. But we need to conclude this.

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Ana MarÃa Suarez Franco: Excuse me, excuse me, I couldn't see the.

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00:57:46.750 --> 00:58:09.970  
H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Be assured that everything that you will present on writing will be very carefully reviewed. So please, if you have additional elements, send them in writing or just the ones that you have sent, they will be very carefully reviewed, and everything will be taken into account in our process by preparing the 0 drafts, so.

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Ana MarÃa Suarez Franco: Thank you very much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I would like now to invite Sophia Longway from Wikimedia to take the floor. And please, Sophia.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): be very kind enough to stick to your 3Â min. Thank you. The floor is yours.

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00:58:24.210 --> 00:58:44.639  
Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): Thank you, Ambassador, dear Excellencies, co-facilitators and fellow speakers on behalf of Wikimedia, Germany. I thank the co-facilitators for convening this consultation, and for maintaining a transparent, inclusive process in the lead up to the versus plus 20 review. We also endorsed the statement of the global digital Rights coalition and the joint nii and Cso. Statement.

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): Over the last 2 decades Wisius has established the foundation for an inclusive digital society as its Excellency. Dr. Kofia Nan established knowledge is power and information is liberating a central pillar of that legacy is the multi-stakeholder. Approach embodied in the Internet. Governance Forum and its national, regional and youth initiatives. These spaces have been essential for dialogue and co-creation in digital governance.

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): Wisys has also been instrumental in promoting access to information and knowledge. The recognition of open educational resources and open licensing under action. 9 c. 3. Created spaces for equitable multilingual, universal access and participatory knowledge sharing for Wikimedia, Germany. This is not just a technical issue, but a matter of justice, access, and inclusivity.

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): But major gaps remain. Digital divides are no longer just about infrastructure. They now encompass disparities in language, access and digital literacy and participation.

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): The principle, public money, public good, is far from being realized. Many publicly funded digital tools and knowledge resources remain locked behind proprietary barriers.

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): At the same time, we're increasingly concerned about the erosion of the multi-stakeholder approach, especially in the section on Social and Cultural development in the elements paper mainly governments in paragraph 21, and national strategies in paragraph 24 are emphasized. This is not just about governments. This is about all stakeholders. And this is a global problem.

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): Actors, particularly marginalized communities or volunteers like Wikipedia editors still face systemic barriers to meaningful engagement all around the world

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): forums and processes remain hard to navigate with opaque processes and limited accountability mechanisms, thereby double structures persist that exclude looking ahead versus plus 20 must be bold.

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): We call for the improvement of actionline C, 3 to an action line on access to information knowledge, and the digital commons, recognizing that open knowledge, open licensing and digital volunteer work like Wikipedia, Wikidata, and Wiki commons are not peripheral, but at the center of the vision of Wisys. So we recommend embedding accountability, a clear timeline roadmap, securing funding for the Igf and volunteers and establishing stronger links between Wsis and the Gdc. And the Sdgs

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Sophia Longwe (Wikimedia Germany): in a world facing increasing digital injustices and multiple crises. Voices must reaffirm our shared commitment to openness, equity, and the multi-stakeholder approach. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Sophia, for your contribution. I would like now to call Liza Russell from Arts and boy.ai Lisa, are you online.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If it's not the case, I would like to recall Baslu Rahman from Bangladesh Ngo's network for radio and communication

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): basler, are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Then we conclude, if it's not possible to connect with those that I called. We go to the next chapter, which is environmental impacts in my list. I have Alessandro Pinto from permanent mission of Brazil to the UN. But my understanding is that the permanent mission of Brazil took the floor, and would not like to take the floor for the second time.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is the case, then I would like to invite wisdom. Ginsa from Wistech engineering, Marita construction, Limited, Joburg, Ghana, Limited wisdom. Are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is not the case, then I would like to call for Shandla Jai Sarma from Cyber Cafe Association of India.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Shravanjai, are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): The floor is yours. You can go ahead.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Thank you so much for this opportunity and for organizing this stakeholder discussion. My name is Shadhanjani, and on behalf of Ccaoi, of civil society organization working in Internet and digital policy in India. I would like to provide my comments on the impact of AI on environmental sustainability.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: As we look forward towards the future of digital cooperation. It is very crucial to address a pressing but often overlooked issue, which is the carbon footprint of artificial intelligence, while AI promises innovation. It comes at a cost. Generative AI models like Gpt-four rely on energy. Intensive data centers. Each prompt consumes significantly more electricity than a standard web search

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Shradhanjali Sarma: according to the International Energy Agency. A single AI query can use up to 10 times more electricity than a standard web search. Many data centers also rely on water intensive cooling systems, placing additional stress on already scarce resources.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: The growing environmental impact is not evenly distributed. While the benefits of AI are global. The environmental

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Shradhanjali Sarma: burdens are much more on the developing countries. This not only creates a sustainability gap, but also an equity gap that we need to urgently address as business plus 20 leads the way. It's very important to place environment sustainability at the core of digital governance. And therefore we suggest that there should be 5 measures that Oss can provide.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: 1st is the promotion of the energy efficient servers and improve cooling systems and data centers. Promotion of the use of efficient AI algorithms through pruning and knowledge, distillation.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: promotion or prioritization of efficiency in the AI training phase, because the AI training phase it consumes much more energy than the AI inference phase than the mandate and promotion of responsible e-waste

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Shradhanjali Sarma: management for AI hardware

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Shradhanjali Sarma: and call for a shift in AI infra towards renewable and much more low carbon energy sources.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Additionally, business plus 20 should support the development of global sustainability standards covering energy usage, water consumption, carbon intensity and circular product design. We also urge the adoption of a green AI approach.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, Shradhanjali, can you please continue because we lost you for a moment? You can continue.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Yeah, you can hear me.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, now it's okay, but it's a little bit windy from your side. Maybe you can come closer to the microphone a little bit.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Can you hear me now? Is it better now?

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Shradhanjali Sarma: Okay.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: We also urge that there should be an adoption of green AI by design, which is just like privacy by design, that we have in our data protection framework, so that the environmental considerations that can be part of the AI model be from the development stage to the deployment stage.

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Shradhanjali Sarma: So finally, let us also reframe how we measure progress in AI, not just by speed or scale, but by energy saved, water preserved, and emissions reduced. With this, I would like to conclude my comments today. Thank you so much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank Youli for your contribution. I would like now to invite Maria Soledad Vogliano from Action Group on erosion technology and concentration to take the floor. Maria Soledad, are you online.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: Yes, I am here. Can you hear me?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, we hear you. You can continue. The floor is yours.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: Thank you. Co-facilitators, excellencies, and colleagues. I speak on behalf of, etc. Group and the Global digital Justice Forum

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: to address paragraph 27 of the text and offer concrete proposals to reduce the environmental footprint of the digital sector.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: We must challenge the dominant narrative that portrays digital technologies as dematerialized and inherently green. In reality, the infrastructure behind digitalization from semiconductor supply chains to data centers imposes severe material, environmental and social costs.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: The global South provides the minerals, energy and land which has little control over the technologies or the value they generate.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: adjust and sustainable digital transition demands more than energy efficiency or recycling. We offer 6 forward-looking priorities. One

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: ensure revised longevity, and the right to repair governments must adopt binding standards, that ban plant obsolescence, enable reparability and promote hardware reuse and upgradability. 2 regulate the expansion of data centers. Their location must be subject to environmental and social impact assessments

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: with the free prior and informed consent of local communities. Water biodiversity and livelihoods must not be sacrificed for digital infrastructure that primarily serves corporate interests abroad. 3 rebalance

energy and environmental priorities in developing countries.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: Public resources should not be diverted from essential services, like drinking water, healthcare or sustainable agriculture. In order to subsidize energy, intensive digital infrastructure.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: 4. Avoid the use of dangerous or environmentally harmful energy sources, such as nuclear power and large scale hydroelectric dams empowering the digital economy. The digital economy must be aligned with truly renewable community-centered energy systems. 5. Acknowledge data, processing and storage

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: are environmentally costly activities and must be recognized as significant contributors to climate change, not as neutral or clean by default.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: 6. Advance. A meaningful circular economy. Circularity must go beyond recycling and address the full digital value chain from extraction to e-waste, guided by principles of environmental justice, intergenerational equity, and ecological limits. In zoom. There can be no sustainable digital future without democratic governance.

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Maria Soledad Vogliano: corporate accountability and respect for the communities and ecosystems affected by the whole digital value chain. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Maria Soledad, for your contribution. I would like to invite Jasmine Menko from Hong Kong youth, Igf, Jasmine, are you online?

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: Yes. Can you hear me?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, we hear you. The floor is yours.

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: Thank you very much for the option here. So as co-powner of Hong Kong youth, igf, so I want to share perspective of the youth, digital native. On this critical issue, the element paper, Whitesley, call for ways to reduce the digital sectors and fundamental footprint. This is not just a technical challenge, but a moral imperative for our generation. Our generation in this.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Early July we campaigned at high level event as well, and formed the youth caucus to ensure that youth perspective are mainstream into civic society, fire sector and the and government info the research

process.

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: And this is to empower our generation for sure, and actually at for this year is to envision smart.

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: Smart smart. The S stands for sustainable. So we recognize the rapid expansions of the digital rim which bring bringing immense benefit also carries a significant ecological cost. So from the energy consumption of data centers that have been mentioned by previous colleagues. To also bring you know, the

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: growing numbers of the ways, we must ensure that our digital growth contribute positively to the environmental well-being rather than exacerbating climate change. So our discussion between the Hong Kong Yjf here as well, consistently underscore the profound concern young people have about this issue, and we truly believe that a transformative digital economy can only be achieved

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: if it is built on the principle of environmental responsibility and resource management.

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: considering the leading effort across our region as well, so some of our grassroots organizations, such as carbon care Innolab in Hong Kong are key partners in these missions. So the broader focus they have not just capitalizing for a low carbon city. The work also involve responsible use of energy and capacity program

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: to equip youth as being a climate advocate and as well as accountability for robust waste management here.

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: So here we're not just inheriting this planet, but we are actually actively shaping the decade of destiny. So we urge the to strongly emphasize a concrete commitment to is a truly circular economy

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: which includes fostering innovation in greener ICT and promoting digital literacy when it comes to sustainable consumption of technology. Finally, we want to ensure that the environmental consideration are embed in every stage of digital policy

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Jasmine Yee man Ko: to making. So let us sees the opportunity here that the resources of 20 could commit to a digital future that is not. That is also profoundly sustainable for the next generation. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Jasmine, for your contribution. I have on the list to see a loan from Hipper Derekkko.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): but I don't have any confirmation that she's online. Just I want to be sure that Lucia are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is not the case, then we finish with this chapter on environmental impacts. And let's continue with contributions under the theme of bridging digital divides. And under this theme I would like to invite cody one from Ministry of Communication

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): and Telecommunications, digital affairs of Senegane Cody. The floor is yours.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Miss Juan. Are you online.

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Koudy Wanee: Yes, yes, I am. Are you? Are you able to hear me?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, we can. We can hear you.

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Koudy Wanee: Thanks a lot. Thanks a lot, Excellency. Thanks a lot. Everybody. Just I want to highlight that over the past 2 decades the World Summit, on the Information Society has stood as a beacon for inclusive digital cooperation. We have gathered here to discuss about all the points linked to that, mainly among them. The digital divide.

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Koudy Wanee: The digital divide is no longer just a gap. It has become a growing chasm, a threatening to leave entire nation communities and generations behind.

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Koudy Wanee: First, st we must confront that the widened connectivity divide, ensuring that access to affordable, reliable, and secure digital infrastructure, become a universal right, not only a privilege

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Koudy Wanee: and second skills divides urgent action without digital literacy and advanced competencies, millions of people will remain excluded from the opportunity of the digital age.

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Koudy Wanee: 3, rd the innovation and governance divide must be addressed. Emerging technologies like AI, 5, g and quantum computing are reshaping our world, yet they remain concentrated in few hands. This imbalance, undetermined equity, security and trust.

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Koudy Wane: In updating the business action line. We cannot simply adjust the old framework. We need to transform it to take from all realities from the countries like

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Koudy Wane: our country, Senegal and other countries that are left behind, not because of anybody, but just because of context, we need to address all these problematics. We have the stock taking platform of the Itu that we can use

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Koudy Wane: to really address this point. We need action lines that are bold, forward, looking, reflecting the realities of today and tomorrow, and of course adding also the national strategies inside this point.

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Koudy Wane: This means embedding digital inclusion are the core of every action line from e-government to e-health, from cyber security. AI ethics. Each must prioritize access, equity, and sustainability. It means adopting multi-stakeholder governance, model that give all voice, especially from the global South, a seat at the table.

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Koudy Wane: The stake could not be higher. If we fail to act, the digital divide will become the new face of inequity. But if we succeed, the decade plus 20 will mark the beginning of a new era where digital transformation truly serve humanity, leaving no one behind.

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Koudy Wane: and let us face this moment together to rewrite the action line with urgency, ambition, and solidarity. Thanks a lot.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Cody, for your intervention and for your contribution. I would like now to invite Samia Nair from the permanent mission of India to the UN.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): So, mia, you have the floor.

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Soumya Nair: Thank you. Chair. Can you hear me?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, we can hear you.

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Soumya Nair: Thank you, Excellency. At the outset let me convey, on behalf of the Indian Government our sincere appreciation to the co-facilitators for their diligent efforts in preparing the elements paper. We also commend the co-



facilitators for their inclusive, transparent, and well-structured approach, anchored in open consultations and seeking written inputs from wide spectrum of stakeholders reaffirming our commitment. That this framework is should be multi-stakeholder.

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Soumya Nair: We have made a lot of progress over the past 2 decades, however, the persistence and evolution of the digital divide remains a central challenge to the realization of business outcomes

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Soumya Nair: access disparities, persist not only across regions but also within societies, rural and tribal communities. Women, persons with disabilities and linguistic minorities continue to face systemic barriers to meaningful digital participation.

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Soumya Nair: We have conducted a lot of national consultations in the country, and what has come across is that many digital interfaces remain inaccessible to users with disabilities and non-latin language speakers undermining the visa's vision of inclusivity.

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Soumya Nair: Furthermore, the divide now extends beyond connectivity, manifesting in the unequal distribution of advanced technological capabilities

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Soumya Nair: a growing concentration of control over semiconductor manufacturing and high performance, computing capacity in a few countries and firms is further deepening. The technology gap between the developed world and the global South.

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Soumya Nair: coupled with limited public R&D funding and institutional innovation capacity. In many developing countries. This restricts the global South's ability to engage substantively with frontier technologies like artificial intelligence.

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Soumya Nair: to address the issue of digital divide due to language barrier. India is making substantial progress in advancing AI technology for Indian languages through open source contributions. The focus areas include translation, natural language, understanding.

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Soumya Nair: generation, translation, automatic speech, recognition and speech, synthesis.

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Soumya Nair: excellencies, exploring different ways of addressing this multidimensional and widening digital divide across, access affordability, language, ability and innovation. Capacity must be a central priority in the visis plus 20 review process. And we hope this is duly reflected in the 0 draft. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Sumia, for your presence and your contribution. I would like now to invite Rody Mclean from global system for Mobile Communication Association.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): rowdy, can you confirm if you are online.

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Roddy McGlynn: Yep. Can you hear me? All right.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Yes, Roddy, we can hear you. Please.

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Roddy McGlynn: Thank you.

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Roddy McGlynn: So the original WISSIS Declaration states that building a people-centered Information society is a joint effort which requires cooperation and partnership among all stakeholders.

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Roddy McGlynn: As we take part in this review, it is crucial that the final output is the result of an inclusive collaboration between different sectors, and I want to thank the co-facilitators for the efforts they've made so far to bring in a diverse range of issues, a diverse range of policy and perspectives on digital issues.

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Roddy McGlynn: When it comes to digital divides, we see that broadband networks now reach 96% of the global population.

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Roddy McGlynn: But only 57% use mobile Internet.

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Roddy McGlynn: This means that around 2 in every 5 people, more than 3 billion people remain offline, despite being covered by broadband infrastructure.

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Roddy McGlynn: This usage gap is 9 times the size of the coverage gap which still affects 4% of people worldwide.

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Roddy McGlynn: Closing the coverage gap remains very challenging. But technologies, like satellite, are helping form part of the solution.

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Roddy McGlynn: However, addressing the usage gap will require a concerted, collective and collaborative approach to break multiple barriers.

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Roddy McGlynn: Gsma data and research show that people face several barriers to mobile Internet adoption and use.

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Roddy McGlynn: including affordability, particularly of handsets, literacy and digital skills and safety and security concerns.

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Roddy McGlynn: As the Wisis review takes place, it must refocus multi-stakeholder efforts on addressing these barriers

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Roddy McGlynn: and ensuring that everyone everywhere can enjoy the benefits of connectivity.

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Roddy McGlynn: We know these barriers affect different groups of people in different ways.

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Roddy McGlynn: Women across low and middle income countries are 14% less likely to use mobile Internet than men

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Roddy McGlynn: resulting in 235 fewer women, 235 million fewer women than men accessing mobile Internet services.

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Roddy McGlynn: This disparity is particularly significant. Given mobile connectivity remains the primary means through which most people, and especially women, access the Internet and digital services in low and middle income countries.

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Roddy McGlynn: the 0 draft must explicitly highlight. These challenges the usage gap barriers to Internet adoption, the digital gender divide and offer a text that will refocus multi-stakeholder efforts on tackling them and ensuring that people everywhere can enjoy the benefits of connectivity.

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Roddy McGlynn: Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Rudy, for your contribution. I would like to invite Abdel Jalil Bashar Bong

from the House of Africa.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Could you please confirm if you are online.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is not the case, I would like to invite James Kunla or Lauren Dara

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): from Internet society, Isoc, Nigeria. Chapter James, the floor is yours.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: All right. Thank you very much, madam Ambassador, it's a pleasure to be here. So Hello, everyone. My name is the president of Internet society, Nigerian chapter, and I do as the president of Jacobian Sam Care Foundation. I'm happy to be here and excited to contribute to Wics plus 20 consultation. Having submitted, you know, a contribution before this time. So I'll be speaking on digital divide beyond the traditional meaning. The digital divide encompasses

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: disparities in infrastructure and access to emerging technologies like artificial intelligence data systems.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: This remain a critical barrier to global data equity. As previously outlined, the divide between the global North and South manifest in limited connectivity. For example, 37% Internet penetration in sub-saharan Africa as against 90% in North America. According to Itu 2024 unequal access to competition.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: computational resources and biased AI datasets that marginalized non-western population platforms like the Internet governance forum with its twenty-year legacy and commitment to multi stakeholder dialogue are pivotal. In addressing these challenges, this note aligns this effort with the World Summit on Information society action lines and the global data compact to ensure coercive, inclusive, and sustainable solution.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: And I would like to talk about the role of Igf.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: The idea, multi stakeholder, model fostering dialogue among governments, civil society, and industry is critical for sustained progress. Its twenty-year legacy demonstrates its ability to share best practices in the community. Wi-fi models and address emerging issues like AI ethics

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: moving forward, the Igf must strengthen regional forums for localized solutions, dedicate sessions to artificial intelligence, data, governance, and next generation connectivity amplify underrepresented

voices to ensure inclusivity, including those that are not even connected alignment with Wisi's action lines.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: This approach aligns with action. Line c. 2. Information and communication infrastructure which emphasizes universal, affordable and equitable access to ICT. It, support infrastructure development through scalable solutions like

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: new satellites and community networks. And finally, it aligns with actionline c. 7. ICT. Applications specifically e-learning and E-science by promoting AI and data-driven tools for education and innovation in underserved region. That is, Actionline C 11. This is also relevant as the Igs multita platform for start global collaboration to address these divides.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: Now, I will talk about alignment with global digital compact. The Gdc. Adopted to advance a shared vision for the inclusive digital future complement. These efforts it aligns with objective one that is closing the digital divide. Objective 3. That is, the one on data governance, and, of course, objective. 5. Artificial intelligence with decentralized

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: AI development and capacity building reflect the Gdt call for inclusive human-centric AI systems. So I will conclude

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: with these following solutions number one. To avoid digital colonialism or environmental harm, we need to have inclusive policies.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: engage diverse stakeholders to prevent monopolistic control, sustainable technologies that prioritizes green solutions like energy efficient data center. Then, of course, cultural sensitivity in terms of

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: ensuring that AI system use diverse data set to avoid bias. And we must strengthen multi-stakeholders at all levels from our community to the global level. And I conclude by saying that

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: bridging the digital divide requires addressing infrastructure, artificial intelligence and data disparities through platforms like the Igf. Which foster inclusive dialogue by aligning with Vc's action. Lines c. 2 c. 7 and C. 11 and Gdc's objectives, as outlined above

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: these efforts, can drive equitable digital ecosystems. The Igs continued evolution building on its twenty-year legacy ensure. It remains a cornerstone for global cooperation.

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Engr. James Kunle Olorundare: empowering communities without introducing new forms of inclusion. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you. Thank you, James. With you we conclude the discussions under the theme of bridging digital divides, and we will continue with the next chapter of discussions under the enabling environment. And I would like to invite Mr. Paul Blaker from department for science, innovation, and technology of the United Kingdom. Paul, the floor is yours.

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Paul Blaker (UK): Thank you very much. And we'd like to thank the co-facilitators for organizing this session and for the elements paper which provides a good overview of the issues. We were really pleased to see an emphasis on the enabling environment in the paper which is so important for investment in meaningful connectivity, sustainable development and digital transformation.

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Paul Blaker (UK): The most important challenge for the Wisis review to address is the fact that there are still nearly 3 billion people who are offline and the elements paper rightly focuses on promoting connectivity, capacity building and achieving the Stgs.

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Paul Blaker (UK): We hope that the different elements of an enabling environment will be developed more in the 0 draft

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Paul Blaker (UK): because there is a really big and important agenda here that includes issues such as the effective use of universal service funds, competition and affordability, enabling regulation and licensing frameworks, the efficient use of radio spectrum community networks, proportionate taxation and public private partnerships

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Paul Blaker (UK): to promote meaningful connectivity. We would also like to see a section on the gender digital divide in the 0 draft, including recognition of the role that UN women can play here. In addition, we'd like to see stronger and clearer human rights language fully based on the language of the Iccpr and the UN guiding principles on business and human rights.

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Paul Blaker (UK): The UN. Ohchr plays an important role here which should be included and issues such as Internet shutdowns and the protection of journalists and independent media are also critically important.

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Paul Blaker (UK): Over the last few months we've been really pleased to see the amount of support for a new ongoing mandate for the Igf. Without a time limitation local and Igf should also be recognized. Given the important role, they play, promoting inclusion and representation.

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Paul Blaker (UK): Finally, we'd like to see the 0 draft reflect the language agreed in the Gdc. And not reopen issues that were agreed less than a year ago.

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Paul Blaker (UK): The Gdc. Gives us a very good basis for consensus.

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Paul Blaker (UK): We hope the draft does not reopen. An old debate about the phrase enhanced cooperation. There have been many fruitless discussions of this in the past, and it risks becoming an obstacle to progress. Instead, we hope the Review will develop a more positive future, focused agenda.

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Paul Blaker (UK): promoting greater global representation and greater inclusion in policy, making processes as well as an enabling environment which promotes meaningful connectivity for all.

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Paul Blaker (UK): Thank you for the opportunity to speak, and we look forward to the continuing discussion.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Mr. Blaker, for this contribution. Now I would like to invite Timea Suto from International Chamber of Commerce to take the floor. Timea, the floor is yours.

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Timea Suto: Thank you very much, ambassador. Let me begin by thanking you and your team for the work that you have carried out, and your commitment to engage the multi-stakeholder community. I'm pleased to share a few brief remarks on behalf of the International Chamber of Commerce, the institutional representative of over 45 million companies in more than 170 countries.

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Timea Suto: We welcome the reference to enabling environment in the Elements Paper. It is a good starting point to be truly effective. However, the wisers plus 20 outcome document should more clearly define what such an environment looks like. In practice.

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Timea Suto: Governments have made important progress throughout national strategies and legal frameworks that expand digital access and support innovation. At the same time, the scale of digital transformation ahead requires full engagement from all actors, especially the private sector, which has been a core partner in developing and deploying infrastructure services and skills

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Timea Suto: to sustain and grow private investment in support of the wiss goals enabling environments must provide legal stability and regulatory clarity. This is not about deregulation, but about smart, inclusive policymaking that considers how investment decisions are made and how services are sustainably delivered over time.

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Timea Suto: A second element is openness, especially the ability for data to move across borders. Digital economies depend on cross-border connections and restrictions on data flows have unintended consequences, especially for Smes and global value chains where privacy or security justify limitations, measures must be transparent, proportionate and non-discriminatory.

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Timea Suto: 3, rd a whole of government approach is necessary.

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Timea Suto: Digital transformation affects every sector. So coordinated policymaking helps ensure coherence and better outcomes for people and businesses alike coordination should also be pursued at the international, regional and subnational levels. Finally, multi-stakeholder engagement is of key to effective policy design collaboration between governments, business, civil society and the technical community ensures that policies are grounded in practical realities, responsive to local needs and shaped with a long-term view.

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Timea Suto: So in closing, we encourage the text of the outcome document to more clearly reflect the full range of conditions that define an enabling environment for sustainable digital development, stable policy frameworks, open and interoperable markets, a whole of government approach international collaboration and meaningful multi-stakeholder engagement. Thank you very much, Ambassador.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Timea, for your contribution. Now, I'd like to invite Ms. Fiona Alexander from American University. Professor Alexander. The floor is yours.

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Fiona Alexander: Thank you very much, and thank you to the co-facilitators and the team at Desa for organizing this consultation for the wiss plus 20 Review as a veteran government negotiator throughout the entire 5 year original wsis process. It is critical that one of the key achievements of the wsis, the opening of the room for all to meaningfully engage is honored and maintained in this all-important anniversary year.

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Fiona Alexander: With that in mind, I want to commend the co-facilitators for making efforts to create avenues for stakeholder involvement, such as their active engagement at the recent Internet, governance forum and other venues. The swift creation of the informal multi-stakeholder sounding board, and today's session, which includes both governments and non-government stakeholders.

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Fiona Alexander: I am, however, disappointed to see that of the 91 speakers scheduled to speak today, only 14 of those, so roughly, 15% are governments to truly live up to the promise of multi-stakeholder approaches, we need to move past performative consultations, while today's session represents a small step forward, I continue to wonder if the UN. New York system can actually be adapted to achieve meaningful multi-stakeholder shared decision making

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Fiona Alexander: with respect to today's agenda of the elements paper and the path forward to the end of the year.



Resolution I offer the following 4 observations.

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Fiona Alexander: first, st the wiss plus 20 final document should be fact-based and recognize the meaningful progress that has been made over the last 20 years. In that regard it should not simply be a restatement of the disputes of the past, but rather clearly articulate our shared successes, while also identifying where gaps or challenges remain, the wsis plus 10 language or last year's global digital compact text can be instructive.

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Fiona Alexander: Second, better outcomes and decisions occur when all perspectives are included. This is why the multi-stakeholder model, including shared decision-making, has been so critical to the Internet's success.

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Fiona Alexander: The wissis plus 20 resolution should acknowledge and recommit to multi-stakeholder approaches including clearly recognizing the role of all stakeholders, governments, the private sector, the technical community, civil society and academia. 3, rd it's well past time for the UN. System to fully embrace the Internet governance Forum.

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Fiona Alexander: The fact that a distributed ecosystem of national and regional Igfs has organically sprung up around it proves the value that stakeholders, including governments, find in this approach the Igf should be renewed with a permanent, if long, if not long, term, mandate and funding resources be allocated, and finally given. The lingering concerns about the Gdc. Process of last year, as well as the budget concerns facing the UN. System. It is unrealistic to think that the UN. Can continue to run duplicative and or reductive processes.

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Fiona Alexander: Any Gdc. Implementation or follow-up should move into the existing Wissis framework, either through the annual Wissis form or the igf

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Fiona Alexander: and unclear phrases like enhanced cooperation should not be recycled

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Fiona Alexander: in that regard. I'd like to associate with the comments made earlier by the Uk. Prior to new lines of effort or working groups being created, there should be a clear terms of reference agreed.

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Fiona Alexander: Thank you for the opportunity to share my views.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Fiona, for your contribution. I would like to invite Eloni Hickok from Global Network initiative to take the floor.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Leonae. The floor is yours.

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Elonnai Hickok: Thank you very much. My name is Elena Hickok, and I'm the managing director at the Global Network Initiative.

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Elonnai Hickok: Thank you to the co-facilitators for the opportunity to participate in this consultation on the Wisis Elements paper Gni is a multi-stakeholder organization, working towards responsible business conduct, bringing together companies, civil society, academics and investors. We are a member of the global digital rights coalition and endorse the submission to the elements paper by the coalition.

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Elonnai Hickok: We are also running a project in collaboration with global partners, digital to support local civil society and 8 jurisdictions to engage in the wisis plus 20 process. This has resulted in a published research compendium with national level chapters on national priorities for Wisis, Gni made a submission to the elements paper as Gni, as well as in collaboration with global partners, digital and project partners. This statement is on behalf of Gni.

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Elonnai Hickok: We welcome the reference to the enabling environment to be enabling and coherent. It is critical that regulatory and policy environments are grounded in and aligned with international human rights frameworks. To achieve this, each aspect of the Wisis framework should recognize and promote international human rights frameworks, including the Udhhr, the Iccpr. And the ice Csr. The Wisis framework should promote the adoption and implementation of the Ungps by the private sector and States.

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Elonnai Hickok: The wisis framework should promote the development of regulatory ecosystems that have in place key elements such as grievance mechanisms, independent judiciary, independent oversight and accountability, it should promote the formation of regulation through open and transparent consultations. Civil society ecosystems must be supported at the national level.

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Elonnai Hickok: Government projects and initiatives that are meant to promote development, such as Dpi need to be legally backed and aligned with international human rights frameworks.

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Elonnai Hickok: government powers, including around surveillance, should be guided by the principles and principles of necessity, proportionality and legality.

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Elonnai Hickok: A multi-stakeholder approach to Internet governance should be promoted, encompassing all stakeholders, civil society academia, the technical community and the private sector spaces like the Igf and the national and regional Igfs are critical spaces to discussing aspects related to the enabling environment. The mandate of the Igf should be renewed and made permanent with adequate and dedicated funding.

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Elonnai Hickok: It should recognize the role in the work of the national and regional Igfs and articulate ways. To strengthen these forms.

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Elonnai Hickok: the role of the Unchr and digital government should be recognized.

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Elonnai Hickok: The 0 draft and Wisis framework should address themes that tie into an enabling environment such as platform accountability, digital repression, conflict and digital technologies and shrinking civic space. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Illona, for your contribution. I would like to invite Rinalini Dailan from alliance for universal digital rights. Rinalini, the floor is yours.

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Mrinalini Dayal: Thank you so much, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. My name is Mernal Nidal, and I'm the Global Coordinator for the Alliance for universal digital rights co-founded by equality now, and women leading in AI,

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Mrinalini Dayal: the Alliance is a global network of Csos advocating for digital rights rooted in gender equality, human rights and intersectional feminist values as part of the gender and digital coalition. We recently submitted inputs to the elements paper with signatories, including equality. Now, apc derechos digitalis, women at the table, and it for change.

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Mrinalini Dayal: we applaud and support the vision, to build a people-centered, inclusive, and development oriented Information society which can only be realized through a multi-stakeholder approach in which there is equal participation of all women. Lgbtqi plus individuals and other structurally marginalized communities.

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Mrinalini Dayal: We believe the critical barriers that need to be urgently addressed are, first, st a lack of systemic gender perspective and gender mainstreaming across Whistler's action lines, which is key as structural inequality leads to digital inclusion, digital exclusion, especially in the global majority.

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Mrinalini Dayal: The second is technology facilitated gender-based violence being viewed through a punitive approach instead of a rights-based approach which in some cases has led to disproportionate censorship, surveillance, or the penalization of those seeking protection.

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Mrinalini Dayal: The 3rd is transnational technology corporations remaining largely unaccountable for human rights violations, particularly those of a gender nature which are facilitated through their platforms and data infrastructures. And the 4th digital colonialism through data, extraction, algorithmic bias and the concentration of digital infrastructure in the global north.

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Mrinalini Dayal: Our key recommendations to address these challenges are 1st and the most important. The establishment of a standalone wisis action line on gender. This action line would offer a clear framework for addressing gender inequality in digital development with defined goals, measurable targets and dedicated resources. It should include obligations on access to data, gender specific indicators and targets.

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Mrinalini Dayal: mandatory gender impact assessments, increased representation, dedicated funding and a comprehensive approach to Tfgb.

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Mrinalini Dayal: Other priorities include effective gender mainstreaming in the action line, such as action line c. 10, in which we propose intersectional benchmarks on digital human rights and due diligence, guidance for transnational corporations and other business enterprises on women's human rights and ecological sustainability and digital value chains.

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Mrinalini Dayal: The 3rd recommendation is an effective gender-based inclusion in digital governance spaces, including ensuring 50% of women's representation across all wissis, governance and technical bodies. And the 4th is mandatory gender assessments in technology, foresight of data and AI systems, and the final one being public financing for meaningful and affordable access.

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Mrinalini Dayal: These comments are intended to support the strengthening of the Elements paper to reflect the evolving digital landscape center rights-based approaches and ensure meaningful inclusion of historically marginalized groups and regions. Gender must be placed at the core of this process, promoting a guiding framework for shaping inclusive and equitable digital governance. Thank you so much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, marinaline, for your contribution. Now let's continue with the next discussions on financial mechanisms. I would like to invite Evo Miguel Rubio from the permanent mission of Angola to the United Nations. Ivo. The floor is yours.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Can you confirm if Ibo Miguel Rubio is online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is not the case.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): We can continue with the next speaker.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Carlos Bazza, Feldman from Rhizomatica. Carlos, are you online.

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: Yes, I am here.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Please. Candles. The floor is yours.

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: Hi, Hi! Everyone thanks excellencies for for making this possible. And to make this consultation, I just want to point out some of the

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: main topics we are discussing in the connectivity for communities that are unserved in in the different parts of the world. So I want to to share that. Why, while we see's ambitions are people centered inclusive and development oriented Information society

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: have a lot of goals, make it, and and a lot of efforts that are happening now.

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: We think that indigenous people, rural communities, and unserved urban communities, remain excluded for meaningful participation and direct access to to resources.

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: So, but at the same time. What what is happening is that these communities are already creating connectivity and access solution

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: in in the reality of facing the reality that they found, for example, are not reaching them to directly. So we need to to rethink a little bit how we are doing this, and what are the the main

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: ways of the the projects that are useful for the communities, and how we, we can finance them, and we can let them take the the funds that are necessary to to do it, that so, despite we need to recognize

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: that a lot of the achievements of the Whis process has been the radar recognition of these community-led and community center connectivity models as a legitimate and effective strategies to advance digital inclusion. It has been done more in the rhetorical arena.

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: We still lack a mechanism to redistribute resources and make decision making possible

in a collective and in the ways that the community are doing that. So for that I think we think it is important to make a direct, flexible, and culturally grounded funding

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: that support, for example, content production, digital content production, and also make possible, for example, to access to technologies that are

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: good and and are that are needed for the for the the communities. Of course, we need to face a little a lot of challenge in the. In this way, for example, they create the strategies for capacity building.

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: so the people can obtain the skills for financial management, reporting, governance, etc. That is important to manage their own phone phones, both with the legal recognition of these collective actors as actors who can receive directly the phones, and can deal with their own connectivity solutions in a better way.

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Carlos Francisco Baca Feldman: Thanks, thanks. Everyone.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Carlos, for your contribution. Now, I would like to invite Satanna Sanjay from Global Digital Justice Forum

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Sadhana. You have the floor.

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Sadhana Sanjay: Thank you very much. Hello, everyone. My name is Satana speaking today on behalf of the Global Digital Justice Forum and it for change. In the 20 years since the World Summit, on Information society inequalities in the digital paradigm have only deepened a 3rd of the world's population around 2.5 billion people remain offline.

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Sadhana Sanjay: The majority of the unconnected are in the global South who are excluded also because of their class, race geography and gender.

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Sadhana Sanjay: This divide is also now prominent in the emerging AI economy. With the compute capabilities and infrastructure required for AI development concentrated in a handful of countries predominantly the United States. These stark illustrations of digital inequality can be traced back both to the failure to provide for adequate public financing mechanisms, to bridge these divides

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Sadhana Sanjay: as well as anachronistic tax regimes that are ill-suited to the transnational and virtual operation of tech corporations.

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Sadhana Sanjay: Market-led approaches to development financing have not delivered on addressing these inequalities. They have instead only exacerbated the debt crisis with countries often spending more on interest payments than even food security and healthcare

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Sadhana Sanjay: countries in the global South are also denied tax revenue from the digital economy's explosive growth through customs, moratorium on electronic transmissions, digital trade rules and corporate tax avoidance.

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Sadhana Sanjay: The cumulative impact of inadequate public financing mechanisms as well as the flight of tax revenue, is that countries are deprived of the resources to build essential digital infrastructure, bridge the digital divides and guarantee the right of access and meaningful connectivity for all, in short, to ensure that digital innovation dividends serve their societies and communities

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Sadhana Sanjay: to promote long-term, digital, infrastructural and human capabilities for the majority world, the visis plus 20 outcome document must respond adequately to structural economic inequalities by addressing the public financing deficit. We therefore recommend the following proposals for public financing.

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Sadhana Sanjay: firstly, a digital development tax, whereby dominant tech corporations contribute to the connectivity of those who are still offline and to a safer digital world as proposed in our common agenda.

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Sadhana Sanjay: the institution of a global task force on financing for inclusive digital transformation with Member States as well as experts in public finance, fiscal justice and digital governance. This task force can take a leave out of initiatives such as the global solidarity levies task force and enable coordinated fiscal reform for the digital economy.

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Sadhana Sanjay: And lastly, stronger international action to tackle tax evasion and illicit financial flows in the context of virtual and cross-border business operations.

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Sadhana Sanjay: We recognize that digital justice and fiscal justice are intertwined fates, and we encourage the visis plus 20 outcome document to operate with this recognition. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Sedana, for your contribution. I would like to invite Henrietta Hesterhusen from the Association for Progressive Communications, Henrietta. The floor is yours.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: Thanks very much. Ambassador Yanina and everyone else. Apc is a global network of more than

80 organizations working with technology for social gender and environmental justice. We're also part of the Global Justice Forum, the global digital rights coalition for whistles and the Alliance for universal rights. And we want to commend you for the openness of this process, and for including state and non-state

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Anriette Esterhuysen: actors together. In this, in this consultation

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Anriette Esterhuysen: we want to highlight 5 critical challenges. Many of these have been mentioned already, firstly, digital inequality.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: and secondly, insufficient financing for wiss implementation. Financing is unfinished business in the Wiss process. Thirdly, erosion of the concept of the public interest in digital governance, discourse, and, fourthly, gaps in human rights integration into the wiss process and framework and fifthly, environmental harms which now are often greater than the benefits that we get from digitalization.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: We want to prioritize 5 related priorities for action. Firstly, addressing digital equality by acknowledging.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: as others have said that market-led approaches are not sufficient. We need to diversify access markets through enabling regulation and financing for community-led connectivity initiatives, and we need more public investment in human and institutional capacity to build infrastructure skills, content, and valuable public services.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: And, secondly, we support the notion of

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Anriette Esterhuysen: establishing a dedicated task force to explore and propose innovative and blended financing mechanisms, including public finance, the revision of Universal Service funds, as the Uk. Had said, looking at development bonds, for example, new initiatives and drawing on tax revenue sourced from global digital transactions and companies. But we think there are many mechanisms that can be explored. And the recent UN

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Anriette Esterhuysen: Global Conference on Financing for development in its outcome document actually describes many of these.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: Thirdly, we think we can reclaim the public interest in Digital development by increasing corporate accountability through public interest and human rights oriented regulation. And we also support the idea of reviving the digital information comments. The remarks made by the Wikimedia Foundation earlier. Fourthly, we believe strongly that the ethics language in action line c. 10, needs to be complemented and strengthened by



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Anriette Esterhuysen: concrete reference to human rights standards and the 2012 general assembly resolution that rights that apply offline also apply online. And then, fifthly, we think that environmental sustainability can be mainstreamed by mandating impact assessments of tech innovation and integrating green practices across all the action lines

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Anriette Esterhuysen: going forward. We want to suggest 5 ways of strengthening the wiss framework. Firstly, by integrating global digital compact language principles, objectives and follow up into the Wiss framework, secondly, integrating gender equality into all the Wiss action lines with specific goals, targets, and indicators. Thirdly, making the Igf mandate

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Anriette Esterhuysen: permanent and recognizing that the scope of the Igf now goes beyond just Internet governance to include broader digital governance. Fourthly, we do believe that enhanced cooperation, or at least the effective equitable participation of governments on an equal footing in digital, and Internet related public policy remains relevant for the global South.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: And we believe that Csdd can be strengthened as a space for intergovernmental discussion on emerging Internet related digital public policy issues. And then, fifthly, and finally, we think that both multilateral and multi-stakeholder digital governance processes

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Anriette Esterhuysen: within the UN as well as overlapping with the UN. Can be strengthened and needs to continue to evolve, to make them effective and inclusive. And then, in closing, we know all of this might sound daunting, but we think that the necessary building blocks exist in the vision and principles, the lessons learned over the last 20 years and the UN's human rights based approach to development.

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Anriette Esterhuysen: What is needed is a renewed common global commitment to using all these building blocks. And we trust that the wizards, plus 20 outcome will provide that. Thank you very much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Henrietta, for your contribution. Now we will go to discuss the next topic, which is on human rights and ethical dimensions. And here. I would like to invite Elena Volskon from Microsoft to take the floor. Elena, the floor is yours.

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Elina Volksone: Thank you, Ambassador dear co-facilitators, thank you for this opportunity, and we sincerely appreciate your efforts to bring together all stakeholders.

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Elina Volksone: The elements paper appropriately affirms that human rights remain central to the visa's vision. Building an inclusive, open, safe, and secure digital space requires that all stakeholders actively respect, protect and promote human rights.

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Elina Volksone: As the wiss plus 20 review process moves forward, we strongly encourage a reaffirmation of this human rights centered approach, while also expanding the narrative to recognize the constructive role technology plays in upholding and advancing these values.

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Elina Volksone: Global digital compact took meaningful steps towards embedding human rights in digital governance. But a more comprehensive and balanced framing is needed in the wiss plus 20 outcome document.

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Elina Volksone: Human rights must be treated not only as binding legal standards, but as guiding principles that actively shape digital ecosystems across sectors and regions. As the 0 draw takes shape.

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Elina Volksone: we believe it would greatly benefit from a more balanced framing of human rights, one that not only highlights the risks and challenges, but also affirms the transformative potential of digital technologies. Technology, when responsibly developed and governed in alignment with human rights principles, offers tangible solutions.

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Elina Volksone: it can expand access to education and healthcare, strengthen civic engagement and foster inclusive economic opportunities. In this light technology should not be viewed solely as a risk. It must be understood also as a driver of equity, dignity, and societal resilience.

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Elina Volksone: as digital transformation continues to redefine every sphere of life. Governance frameworks must include strong references to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related international.

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Elina Volksone: These commitments are not aspirational, they are foundational in this regard we are concerned by the omission of explicit references to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights within the Human Rights Section of the Elements Paper.

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Elina Volksone: Effective digital governance must go beyond regulatory compliance to embrace the ethical frameworks found in instruments like the UN guiding principles on business and human rights. These serve as crucial compass for the private sector, promoting responsible conduct and fostering digital environments that are accountable, inclusive, and rights respecting

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Elina Volksone: the wiss plus 20 review process presents a pivotal moment to reaffirm human rights as the core of digital global policy, while also championing technology's potential to build a fairer, more inclusive future, greater synergy with the global digital, compact and emerging governance models, especially in areas such as artificial intelligence can help ensure a future where digital, progress and human rights thrive together, leaving no one behind.

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Elina Volksone: Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Alina, for your contribution. I would like to call now, Mr. Jalal Abukhatter.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Just to confirm if Mr. Jal is online.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): if this is not the case, then I'll kindly ask Ellie McDonald from global digital Rights coalition for whises to take the floor, Ellie, the floor is yours.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): Thank you, your Excellencies colleagues. My name is Ellie Macdonald, and I am delivering this statement on behalf of the Global digital Rights Coalition for Wisis. This is based on a written input by 18 organisations from the global majority and global north with decades of collective experience in human rights based Internet public policy.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): We welcome that today's consultation is taking place with all stakeholders. We recommend that this precedent continues throughout the process and be replicated in others.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): We see the Elements paper as a positive 1st step to build on it and ensure a people centric and rights. Respecting WISS outcome. We recommend that the 0 draft should firstly ensure a human rights based and gender responsive approach, including through anchoring the language in international human rights, law and standards, underscoring the universality, interdependence and indivisibility of all human rights.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): reaffirming the obligations of States to respect, protect, and fulfil human rights, clarifying that any limitation on the rights to privacy and freedom of expression must comply with the principles of legality, necessity, and proportionality.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): reasserting the UN guiding principles on business and human rights, and the responsibilities of the private sector to respect human rights throughout the technological life cycle, including through affirming human rights, due diligence and impact assessments.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): assigning the Ohchr a role as a co-facilitator of actionline 10 on human rights and ethics, thereby securing its place in the future implementation of the WISS framework.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): Secondly, commit to additional measures to achieve meaningful connectivity and address. Digital divides, recognising the structural obstacles, disproportionately impacting access to and use of the Internet for specific categories of rights holders.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): Thirdly, reinforce the multi-stakeholder approach to Internet governance, referencing the agreed definition of Internet governance and acknowledging all stakeholder groups. Additionally, consider proposals to operationalize the multi-stakeholder approach building on initiatives like the Imsb and the Sao Paulo, multi-stakeholder guidelines.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): Fourthly, institutionalise the Igf as a permanent structure with dedicated and sustained funding

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): fifthly restate the commitment to publish a joint implementation roadmap to integrate the global digital compact commitments through the wiss framework. As stated in the Ecosoc resolution on wiss plus 20 follow-up adopted today.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): additionally, establish a clear pathway for multi-stakeholder engagement in their joint implementation.

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Ellie McDonald, Global Partners Digital (GPD): We encourage you to consider our recommendations included in more detail in our written input and we remain available for support. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Ellie, for your contribution. Now, I would like to invite Yuta Kroll from digital Opportunities Foundation, Germany, Yuta. The floor is yours.

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Jutta Croll: Thank you, dear co-facilitator, dear excellencies and distinguished participants. I'm speaking on behalf of the digital opportunities foundation Germany. And as the co-facilitator of dynamic coalitions at the Internet Governance Forum.

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Jutta Croll: As it was the case in 1989, when the UN Convention on the Rights of the child was adopted by the General Assembly.

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Jutta Croll: It is also nowadays necessary to ensure the rights of children as an especially vulnerable group are respected, protected, and fulfilled in the digital environment. The Yen Committee on the Rights of the Child have acknowledged the important role digitalization plays in nowadays children's lives and therefore have adopted the

general command. Number 25 on children's rights in the digital environment, in 2021

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Jutta Croll: in the era of digitalization these last 4 years, although a short period of time are a phase of very fast development and technical innovation with generative AI quantum computing and virtual reality. We are on the threshold to a new and augmented digital environment. The metaverse is laying ahead of us, and children will be its earliest inhabitants.

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Jutta Croll: These developments have to be taken into account for the visus plus 20 process. In order to give sustainable and reliable guidance to the future progress and adhere to human rights

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Jutta Croll: from a child rights perspective, we consider the reference in Para, 6 of the Elements Paper to the rule of law being essential for building a human-centered Information society as crucial, and we welcome the emphasis on the need to foster an inclusive open, safe, and secure digital space that respects, protects, and promotes human rights. In this regard we underline the need to uphold the Unc.

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Jutta Croll: As a cornerstone of a human rights-based approach. The Information Society holds huge potential for children to exercise their rights. We welcome. This is addressed in paragraph 46, 49, and 54 of the Elements Paper. In addition, we suggest to amend paragraph 46 as follows.

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Jutta Croll: to ensure children's best interests and their personal integrity in the digital environments, their rights to protection, provision, and participation must be respected and fulfilled in a balanced approach. Not prioritizing one right over another. We also welcome the reference to the multi-stakeholder approach in paragraph 57 to 64, and suggest to amend, paragraph 59 in line with the Uncrc. Article 12 as follows.

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Jutta Croll: children's perspectives shall be presented either by themselves or by child rights, advocates to ensure their views are given due weight in Internet governance. Thank you for having my opinion today.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Yuta, for your presence and your contribution. Now, I'd like to invite Laura beckonable from Global Forum for media development to take the floor. Laura, the floor is yours.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: Thank you, your Excellencies colleagues. I am speaking on behalf of the Global Forum for media development, a global network of more than 200 media development and journalism support organizations working to protect and strengthen journalism as a public good.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: This statement summarized 3 key points from written inputs to the elements paper focusing on what we hope to see reflected in the 0 draft and the outcome document

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: 1st

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: echoing the statement by the global digital rights coalition for oasis, whose submission we fully endorse. We want to stress that the text should be firmly anchored in international human rights law by reaffirming the obligations of States to respect.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: protect, and fulfill human rights, and in particular clarify that any limitation on freedom of expression must meet the criteria of legality, necessity, and proportionality. It should also reference the UN guiding principles on business and human rights and the private sector's role and responsibility to respect human rights.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: Secondly, the text should explicitly recognize that independent journalism and public interest media are essential to a people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented information society, and that they are key to ensuring access to relevant, timely, local, multilingual, and fact-based information.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: So this is not an issue. The way the Internet is governed directly affects the survival of independent journalism, and with it, the public's access to reliable information and their meaningful democratic participation.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: sustainable development goals cannot be achieved in environments where access to reliable independent information is suppressed, or where media systems are weak and unprotected.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: Therefore strengthening journalism, independence, and sustainability must be a key priority, supported with safe words against online harassment and sustained funding among others. Otherwise the production and availability of reliable, independent, and fact-based information online will continue to decline

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: fulfilling commitments to support and protect media and journalism in the vital role that are made in the pact for the future or in the recently adopted Sefijia commitment requires proposed human rights-based digital governance frameworks which brings me to my 3rd and final point.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: The text should reinforce the multi-stakeholder governance model across all digital policy processes. As already stated by the global digital rights coalition for Wisis and some of

its members. This includes the joint implementation of the global digital compact commitments into the wisis framework guided by the Sao Paulo, multi-stakeholder guidelines, and the institutionalization of the Igf as a permanent structure. With adequate, dedicated, and sustained funding. Among others.

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Laura Becana Ball | Global Forum for Media Development: we urge you to carry these recommendations which you can find in more detail in our written input and we remain available for any support you might need in the next steps of the process, wishing you the best luck, and thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you. Thank you, Laura, for your contribution from the written statement. And for this presentation today I would like now to invite Kim Ringmar Sylwander from the Digital futures for Freedom Center, London School of Economics and Political Science. Kim, the floor is yours.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: Hi, thank you, Madam Ambassador, and thank you to the co-facilitators for convening this important consultation.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: My name is Dr. Kim Silvander, from the digital futures for Children's Center, which is a joint research center between the London School of Economics and 5 Rights Foundation. Our work explores the challenges and opportunities that digital technologies present for children's rights. And we're guided by the UN. Committee on the rights of the child's general comment. Number 25 on children's rights in the digital environment that Yota Kroll just

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: talked about.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: Despite decades of recognition under international law, children's rights remain inadequately reflected in global policy.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: And this has real and ongoing consequences in the digital environment, including routine rights, violations and harms, exploitative data practices, exclusion from decision making and systems that prioritize profit over child protection.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: Wisis plus 20 is a vital opportunity to correct this historical and continuing oversight.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: Following the lead of the global digital compact, we welcome the recognition in paragraph 46 of the Elements paper, and beyond which states that the development of icts should respect children's rights, protection and well-being. But we recognize that more is needed and the language can be strengthened.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: Children make up a 3rd of global Internet users, yet their needs, experiences and rights remain marginal in digital governance globally to inform the wiss 20 plus 20 review and consultation. We therefore convened a global expert consultation earlier this year, which included high level child rights experts from Unicef, the Itu Unesco UN Special representatives and the Committee on the Rights of the Child International Ngos and Key Academics.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: and we'd like to draw on 5 priorities that emerged from this consultation to inform the input, that we submitted to the Elements paper.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: The 1st priority recognizes that wisis in line with the language of the Gdc. And international Human Rights law should streamline the recognition of children as a distinct rights holder group in the 0 draft and beyond, alongside, women persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples, as befits children's distinct legal status under the UN Convention on the rights of the child.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: It should also adopt further

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: holistic approach to children's rights and seek to embed the

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: committee's general comment. Number 25 into digital governance frameworks.

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: Priority number 2 is focused on access which remains profoundly unequal, both globally and within. Societies often exacerbating existing inequalities

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: inequalities of access and inclusion must be rectified globally without placing children at risk

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: priority number 3 recognizes that children's rights are commonly violated in digital spaces, largely because digital products and services were not designed with children in mind. Priority actions should require digital services, providers to embed child rights by design principles, and including privacy by default, safety by default, and ethical AI

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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: number 4. These must be enforced through binding, regulation, regular auditing and remedies for rights violations, including via child rights impact assessment and effective enforcement. The UN and other international agencies must remain independent of tech industries, interests and rebalance global digital policy towards human rights, including children's.



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Kim Ringmar Sylwander: In short, children's rights, must be central to the wissis plus 20 process not just acknowledged, but systematically integrated and enforced. Thank you so much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Dr. Seelander, for your contribution, and with this we conclude the

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): discussions under the topic of human rights and ethical dimensions, and we can continue with the next theme, which is confidence and security. And here I would like to invite Roman Zimin from the permanent mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations to take the floor.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Mr. Zimming the floor is yours.

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Roman Zimin: Thank you very much, dear Ambassador. Dear Colleagues.

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Roman Zimin: the Russian Federation appreciates the work done by the authors of the vicious Elements paper. We have studied it and sent our comments, and we expect that our proposals will be fully taken into account during the preparation of the draft resolution

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Roman Zimin: 20 years after the beginning of week of the business

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Roman Zimin: remains of this process, recess remains the key process within the framework of the that is responsible for bridging digital gap. We're sure that to achieve this goal.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): You can.

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Roman Zimin: To the ICT capacity building technology transfer and personal training.

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Roman Zimin: though during the recent years a lot of things have been done, the majority of visas tasks remain unfulfilled in a complete way. The situation, rather than adding new disputable concepts, such as the information integrity into the visas process should become the priority during the review, and if it is approved for the future business period.

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Roman Zimin: another important feature is to harmonize the implementation of business decisions with other digital initiatives within the UN.

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Roman Zimin: To avoid the duplication of their efforts.

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Roman Zimin: As for the ICT security, the Russian Federation particularly calls for discussing these issues within the specialized UN formats. During the last 5 years it has been the open-ended working group on security in the use of icts, and its efforts will be inherited soon by the correspondent permanent mechanism.

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Roman Zimin: But we understand that the issues of crisis security are closely connected to the use of isties for development in this respect it's quite clear the desire of authors to enumerate the UN. Efforts in the field in this field, in the Visas Elements paper, as it used to be during the previous review that took place 10 years ago.

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Roman Zimin: We suppose that both of these structures that I have already mentioned should be included into the section of the Elements paper on dice security. The best convention, on the contrary, is not worth to being mentioned, as it is a regional initiative.

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Roman Zimin: At the same time we do not support using the cyber terminology as it is a non-consensus one. In this sense we prefer such terms as ICT security, and ICT crime rather than the language that we have in the Elements paper. Now

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Roman Zimin: the Russian party is ready to work with the partners in order to prepare a decent draft resolution.

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Roman Zimin: Thank you for your attention.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you to the distinguished delegate of the Russian Federation for the presence and the contribution. Now I would like to invite Mr. Lucien Kastex

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): from association. Encouragion.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Mr. Lucia, you have the floor.

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Lucien CASTEX: Thank you, Excellency. Colleagues from around the world, as his contribution is based on a writing contribution, and is on behalf of afnic, the French Internet Registry and Network Information Center.

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Lucien CASTEX: We would like to welcome the opportunity to actively contribute to the Wasis, please, 20 review process.

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Lucien CASTEX: And for the publication of this settlement paper.

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Lucien CASTEX: In the last 20 years, since the Wess, the digital transformation of society has been extensive and increasingly ubiquitous.

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Lucien CASTEX: So Internet has allowed billions of people to connect and exchange ids.

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Lucien CASTEX: laying the foundation stone for the common vision of the withes.

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Lucien CASTEX: For us, building confidence and trust in the use of icts is key to developing an inclusive information society.

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Lucien CASTEX: 1st of all, we strongly believe that implementing the Withis outcomes and reinforcing trust in the Internet and digital technologies has been greatly facilitated by multi-stake order, cooperation in both the development of Internet technical standards

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Lucien CASTEX: and policy discussions. For that reason afnic is actively involved in local and global Internet governance. And in the development of new standards and in research.

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Lucien CASTEX: we would like to highlight the work carried out by the Icann and Icann community in terms of policy, development and fostering trust in the Dns and the Internet as a whole.

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Lucien CASTEX: as well as the sharing of best practices and expertise.

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Lucien CASTEX: Similarly, standard developing organizations, 1st of which the Internet engineering task force are key

to shaping the future of the Internet.

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Lucien CASTEX: For us, key factor for success

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Lucien CASTEX: is an approach based on continuous improvement and consensus driving processes allowed for the development of a robust and stable Internet.

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Lucien CASTEX: It must include the implementation of security and data protection by design, the development of interoperable open standards, such as Dns offer Ttps, Dnssec, Dkim, Dmarc, and so many more

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Lucien CASTEX: and future-proof standard considering post-quantum

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Lucien CASTEX: the multi-stake order model of Internet governance has been instrumental in the past 20 years to keep the underlying Internet infrastructure open, resilient, interoperable and trustworthy.

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Lucien CASTEX: And we believe that strengthening cooperation and the diversity of participation from a wide range of stakeholders is essential. If we are to find innovative and sustainable solution to the emerging problem we face.

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Lucien CASTEX: we believe that this should remain a key priority in the 0 draft.

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Lucien CASTEX: As a result, we would like to stress the need to explicitly identify and mention the technical community and academia as key stakeholders in the 0 draft.

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Lucien CASTEX: And finally, we would like to reiterate the importance

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Lucien CASTEX: of bridging the digital divide in all its forms in order to strengthen trust and accessibility of the Internet.

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Lucien CASTEX: This includes strengthening of cultural and linguistic diversity online. The divide

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Lucien CASTEX: and trust are intertwined and require greater consideration of the local context. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Lucien, for your contribution. Now, on my list, I have the representative from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India. Just want to check. If Mr. Santos is online.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is not the case, then I would like to invite Desiree Milosevic from Rizzo, IP European Network coordination center. Desiree, the floor is yours.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I have a confirmation that desire is online.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): She needs to accept the invitation that has been done by the Secretariat to be as a panelist.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): But if Desiree has

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): some issue to connect, then we need to move on, and I would like to invite the Pablo Hinoza, consultant to take the floor. Pablo, the floor is yours.

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Pablo Hinojosa: Thank you, your Excellency, madam. Chair esteemed colleagues. I speak today as a longstanding member of the technical community in close partnership with the operational and private sector actors who keep the Internet secure, resilient and open. I want to focus my remarks on the Wisi's action line C. 5, on building confidence and security in the use of icts.

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Pablo Hinojosa: Since its creation in 2,003 c. 5 has evolved

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Pablo Hinojosa: from raising awareness to enabling global cooperation. Its goal remains clear. It is to ensure that all stakeholders, especially from developing regions, can participate in and benefit from a safe and trusted digital environment.

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Pablo Hinojosa: As we approaches plus 20. I would like 1st to ensure that international norms and frameworks. And here I am talking about yes, whises, but also the oewg, for example, that they that these norms translate into practical implementation. Global agreements only build confidence when they respond to operational needs.

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Pablo Hinojosa: the second part that I would like to focus on is that we must commit to equitable and efficient capacity building

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Pablo Hinojosa: without requiring new budgets. It is entirely possible to do better with what we have

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Pablo Hinojosa: by empowering local solutions, using proven models and leveraging peer-to-peer learning.

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Pablo Hinojosa: One strong example that I would like to flag is the women in cyber fellowship implemented by the Gfce during the Oetwg process, which not only builds cybersecurity capacity, but helps to address longstanding

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Pablo Hinojosa: gender imbalances in the field. These are the kinds of sustainable, inclusive models, we must scale to close both development and gender gaps in every region, and could be great to do similar things in the whis process moving forward after its 20th anniversary.

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Pablo Hinojosa: The 3rd thing that I would like is that confidence and security must be understood through the lens of resilience. In my recent work I've explored how Internet resilience, technical, institutional and human is the bedrock of trust. It's not just about preventing attacks, but about withstanding and recovering from them.

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Pablo Hinojosa: That's where multi-stakeholderism becomes more than a principle or a narrative. It is a necessity as highlighted in the wiz's consultations, and many of my colleagues before me. An enabling environment is one where collaboration, transparency, and shared responsibility thrive

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Pablo Hinojosa: in closing wises plus 20 is not only a time to reflect, but to realign. Let's reinforce C. 5. As a hope for implementation connection to the operational reality. Let's back sustainable capacity building and multi-stakeholder resilience. Thank you very kindly for this opportunity.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Pablo, for your intervention and your contribution. Now I would like to ask Desiree to take the floor. I see you, Desiree, and hope to hear you. So the floor is yours.

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Desiree Miloshevic: Thank you very much. Your excellences. Through

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Desiree Miloshevic: just to mention and focus on a couple of things we will like to say that ripe Ncc. Has already submitted their written response. So I'll make a short intervention

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Desiree Miloshevic: about the existing challenges that persist. And primarily here we're thinking about the progress. Despite the progress that has been made over the last 2 decades, we must recognize that the digital divide remains a persistent and pressing challenge.

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Desiree Miloshevic: So we would like to make

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Desiree Miloshevic: statement that remote areas, and particularly for women and girls. This is a persistent challenge, and it should be taken into account when reviewing the wisest line. However, the scaled up investment in infrastructure and capacity building and digital literacy is urgently needed to ensure this meaningful and affordable connectivity for all.

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Desiree Miloshevic: One more thing is that we really need to acknowledge that public private partnerships are alone are not enough.

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Desiree Miloshevic: and that achieving the lasting progress requires the active participation of a broader set of stakeholders, including the technical community, civil society, and local actors who each bring their valuable perspectives. A second challenge. We'd like to draw attention to is the lack of clear implementation and follow up mechanisms.

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Desiree Miloshevic: Too many

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Desiree Miloshevic: Member States are yet to fully integrate the Western action lines into their national strategies. And this is often due to the absence of clear targets, coordination and accountability and embedding the implementation of the global digital compact within the wissis framework, through a structured, inclusive, and transparent mechanisms.

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Desiree Miloshevic: would then strengthen the coherence and improve global outcomes.

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Desiree Miloshevic: Thirdly, we must safeguard the global Internet as an open, interoperable, and secure platform. Its core architecture must be preserved

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Desiree Miloshevic: if we are to meet the sustainable development Goals and advance inclusive development. The work of technical organizations, such as the ripe Ncc in areas like Ipv, 6, deployment and routing security shows how multi-stakeholder collaboration can strengthen

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Desiree Miloshevic: resilience through community driven capacity building but also via partnerships. So, looking forward, our top priorities must include renewed global attention on bridging the digital divide

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Desiree Miloshevic: while preparing for emerging technologies and reaffirming and aligning the wisis. Action lies with the sustainable Digital Development Goals.

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Desiree Miloshevic: a permanent, well-resourced Igf mandate that fully leverages and recognizes the work of nris

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Desiree Miloshevic: and recognition of the Internet's layered architecture in policymaking, and lastly, develop collaboration between technical experts and governments. To ensure digital governance is evidence-based and future proof. Thank you for your

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Desiree Miloshevic: time.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, Desiree, for your contribution. Now we have a few colleagues that couldn't manage to connect, while their names was called, as the list of the speakers, so some of them has have already joined, and I would like that those that have joined and are now able to connect that were on the list to raise their hand.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): and we'll give you the floor.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): So I see Rosalia Morales Rosali, I give you the floor.

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Rosalia Morales: Hello, yes, sir.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Alia, you can continue. We hear you.

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Rosalia Morales: Good morning chair co-facilitators all. I am speaking on behalf of the technical community coalition for Mr. Stakeholderism, a group of aligned members of the Internet technical community with a long history of involvement in multi-stakeholder Internet governance

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Rosalia Morales: as role. Our role as members of the Internet technical community is to operate the infrastructure that supports the Internet's core functionality and open global, secure, resilient, interoperable Internet is a crucial foundation for human development, innovation and progress.

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Rosalia Morales: We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this stakeholder consultation, to offer our contributions to the Elements paper and note our thanks to the President of the General.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Rosalia, we we lost you! Do you hear us?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I'm sorry.

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Rosalia Morales: Sorry. Can you hear me now? I got the panel.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): No. Yeah. We reconnected. Yes, you can continue.

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Rosalia Morales: Okay, we appreciate the opportunity to participate in the stakeholder consultation, to offer contributions to the Elements paper in order, thanks to the President of General Assembly, the co-facilitators, and to the Secretariat for their work. Thus far in the review process, specific to internal governance aspects of the elements. Paper, we urge Member States

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Rosalia Morales: to support a permanent mandate for the Igf. The Tccm. Supports the mandate of the Igf. Being permanent. This will support all stakeholders to invest in its improvement and development and to drive improved participation from stakeholders and communities currently underrepresented, including those in the global South.

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Rosalia Morales: the 0 draft should call on Member States and all stakeholders to provide stable and sufficient and human financial resources for the Idf, including secretariat, to strengthen its reach and impact and to drive improved participation

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Rosalia Morales: complementarily. We also advocate for diversified funding approach to ensure sustainable, robust funding and appropriate support by multi-stakeholder community. This will help ensure that the diverse voices represented present in the Igf

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Rosalia Morales: system can have the most impact on realizing the WISS vision as recognized by the global digital compact. The Igf represents a unique platform that does not exist elsewhere for the enhanced cooperation of all

stakeholders that will be necessary as we continue to build an inclusive, people-centered

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Rosalia Morales: and development Oriented Information Society, the existing Wisis infrastructure, including the Wiss Forum and the Igf. Along with the Igf ecosystem of intersessional work and the national and regional Igf initiatives continue to be the logical and established venues for centering implementation and follow-up of all outputs that impact Internet governance and digital policy processes.

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Rosalia Morales: They demonstrate the multi-stakeholder cooperation that has been the hallmark feature that has fostered energy and progress around sustainable development, the Information society and increased access to the societal benefits technology and the Internet enable

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Rosalia Morales: the Tccm members believe that cooperation between governments and other stakeholders remains the best way to engage to support the Internet and digital technologies that are critical to building inclusive, resilient societies. Most stakeholder processes will best support the Wisa's vision and promote an inclusive, open, sustainable, fair, safe, and secure digital, future for all. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute in this important process.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Rosalia, just. I want to clarify that we would like 1st to hear from those colleagues that couldn't connect under the topics that we have already discussed, and I ask for the patience of those that will contribute under the Internet governance for a few moments. So we'll try to accommodate those that are online

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): and ask for the floor in relation with the 1st themes of discussion. So maybe I can ask for Mr. Ekram Mustachem if he's online.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): To take the floor.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): If this is not the case, then Mr. Joseph Leon Coalho.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Mr. Wisdom Guenasa, from West tech engineering.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I've been advised that those people are online that they would like to connect. But if they are not able, then we need to move.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Mr. Abdel Jalil Bashir Bong, are you online?

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): So it seems that we have exhausted the list of the speakers.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: Yes.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Abdel Janine. Okay, you are online. The floor is yours. I'm we are trying to accommodate everyone. So please take good use of your 3Â min.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: Okay, thank you so much, dear Excellency, thank you for this opportunity to speak. On behalf of House of Africa, a dedicated member of Cbc stakeholder community here, based in chat.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: So about. Thank you so much for the with this 20 review element paper for the your offer that you put it on that.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: And coming on the incentive of bringing the digital divided, I think that is very key. And thank you for putting this in the element paper. I think that the digital dividend must be remaining central focus, as you said, and will be not only expanded and trusted, but also focus on people capacity building. I think that is very key. So we have some element of recommendation also.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: So as I say that the capacity digital

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: building capacity digital capacity and skills. As you know, as we are coming from developing countries. And we're coming from Africa. So we need to have a lot of more capacity building

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: because people is growing. We use a lot of

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: mobile phone payment everything. So we need more capacity building on that and focus on rural area and marginalize people. Men, women with the disability. I think that is very key. And also

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: it reduces your cost

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: of Internet access to Internet. I think that is very key for our area and coming from developing countries, because the cost is very high. So we need to work on that, because if the cost very high, so we cannot talk about about connectivity, because they divided. you have 2 kind of of work so connected and and in connected.

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: Also, I think that leveraging the local content and multilingual resources, I think that someone from our colleague from France. Talk about this because we need to have a lot of resources and the local languages. I think that is very key. So to promote this kind of creation of content. So I think that is very key

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: and also supporting environmental and sustainable digital growth is very key also. And also we don't need to forget the addressing social and cultural barriers. So it's very key also. And at the end, I think that we need to remind also the key role of Igf, so to have the permanent mandate is very key

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Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong: and to have a sustainable funding also, because to close this gap, and also we need to remind about our policy stakeholder guideline can serve as a valuable reference for hosting, for hosting such inclusivity. And also you don't need to forget also the role that plays the enterprise. So I think that enterprise can play a big role on that. So thank you so much. Excellence.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Mr. Bong. And with this we conclude this part of

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): the consultations, and I would like now to hand over to my colleague, ambassador Locale, to continue with the next topic on Internet governance. As we understand, we are continuing without interruption in order to allow as many speakers as we can. At this point, Ambassador Locale, I hand over to you. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Ambassador Yanina, and thank you everyone for the very active participation in the consultations this morning.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Without wasting much time I'll go straight to invite the speakers for the second topic, I mean for the next topic. That is the topic on Internet governance.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): And for my list. I would like to give the floor to Melin Svajan

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): from the permanent mission of Canada to the United Nations. You have the floor, Melin.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): Thank you, your Excellency.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): and thank you for the opportunity to speak. Today I am delivering this statement on behalf of both Australia and my own country, Canada. I would like to highlight 4 key elements that we see as fundamental to the wiss plus 20 process.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): First, st we believe it is essential that the 0 draft reaffirm, that Internet governance remains global and multi-stakeholder in nature.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): the private sector, civil society, the technical community and academia all bring unique contributions, and the participation of all their voices are necessary to ensure inclusive and effective governance.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): Moreover, the 0 draft should clearly reference the Sao Paulo, multi-stakeholder Guidelines which provide practical and widely supported approaches to improving multi-stakeholder participation.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): The guidelines reflect a shared commitment by a diverse group of countries and stakeholders, including from the global. South.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): Second, the 0 draft should reaffirm a strong and enduring mandate for the Igf.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): The Igf has fostered inclusive, transparent, and constructive engagement among stakeholders. The national and regional initiatives that it developed ground Igf principles and processes closer to communities ensuring that global discussions are rooted in regional realities.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): We believe that the Igf's renewal in 2025 should be recognized as a pivotal outcome, one that affirms its value in shaping the future of global Internet governance.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): 3, rd we strongly support the inclusion of a dedicated section on human rights.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): The recognition that some of that the same rights people have offline must also be protected, promoted, and fulfilled online is fundamental.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): We recommend that the preamble of the 0 draft explicitly recognize human rights as a cross-cutting issue grounded in international law, including international human rights law.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): We also advocate for a formal role for ohchr in the Wiss process, including through its advisory service on human rights in the digital space.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): Finally, we acknowledge the significance of AI and data governance. We must avoid duplicating the work of the Gdc. And related initiatives.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): As these are areas inherently complex and rapidly evolving. We believe that existing commitments on these issues should be reinforced rather than reopened.

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Meline Svadjian (Canada): Australia and Canada look forward to continuing our engagement to shape the next chapter of our shared digital future. Thank you for the time.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you, Melin, for your contribution. I now give the floor to Konstantinos comatis from the Atlantic Council. You have the floor, Konstantinos.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Thank you, excellencies, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Konstantinos Comaites. I am a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Democracy and tech initiative, where I work on global governance. Today, I speak to you in my personal capacity.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Let me start by thanking ambassadors, Yanina and Locale. This session reflects what good governance looks like inclusive, participatory, and grounded in dialogue.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: 20 years ago the World Summit, on the Information Society captured lightning in a bottle. It envisioned an Internet centered on people grounded in rights and built through collaboration. That vision still matters. Perhaps now more than ever, as we revisit Wissis 2 decades on, there are 2 urgent truths. We must confront.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: first, st the link between the Internet and development is no longer aspirational. It's foundational connectivity drives education, health governance and economic growth. But the digital divide remains a global fault. Line billions are still offline closing. That gap isn't charity. It's a development imperative.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: Second, no single actor can do this alone. Back in 2,005 your governments had the foresight to

embrace the multi-stakeholder model, bringing government, civil society, the private sector, and the technical community together.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: That model isn't take isn't a talking point.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: It's the engine that empowers the healthy Internet paragraph 34 of the tourist agenda must stand

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Konstantinos Komaitis: governments have a key role, but governance is a monopoly, and house cooperation must be seen as dynamic, not confined to UN corridors, but happening across coalitions like the freedom online coalition at Icaann's Governmental Advisory Committee and in national and regional Igfs. Amongst many other places, the Internet's strength lies in its diversity of voices. Let's not silence them.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: That brings me to the Igf.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: We don't just need to renew it. We need to strengthen it. We need to make it permanent, fund it and support its regional and national iterations. The Igf is where we contest competing visions, open versus control, global versus fragmented. It's not just a forum. It's a front line.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: the future of the Internet hinges on our ability to uphold human rights, online access to information, privacy, free expression, the right to participate in the digital economy. These are not abstract ideals, they are preconditions for innovation, equity and democracy ignore them, and the Internet becomes a tool for surveillance, exclusion and control.

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Konstantinos Komaitis: 20 years ago we promised a people-centered Information society today. That promise is being tested. I urge you to reaffirm it with courage, with clarity and with commitment. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Konstantinos. Now I would like to give the floor to Daphne Babot from the EU delegation to the UN. You have the floor.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): Thank you very much, Ambassador. I have the honor to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): And 1st of all. Let me thank the co-facilitators for the Elements paper and for organizing this joint consultation. We welcome your efforts in ensuring an inclusive process. Be it through consultations such as today

as well as during recent forums and the creation of the informal multi-stakeholders. Sounding board.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): Be you submitted an input in writing for your consideration. As you prepare the 0 draft of the Wizard plus 20 review outcome documents.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): We also submitted 3 non-papers to one. Develop the proposed with this Scg. Gdc. Roadmaps

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): to align digital transformation with human rights

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): and 3 strengthen the Internet governance forum.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): Today, I would like to highlight our proposals to strengthen the Igf for a forward-looking, intrusive, and multi-stakeholder Internet governance.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): The Igf continues to stand as a cornerstone of the multi-stakeholder model offering a unique and inclusive platform where all stakeholders come together to address digital governance challenges transparently and collaboratively.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): I would like to take this opportunity to thank Norway for hosting the annual Igf. Last month

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): the EU and its Member States reaffirmed their strong support for the Igf mandates as established in the Tunis agenda and recognize its pivotal role in shaping global digital policy.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): Yet in the face of a rapid technological change and widening digital divide, the Igf must evolve.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): The upcoming review presents a critical opportunity to strengthen the Igf structure enhance its financial sustainability and increase the impact of its outcome.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): To ensure long-term stability. The EU proposes the permanent institutionalization of the Igf within the United Nations system maintaining its home in UN desert.



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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): We also advocate for sustainable funding through the UN regular budget via reallocation of existing funds

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): complemented by voluntary contributions.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): and we also propose the appointment of a dedicated Igf Secretariat director to ensure follow up and coordination across digital governance initiatives.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): Balanced representation is key

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): the EU also calls for greater inclusion of representatives from developing countries and marginalized groups supported by targeted financial assistance.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): We also support strengthening national, regional and youth. Igf initiatives to ensure grassroots. Voices are heard and integrated

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): to announce policy impact. We propose reinforcing multi-year thematic tracks and ensuring Igf conclusions are systematically linked to the witness's action line.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): This would create a feedback loop where Igf outcomes, inform witness processes and vice versa, fostering coherence and continuity.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): Finally, to address emerging challenges and prevent Internet fragmentation. The EU proposes the creation of multi-stakeholder governance labs within the Igf.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): These labs would serve as collaborative spaces where diverse stakeholders can explore the implications of emerging technologies build on existing Igf structures and co-create innovative, inclusive solutions.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): They would also attract new voices, especially youth and experts, from developing regions ensuring the Igf remains forward-looking and globally representative.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): In sum, the EU envisions a stronger, more impactful Igf.

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DaphnÃ© Barbotte (EU): one that is inclusive, sustainable, and equipped to meet the challenges of the digital age. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I thank the representative of the EU to the UN. I now give the floor to Nick Ashton Hart from apco worldwide, Nick, you have the floor.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Good morning, excellencies, colleagues, ladies, and gentlemen, it's a pleasure to speak on behalf of apco worldwide today, and to hear views from so many stakeholders globally at the outset. We'd like to associate ourselves with the comments you've heard today from the Aficta Ccia, Gsma

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Nick Ashton-Hart: Icc Microsoft, and Uscib as well as those of Canada and Australia just a few moments ago, and we thank the co-facilitators for the collaborative process that they're enabling and Undesa's efforts to facilitate it?

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Nick Ashton-Hart: A key question? The review must answer is how Internet governance processes can support holistic, accelerated delivery on development outcomes. Recognizing that the discussion of governance unmoored from such outcomes have limited value.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: One way is to improve coordination between the 3 main pillars of Wisis, the Internet Governance Forum, the Wisis Forum, and the Commission on Science and Technology for development.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: These each have complementary strengths, multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration at the Igf coordination of implementation of the action lines at the Wisis forum and intergovernmental policy outcomes and wsis implementation, monitoring at Cstd with increased coordination between their respective secretariats. The work done in each could be leveraged more effectively creating a positive feedback loop that increases the value of all 3.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: We also need to make it easier for developing countries to access resources for capacity building and technical assistance and increase synergies between funders to multiply the development value of their programs.

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Nick Ashton-Hart: The 0 draft should endorse greater participation by the Bretton Woods institutions, regional development banks and other international financing mechanisms. In the wiss process. Across these institutions there are enormous resources available, but they are not always easy to find or to access

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Nick Ashton-Hart: more engagement by these stakeholders could help with that and facilitate

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Nick Ashton-Hart: synergies between programs to the benefit of development outcomes in the same vein. The 0 draft should recognize how deployment of universal service funds for connecting the unconnected can be leveraged using best practices, as mentioned by the Uk. Thank you for your kind attention.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you, Nick. For your contribution. I now give the floor to Ditti Casa from the agency for digital Italy.

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Titti Cassa: Thank you, Ambassador local, for giving me the floor. My name is, and I work at the agency for digital Italy. And I'm speaking with my personal capacity. 1st of all, let me begin by thanking the co-facilitator, the ambassador for of Kenya have organized this important multi-stakeholder consultation.

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Titti Cassa: The vucis plus 20 review offers a timely opportunity to reflect on how we can strengthen digital governance, making it more coherent, inclusive, and effective for the future. Over the past 2 decades the Vucis process has led a solid foundation for global digital cooperation. It has advanced a people-centered vision anchored to a multi-stakeholder dialogue, and one of the

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Titti Cassa: of its most significant achievement is without doubt the Igf which has become a key platform for addressing a wide range of digital policy issues. The Igf has proven itself to be a vital, open, and global platform for inclusive and constructive exchange.

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Titti Cassa: Its international work, including the Nri, the dynamic coalition, the policy network brings grassroots, perspective and innovative idea from around the world. And despite of these achievements, the digital governance remain fragmented. In fact, there are key initiatives like the global digital compact and the Sdg

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Titti Cassa: sometime operating parallel with limited coordination. And this could lead duplication and the inefficiencies.

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Titti Cassa: particularly for countries with limited resources. And to address this, we must move from coordination in principle to coordination. In practice the Igf ecosystem is well positioned to act as a bridge across Gdc. Priority, and the Sdg. And the broader UN. Digital policy landscape.

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Titti Cassa: The architecture of the Igf already in place. What is needed now is reinforcement and formal recognition. With that in mind. I'd like to propose a few concrete steps first, st the Igf should be established as permanent and well

resourced platform within UN system. This includes strengthening the Secretariat, and expanding its structure with dedicated lens and roles to foster coordination among stakeholders, UN entities, and potentially a new.

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Titti Cassa: including also a new government track in inside the Igf. Second, I think we need a greater integration between Gdc. And the Igf. Through shared roadmaps, regular credential mechanisms and align follow up processes.

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Titti Cassa: 3rd inclusivity must remain a central priority. This means enabling multilingual participation, amplified gender and youth voices and ensuring representation from underrepresented region, and also community. 4, th the Vucs currently lacks a robust mechanism to track progress.

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Titti Cassa: The moose is

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Titti Cassa: framework, I mean, the audio should introduce a clear targets and indicator for action line annual reporting independent evaluation, inclusive mechanisms for stakeholder feedback.

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Titti Cassa: national and regional Igf could play a role in this context in gathering implementation data and presenting findings during its Igf meetings.

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Titti Cassa: In addition, I believe the Igf should assume a more strategic role in shaping the global digital agenda, as I think it should serve as a space, not only for Tairo, but also for promoting outcome implementation supported by mechanisms for progress, monitoring and accountability. One possible approach I would suggest, is the Igf to be able to launch a bottom. One process, after the annual

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Titti Cassa: Igf meeting to develop concrete calls to action grounded in the Igf messages and addressed to government UN agencies and all stakeholders. In short, the Agf already functions as a living infrastructure of digital cooperation. Now is the time to invest in its evolution, so it can fully support a digital future that is open, inclusive, and responsible to global needs.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you, Titty. For your contribution.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I'll now give the floor to William Drake from the Columbia Institute for early information.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Perhaps at this point request subsequent contributors to please take to your time

allocation so that everyone gets their time.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): William, you have the floor.

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William Drake: Thank you to the core organizers for this opportunity. It's really great to see some government representatives here alongside the stakeholders.

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William Drake: It would be even better if we had the opportunity to actually interact with each other as we did throughout the preparatory process 20 years ago. I'm sure all of us who were involved then have memories of useful dialogues between government and stakeholder representatives that helped to clarify key issues on how the Internet worked and how its governance did and did not work, and so on, which fostered some convergence in thinking. So. Anything that we've done to approximate that level of interactivity in the time that remains in this review would be really helpful.

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William Drake: I'd like to speak to the language on enhanced cooperation and Internet governance and express a concern about the potential risks of this language in the particular context of today's hyper, polarized geopolitical environment and UN budgetary challenges

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William Drake: in Tunis. This purposefully ambiguous language on enhanced cooperation helped various parties to declare victory and go home, so it seemed like a clever solution. Unfortunately, in subsequent years we never managed to reach any consensus on a definition of what enhanced cooperation actually means. This is a sharp contrast to what we did in the working group on Internet governance. When we put forward a definition of Internet governance that addressed the who, what and how of Internet governance.

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William Drake: And this helped to tone down the debate about Internet governance in the wiss has been invoked ever since absent, a shared understanding of the who, what and how enhanced cooperation has become a lightning rod for deep geopolitical differences that are stretched across the Wiss review processes, and the 2 failed working groups of enhanced cooperation.

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William Drake: 3 different kinds of perspectives have been prominent. There are those who think it's a multi-stakeholder initiative. There are those who say No, it's a purely intergovernmental process to enable governments to participate on an equal footing in existing organizations and processes. And then there's some who say it's actually a mandate, somehow to create a new intergovernmental organization that have brought authority over the Internet.

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William Drake: Given this history in the current geopolitical context, foregrounding enhanced cooperation again, could lead to even greater division and deadlock than it did in the past, and could give some parties grounds to disown the witnesses process more generally anything that can be portrayed as a mandate to debate creating a new intergovernmental organization or binding agreement could be even more unacceptable to some countries and parties

than in the past.

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William Drake: I think a simple solution here to avoid such difficulties would be for governments who are advocating enhanced cooperation to make clear that a new intergovernmental organization is not what they have in mind.

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William Drake: We're not in Tunis anymore, and ambiguity on this issue is no longer strategic. So let's all. Just say what we mean by enhanced cooperation and what it is we want to mandate to do. After all. There's been evolution in the positions of some key governments since we had the last debates on this stuff, and it's possible that we could avoid some serious conflicts that would debilitate the whole process by simply being clear about what the ask is here.

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William Drake: So my suggestion is to try to avoid a circumstance where there is going to be a breakdown in cooperation, and people talking about walking away and so on, because they think that there's something problematic. Let's just be clear about what we're advocating, and if it's simply to help developing country voices get louder. Great. Let's do that. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you, William Drake, for your contribution. I now give the floor to Claire Sophie Patzig from the youth Igf, Germany. You have the floor.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: Excellencies. 1st of all, thank you so much for the possibility to contribute, and after so many statements I will try to keep it brief.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: I'm honored to present a joint statement on behalf of the German youth Igf. Which has been endorsed by over 100 national and regional initiatives, civil society organizations and isop chapters from all parts of the world.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: This collective effort reflects our shared commitment to an open, free, global, inclusive, and interoperable Internet.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: We highlight. In particular, the essential role of nis as a core pillar of global Internet governance.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: whether national, regional or youth led nris embody the multi-stakeholder spirit by facilitating inclusive participation, promoting local dialogue and driving capacity building.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: regardless of broader governance frameworks. It is ultimately at the local level where

infrastructure is developed and policies are implemented.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: Their work bridges global vision with local realities.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: And this is the true strength of the multi-stakeholder model. It transforms ideas into action and ensures that a broad diversity of voices shapes our digital future.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: To support this vision, we call for the recognition of nis as a foundational component of global Internet governance.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: The continued strengthening of the multi-stakeholder model at all levels.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: a permanent and sustainably funded mandate of the Internet governance forum and the safeguarding of technological neutrality and governance processes.

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Claire Sophie Patzig: Thank you for your intention, and we are committed to contribute further to the business plus 20 review.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Claire Sophie, for your contributions.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I understand Emmanuel, and Charles are not there. So now we would like to

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): move to the next topic. That's on data governance

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): and give the floor to Pascal becono from the Cameroon Ministry of Justice.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Pascal, if you are there, you have the floor.

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Pascal BEK.: Yes, exactly. Thank you very much. That is true.

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Pascal BEK.: yes, my speech will be on data governance. We want to say that regulatory mechanism

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Pascal BEK.: for data governance being adopted for by each by each region of the world.

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Pascal BEK.: In the face of achieve solar intelligence and other innovations.

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Pascal BEK.: The list developed countries are lagging behind in terms of implementation.

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Pascal BEK.: So while we are affirming that they're right

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Pascal BEK.: unequal access to technological innovation and control mechanisms around the world

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Pascal BEK.: make it make it increasingly important to focus on several areas.

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Pascal BEK.: To this end we maintain that

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Pascal BEK.: the World Summit on Information society stakeholder approach as well as at Igf should continue to facilitate

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Pascal BEK.: inclusive dialogue towards the adoption of a common data governance policies.

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Pascal BEK.: Would you affirm that Mr. Stacker approach must guarantee the protections of citizens rights

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Pascal BEK.: in face of innovative technologies.

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Pascal BEK.: and we support the ammonization of regulatory regulatory policy on data governance in some region of the world.



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Pascal BEK.: And to conclude, Megan is to have some control mechanism in terms of agency strong one.

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Pascal BEK.: and more importantly, also, to have a capacity building for list. 7 countries should be really promoted.

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Pascal BEK.: And we believe it's important to establish a global data regulatory body to guarantee equitable access

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Pascal BEK.: and fair protection for for citizens against violation, violation, and abuse.

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Pascal BEK.: This is, thank you very much. This is what we can share with order. Thank you very much. Essences.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Pascal. Becono for your contribution. I now give the floor to Liz. Orembo Liz, are you there.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Liz Orembo? From research. ICT. Africa.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): If Liz is not there, then I give the floor to Jacqueline pigatto from data, privacy, Brazil

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): juggling of the floor.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: Thank you so much. Co-facilitators for this opportunity. I speak on behalf of data privacy, Brazil, a Brazilian Neco that is part of the global digital rights coalition for oasis, the global digital justice Forum and the global South Alliance.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: We would like to highlight the need to approach data governance through a data, justice lens looking beyond privacy to consider the broader human rights implications of how personal data is collected, shared, and used.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: This includes the impacts on the rights to social protection, decent work, education and health.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: For that reason data governance should be seen as a cross-cutting issue across multiple Wisi section lines and its whole architecture.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: Another critical point is the need to strike a better balance between security, especially in terms of surveillance and the protection of human rights. In many cases these areas are being addressed in silos, and we believe that a human rights based approach to data governance can help reconcile these tensions.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: We call attention to the role of the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, which is a member of the Cstd working group on data governance.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: Their participation can be particularly valuable in discussions around human rights impacts through data, interoperability and establishment of a global data standards that are aligned with human rights.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: This would bring the working group closer to the Whis Framework and action lines.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: And finally, we call for more investments in statistical data that can be ethically and accurately used for public policy purposes.

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Jaqueline Pigatto | Data Privacy Brasil: These data systems must also be interoperable to foster international cooperation, especially in areas aligned with the sustainable Development Goals and Louise's action lines. Thank you very much.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Jacqueline pigato. For your contribution. I believe that was the last speaker under the topic on data governance.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): We now move to the next topic on artificial intelligence.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): and I would like to give the floor to Abdul Karim ho Loyerde.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): from the University of Iloire in Nigeria.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Abul Karim. If you are there, you have the floor.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): If Abdul Karim is not there. I think less

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): have Gabriel Delso from the communicate computer and Communications Industry Association.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Gabriel, you have the floor.

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Gabriel Delsol: Thank you. Co-facilitators, excellencies, and distinguished colleagues. I'm Gabriel del Sol from the Computer and Communications Industry Association or Ccia, an international nonprofit membership organization representing companies in the computer Internet information technology and telecommunications industries.

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Gabriel Delsol: We welcome the opportunity today to comment on the elements paper for the Wisis review. And I also welcome the comments from several of my colleagues on the call today, and want to endorse those of the International Chamber of Commerce. The Us. Council on international business, the Gsm Association, Microsoft.

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Gabriel Delsol: Apco. And the Africa. ICT Alliance.

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Gabriel Delsol: Pci has submitted written comments and responses requests for. Input so I'll focus my comments today on the section on AI paragraph 70 through 76, highlighting how to best harness the innovative potential of AI to support the goals of the Wisis process

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Gabriel Delsol: 1st specific to the. With this review itself, Pcia recommends that the Review engage on AI through existing mechanisms, to avoid duplication and potential friction, and in recognizing the cross-cutting application of AI technologies across a diverse array of sectors, discussions of AI should proceed through existing action lines instead of a new dedicated action line.

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Gabriel Delsol: Second, the Wisis Review should recognize and build upon existing efforts within the UN. To engage on AI and bolstering. Those were particular, especially the process should support and defer to the outcomes under the global digital compact, namely, the proposed scientific panel and the global dialogue on AI which remain under development and do not require additional direction from the Wisis Review, as well as the recent resolutions passed to

the General Assembly on this topic.

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Gabriel Delsol: 3, rd we recognize the importance of the UN engaging on AI, given its transformative potential to promote development and innovation. And we view the role of the UN as a facilitating agent in line with the vision established in the global digital compacts. Paragraph 54 on the UN. Which specifies its role in enabling and supporting agile multi-stakeholder approaches to AI governance.

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Gabriel Delsol: The UN. Is therefore best served as a form for convening and information, sharing rather than prescribing specific governance mechanisms which are ill adapted to the diverse applications of AI and the need for context specific approaches in diverse environments.

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Gabriel Delsol: As such we recommend that paragraph 73, and the elements, paper and future. Such characterizations of the UN role, avoid referencing it as essential to shaping AI governance and allow for greater flexibility in line with the vision outlined in the global digital compact.

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Gabriel Delsol: Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input on this process. And we look forward to continuing to engage throughout the drafting process. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Gabriel, for your contribution. I now give the floor to Paloma Lara Castro from Derechos

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Digitalis, Paloma.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: Thank you, Ambassador. I'm representing the reco digitales. We are also part of the Global Digital Justice Forum, the Wissis coalition and the gender coalition which has presented inputs on this matter.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: I will be delivering this statement with a focus on AI from a global south and gender just perspective.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: AI is reshaping the global data ecosystem, yet it does so within an architecture that reflects and reinforces long-standing asymmetries.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: This is especially concerning considering the accelerated use of AI in public

policy which calls for states, human rights, compliance, oversight, and strict limitation of usage.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: Additionally, the concentration of AI development in a few global north countries and corporations is generating new forms of colonialism.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: data, extraction, algorithm bias and the centralization of detailed infrastructure mirrors, historical patterns of dependency

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: detail, sovereignty requires not just access to technology, but community ownership and control over data and means of detail production.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: We urge wishes, plus 20 to promote gender-based and decolonial approaches to data and AI governance. This must prioritize collective rights, community stewardship and public value over structured business models. The 0 draft should go further in recognizing the excessive concentration of power in dominant technology, corporations and mandate accountability frameworks for the private sector aligned with the UN guiding principles on business and human rights, ensuring transparency, independent algorithm, oversight and redress.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: In addition, wisdom must expand its understanding of harm in AI system beyond the scope of individual privacy. Systemic harms such as invisibility, underrepresentation, and discrimination must be addressed and disclose guidelines for AI models, including data, sources, architectures, and deployment. Parameters must be mandate to enable independent auditing

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: a gender lens is central mandatory. Gender impact assessments conducted before deployment must be instituted for all AI systems to ensure meaningful participation and robust gender analysis in design and governance.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: The impacts of AI are profoundly social. Tfgbv, including through deepfakes, deepfakes, surveillance tours and targeted disinformation, must be addressed as a human rights issue. Responses must be grounded in legality, necessity, and proportionality. While centering the experiences of victims and survivors.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: we caution against relying solely on punitive measures instead, strategies must be multifaceted, rice-based and tackle root courses.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: We also call for institutional mechanisms to monitor implementation. The Std should be mandated through echosoc to review progress annually on Gdc. Tracks on data and AI taking forward recommendations for the forthcoming working group on data governance. This review should also host the proposed

global dialogue on AI governance and advanced discussions on technology foresight through the international scientific panel on AI.

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Paloma Lara Castro - Derechos Digitales: Finally, we stress that inclusive digital governance requires representation and tailored strategies. A standalone action line on gender and gender mainstreaming across all whiss actions are essential to advancing gender just and equitable digital futures. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Paloma, for your contributions. I now give the floor to Laura or Brian from access. Now, Laura, you have the floor.

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Laura O'Brien: Thank you. Excellencies, colleagues, thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the wisis plus 20 informal consultation. We particularly thank the co-facilitators for holding this space for all stakeholders to convene accessnow is a grassroots to global civil society organization working on the intersection of technology and human rights. We are also a member of the global digital rights coalition for Wisis and endorse the initiatives delivered by the coalition to date

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Laura O'Brien: deploying artificial intelligence and automated decision making without adequate safeguards, can facilitate human rights, violations, exacerbate existing social power, imbalances, and create new risks, such as AI powered surveillance and biometric and behavioral profiling all which disproportionately affect marginalized people and communities. We therefore make the following 4 recommendations. With respect to the 0 draft.

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Laura O'Brien: 1st and foremost, the 0 draft must be grounded in international Human Rights Law and standards, including explicit references to the International Bill of Rights, Thematic Human Rights treaties and the UN guiding principles on business and human rights. The 0 draft should reaffirm and create a formal role of the Ohchr who has led research and initiatives at the intersection of technology and human rights, including on artificial intelligence. For over a decade.

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Laura O'Brien: Second, the 0 draft should reaffirm that any interference with the right to privacy must be strictly necessary and proportionate, prescribed by law, and undertaken in pursuit of a legitimate aim.

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Laura O'Brien: 3, rd the 0 draft should reassert the responsibilities of the private sector to respect human rights and to conduct human rights, impact and human rights. Due diligence assessments throughout the technology lifecycle

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Laura O'Brien: building on the precedent found in the 1st UN General Assembly resolution solely dedicated to artificial intelligence. The 0 draft should call on states and other stakeholders to refrain from or cease the use of artificial intelligence systems that are impossible to operate in compliance with international human rights law, or that pose undue risks to the enjoyment of human rights. Finally, we underscore the need to avoid duplication, particularly regarding global initiatives on AI governance.

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Laura O'Brien: The 0 draft should recognize that the mandate of the Igf has evolved into the world's most inclusive forum for broader digital governance. We therefore echo various calls today from both governments and other stakeholders to institutionalize the Igf as a permanent structure with dedicated and sustained funding the continued existence. Stability of the Igf is crucial for its future as a multi-stakeholder platform which bridges stakeholder communities and regions and connects different Internet and digital

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Laura O'Brien: policy processes. In conclusion, we revert your attention to our written contribution. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Laura, for that contribution. I think that was the last speaker.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): under the topic of artificial intelligence from the confirmed list. I now request that we move on to

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): topic on capacity building, and I would like to give the floor to Christian.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): I believe. Christian, very nice to see you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): From the permanent mission of Switzerland to the UN. Christian. You have the floor.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): Thank you very much, ambassador. I'm glad to be here and and thank you for organizing this session. We have already shared a number of detailed comments in writing with you. So I'll limit my intervention here, and more high level points and apologies if I go a little bit beyond the topic of capacity building here. But let me start by expressing my delegation sincere gratitude also to you co-facilitators, for your steadfast leadership in guiding the with this process.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): and your commitment to transparency and inclusivity, exemplified also by the establishment of the multi stakeholder sounding board has been instrumental in fostering trust and collaboration amongst all stakeholders, and we encourage you to continue in that same vein.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): As we approach this critical milestone, we believe the wiss plus 20 outcome document must reaffirm the enduring vision of a people-centered, inclusive and development oriented Information

society, while also aligning with newer ambitions, such as the Global digital, Compact. 20 years after the original summit. We recognize the profound progress made in connecting communities, advancing digital cooperation and leveraging technologies for sustainable development.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): We must also confront new challenges from artificial intelligence to deepening digital divides with the same spirit of multi-stakeholder solidarity that defined wissis

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): to ensure a focused and productive review. We underscore the importance of building an established consensus rather than relitigating settled issues, we should reaffirm the foundational outcomes of wises plus 20, and the Gdc. Drawing, where appropriate on agreed language from relevant UN resolutions, substantive discussions, or to prioritize emerging challenges and opportunities not fully addressed in early frameworks, ensuring wisis plus 20 remains, both forward-looking and actionable

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): and implementation must be our shared priority.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): Strengthening

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): the wisis framework will require revitalized mechanisms such as an updated Ongis and more strategic role for the Cstd and the Igf mentioned many times in earlier interventions as well as streamlined wisis forum focused on tangible outcomes.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): We further propose exploring practical tools like a Wysus help desk to support capacity building

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): by avoiding duplication and fostering system-wide coherence.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): we can translate principles into measurable progress, which is

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): why we joined the Cstd call for joint implementation roadmap to harmonize Gdc. Commitments into Wisi's architecture, as it has also been confirmed just this morning by the Ecosoc, and many of my colleagues have also mentioned this idea.

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Christian Schlaepfer (Switzerland): So in closing, we urge all delegations to approach wiss plus 20 with ambition and flexibility, and we hope we can deliver an outcome that not only honors, whistles, legacy, but also equips the



international community to harness digital technologies as true enablers of the Sdgs. And I'll close with that. Thank you very much.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Christiane, for your contribution. I now give the floor to Kayode Oyeyemi from the Africa. ICT. Alliance. You have the floor.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Thank you so much. Ambassadors, your Excellencies. My name is Kayode Oyeyemi, the senior program officer for Ficta Africa City Alliance representing the Africa private sector with a vision to fulfill the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: I am honored to speak on capacity building a critical enabler for Africa's digital transformation, Africa is a continent of immense potential with a young and dynamic population. Yet to fully announce this potential, we must invest in building relevant digital skills. According to the World Bank 2023,

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Kayode Oyeyemi: 230 million jobs in sub-saharan Africa will require visitor skill by 2030, yet less than 10% of African youth receive former ICT training compared to over 50% in Europe.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: we advocate for scalable capacity building programs focused on youth. We have seen a lot of initiative targeted towards youth, but when it comes to women I think we need to do more an example of initiative. We can take a cue from? Is she code that is transforming a lot of lives in Nigeria, and we must not leave behind the underserved communities. And when we are executing all these initiatives. I pray that we deliver them through public private partnership.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: We urge all stakeholders to support industry-aligned training in emerging technologies. This could include reskilling workforces and offering globally recognized certification. To make Africa's talent competitive, worldwide

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Kayode Oyeyemi: capacity building must also prioritize localized digital content and language inclusivity to ensure no community is left behind. According to Ifc, which is international finance, cooperation 2022, 40 million out of about 100 million Msmes in Africa lack access to digital tools limiting their market reach. Therefore.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Msmes, which are the backbone of African economies, need targeted training to leverage e-commerce digital finance and online market effectively.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: We also advocate for national annual basis review to factor in process and progress on capacity development across relevant digital sector which would also help in tracking progress in the realization of the Sdgs.

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Kayode Oyeyemi: Africa, with a population of about 1.5 billion people, is a home to around 100 million Msmes that collectively create jobs for over 300 million people. Yet more than 40 million of these Msmes

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Kayode Oyeyemi: 40% have little or no digital integration in their operations. Now imagine the transformative impact if technology were fully embraced across these businesses. Finally, we call on relevant stakeholders to strengthen partnership between Africa's private sector and global development partners established regional center of excellence

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Kayode Oyeyemi: and adopt measurable frameworks to track progress together, we can build Africa's digital future and empower our people for meaningful participation in the global digital economy. Thank you. All.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, coyote, for those contributions.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): And now give the floor to Dheeraj Radput from the Indian Ministry of Electronics, and it.

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Dheeraj Rajput: Thank you for. Thank you for giving me the floor. I am Deer Rajput. I am representing Ministry of Electronics and it government of India, India, welcome this dialogue, and is pleased to contribute our reflection on capacity building as an essential driver of People center inclusive information society within the business plus 20 region.

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Dheeraj Rajput: India wishes to weaken Vegan India visit, so we can

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Dheeraj Rajput: begin by acknowledging that the element paper give much needed attention to the theme of capacity building.

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Dheeraj Rajput: We see this as a positive step, recognizing the importance of skill and knowledge development

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Dheeraj Rajput: which enable meaningful participation of in the Information Society. At the same time, we believe there is a scope to strengthen this aspect in business plus 20 vision. In this regard we prefer the following priority actions

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Dheeraj Rajput: number one, capacity building and digital literacy must be treated as a center pillar of business. Excel

line, not as a complementary activity in our submission for the business element paper. We have emphasized that need for targeted digital literacy program for rural

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Dheeraj Rajput: and tribal community, for personal with disability and for the regional language speaker, which, addresses the issue of economic barriers to the participation

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Dheeraj Rajput: number 3, structure, internship and fellowship program should be a nurture to end

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Dheeraj Rajput: in to create a pipeline of future ready leaders ensuring that business action line are guided by and inform and empowered next generation. In this context we we also wish to highlight India's your idea, which has become a vibrant platform bringing young voices into regional and global

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Dheeraj Rajput: governance dialogue. 4, th we believe that open knowledge bases, data set and multi-stakeholder platform can be commerized.

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Dheeraj Rajput: Expertise and position capacity building as a cross cutting enabler

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Dheeraj Rajput: business plus 20 is an opportunity to in embed a scale level model into global framework, linking them to measurable outcome.

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Dheeraj Rajput: ensuring that capacity building remains a clear legacy outcome of business plus 20

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Dheeraj Rajput: which allow us to move beyond connectivity toward meaningful.

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Dheeraj Rajput: empowered participation for all. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share this reflection. Thank you very much.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Dhiraj Radput, for your contribution. I would now like to give the floor to bear

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Guevara from net Nation news.

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Bea Guevarra: Thank you. Hi, everyone.

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Bea Guevarra: Hi, everyone. I'm Bea. I'm the head of program development of netmissionasia. Speaking on behalf of the Asia Pacific Youth and the netmission community. It's past midnight where I am, and I'm number 78. So we're going strong. I'm grateful to be here. I'm also a little nervous because of the 3Â min on the clock. But also it's not every day that young people get the mic in global spaces like this. And when platforms like whistles plus 20 give youth space. We show up even past midnight because we know how much this moment matters.

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Bea Guevarra: Earlier this month we hosted the Apac youth with cis plus 20 webinar series to create more spaces for youth across the Asia Pacific region to share their insights and help shape this process together.

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Bea Guevarra: So what I'm about to share reflects the perspectives captured in the Apac youth with this plus 20 statement, which is still live and evolving with input from more young people in our region.

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Bea Guevarra: Now for many of us across the Apac region, capacity building isn't just about digital literacy or training sessions. It's about opening doors to opportunity leadership and long-term inclusion. Right now, youth are being trained but rarely trusted. We're asked for, input but not given real roles. We call for capacity building that is localized and multilingual. So people actually see themselves in the digital world, we're building that includes investing in local language content and AI models that reflect our communities.

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Bea Guevarra: Capacity building can stop at just digital skills. It needs to go beyond the basics to include policy, governance and rights-based training that way. Youth aren't just users. We become shapers of the digital future, put us in policy labs, advisory boards and real decision-making spaces. And it's not just individuals who need this growth

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Bea Guevarra: institution and public servants. Grassroots also need the tools to keep pace with tech, especially when navigating fast evolving areas like AI. And most importantly, it must be resourced through fellowships, mentorships, microgrants, and paid opportunities. If we want meaningful capacity building, we have to resource it properly, so that participation leads to empowerment and not burnout.

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Bea Guevarra: If young people are already building solutions in their communities, the least we can do is to support them, maybe through funding visibility, or even just believing in them, because at the end of the day education is the most important investment we can make for ourselves and for the future.

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Bea Guevarra: We also want to highlight something in the Elements paper that youth are mentioned once as part of the list of stakeholder groups, which is a good start. But there's currently no standalone section that explores the specific roles, challenges or potentials of young people.

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Bea Guevarra: For me. I think it's a missed opportunity because youth bring a unique perspective as both digital natives and future leaders.

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Bea Guevarra: We're not asking for special treatment. We understand that other marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities, indigenous communities, and the Lgbtqia plus voices are also underrepresented. But what we're asking for is a dedicated space, even just a small section that outlines how youth can be more meaningfully included in implementation, governance and decision making. Youth can't just be an afterthought in the digital future.

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Bea Guevarra: because capacity building isn't just about the present. It's not just about helping people. Now, it's about intergenerational accountability that means building systems that empower this generation while creating space and in support for the next, I'm speaking up as a youth today, so that one day I can help create the space and support for the youth to come after me. I hope you can all connect and collaborate and keep this momentum going, and I hope everyone's doing well. And a huge shout out to the wisis plus 20 team. Thank you so much.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much. Bear good to see you, and thank you for your contributions. I would now like to give the floor to Alexey

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): traffic, calling from Icann, Alexey, you have the floor.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: Good afternoon, Ambassador Yanina, Ambassador locally excellencies and esteemed colleagues. I can appreciate the opportunity to share our contributions to the elements, paper and insights that could hopefully inform the 0 draft of the Wsis plus 20 outcome document

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Alexey Trepykhalin: on Internet governance. Icann encourages the 0 graph to reflect the evolution of the Internet and the multi-stakeholder model of governance. Since there was it summits in Geneva and in Tunisia, and to recognize the achievements of the multi-stakeholder approach.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: This model has played a central role in ensuring the stable and secure functioning of the Internet's technical infrastructure rather than reverting to the legacy language. The 0 draft should reflect the Internet's continued success, enabled by 20 years of multi-stakeholder cooperation and contributions from all communities, and the need to sustain and strengthen that foundation.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: The elements paper already recognized that all stakeholders, including the technical community, have an indispensable role in achieving wiss outcomes.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: We hope that the 0 draft will use language that builds on and is consistent with the wiss plus 10 outcome document and the global digital compact.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: The Gdc has recognized that the Internet governance must continue to be global and multi-stakeholder in nature, with full involvement of all stakeholders.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: The Gdc. Also states that the Internet must be open global, interoperable, stable and secure.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: The Gdc acknowledged the Internet governance Forum as the primary multi-stakeholder platform for discussion of Internet governance issues. The Igf's mandate enables it to evolve with the Internet and the technologies that are facilitated by and built on top of the Internet. As such, the Wisa's implementation beyond 2025 should leverage this existing and mature assembly

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Alexey Trepykhalin: to remain fit for purpose. The Igf requires sustainable resources, a strengthened mandate, and the ability to produce actionable outcomes. Therefore, in addition to extending the mandate of the Igf. I can hope that the 0 draft examines practical approaches to strengthen the Igf for the future. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Alexei, for your contribution. I would like to give the floor now to Judith Hellerstein from the Igf Dynamic coalition

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): on accessibility and disabilities.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Judith, you have the floor.

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Judith Hellerstein: Thank you so much to the ambassadors from Albania and Kenya, the 2 plus 20 co-facilitators, and also to the informal multi-stakeholder sounding board for holding this important consultation. My name is Judith Hellerstein, and I will be speaking as one of the 2 coordinators of the Igf dynamic coalition on accessibility and disability.

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Judith Hellerstein: The position of Igfdcat is that, despite the years of advocacy, the digital divide facing persons with disability is only mentioned tangentially throughout the wiss plus 20 elements. Paper persons with disabilities are one of the largest minorities. Unfortunately, when it comes to their participation in Internet governance discussions, their number is extremely small. What does this mean?

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Judith Hellerstein: This means that in the 20 years of Igf discussions, although every Igf has had sessions and discussions on persons with disabilities, few persons with disabilities actually participate in these discussions, and even fewer actually come in person to the Igf.

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Judith Hellerstein: I pose this question, are we building the capacities in the right manner is this something else we can do?

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Judith Hellerstein: What do we need to change this?

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Judith Hellerstein: We need to change the mindset, not just of the people coming to the Internet governance events, but also to the organizers of these events. We need to increase the awareness of everyone involved in creating and producing the knowledge in a way where it is made accessible for people who access the knowledge differently. So the question that these knowledge producers need to ask themselves is whether that knowledge will be accessible to persons with disability or not.

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Judith Hellerstein: What we have said in our comments to the Almond's paper and what we are saying today, and we hope that the co-facilitators better understand is that it's essential to fund and develop accessible training materials co-created with people with lived experience, disability set diversity targets for disability, representation and leadership, including in the Igf Mag

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Judith Hellerstein: create mentorship pathways for persons with disabilities leveraging the lived experience of disability to inform leadership, development and participation, Internet governance and integrate disability indicators into capacity, building monitoring frameworks. The wiss plus 20 review presents a historic opportunity to move beyond tokenism and enshrine digital accessibility at the heart of a truly inclusive information. Society

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Judith Hellerstein: without explicit commitments and concrete actions for persons with disabilities and without the active leadership of people of lived experience with disability.

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Judith Hellerstein: Vision of the universal, meaningful, and affordable access cannot be realized. As one of the coordinators of the Igf Dcad. I urge the coast facilitators and all stakeholders to ensure that accessibility and the inclusion of people with disability are not afterthoughts, but they are core priorities reflected throughout the wizards, plus 20

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Judith Hellerstein: outcome documents and the future mandate of the Igf. Only by doing so can we build a multi-stakeholder inclusive governance model that serves the needs of all people and sets a precedent for equitable global digital policymaking. Thank you so much for allowing me the time to make the statement.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much for your statement, Jodith.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I would now like to give the floor to Tinuade Oguntuni from information, connectivity, solutions, Limited.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Chinoa day. You have the floor.

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Tinuade Oguntuyi: Thank you so much, Ambassador. Thank you to the

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Tinuade Oguntuyi: For making this informal stakeholder consultation

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Tinuade Oguntuyi: on the elements paper possible. I'm wearing 2 connectivity solutions limited, and also as the founder of Tina, the Foundation. I know that a lot have been said on the paragraph 81, which is the invitation for ideas and reflections on how to strengthen capacity.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Generally we seem to have challenges with hearing you, if you can please. Tinoda, are you there?

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Oh, sorry! It seems we've lost her

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): chinoa day.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Okay, let me give the floor to Winnie Kamau. If you're ready, Winnie, from the Association of Freelance Journalists.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): and then we'll come back to Tim one day if she's able to reconnect when you have the floor.

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Winnie Kamau: Thank you very much. Thank you. Ambassador. Swell, Janina and ambassador, and all stakeholders



present, and all protocols, observed, my name is Vinnie Kamau, and I bring you greetings from the association of Preloc journalists.

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Winnie Kamau: Here in Kenya, from winter, Kenya. We're currently facing a small winter, and I'm also the current vice chair of the Africa mug. That's the multi stakeholder Advisory Group for the for Africa.

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Winnie Kamau: And I'm honored to contribute in this consultation.

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Winnie Kamau: we know that while infrastructure in many regions have improved meaningful digital participation still lacks, especially in sub-saharan Africa. And I believe that capacity building needs to move beyond just training. It should focus on empowering communities to truly influence, manage and gain from this digital era. And we look at the from the elements paper

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Winnie Kamau: would like to to be strengthened in 3 ways. And that is

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Winnie Kamau: capacity building needs to be localized and context driven. Looking at the institutionalization of the national and regional initiatives that are in different countries, and making sure that this is able to cascade down to all the initiatives that are all that are get throughout the Igf

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Winnie Kamau: and also looking at the capacity building needs to be localized and looking at the

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Winnie Kamau: at incorporating local languages and cultural values, translating the technical language of the Igf into easily understandable terms for a general audience and the media in storytelling we also urge explicit for explicit inclusion of media and civil society, youth and women in indigenous groups, who are often overlooked, yet critical in building resilience and inclusive digital ecosystems.

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Winnie Kamau: And we also understand 1 3 recommendations that we would like to give. Is that we require long term sustainable investment, that poster institutionalization of

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Winnie Kamau: the ecosystems in the Igf programs and the digital literacy initiatives that are currently happening in the different regions and also in the different national programs that are happening within the Igf ecosystem.

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Winnie Kamau: We also would like to prioritize the capacity of governance. Looking at data governance not only digital

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Winnie Kamau: language, but also looking at data governance, AI ethics, cyber security and digital rights literacy, so that communities can influence and hold accountable the systems that shape our lives correctly. And thirdly, empowering independent media grassroots, innovators

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Winnie Kamau: and civic actors with resources is vital for building trust and accountability. The ability to tell our stories and ask critical questions. So even as we co-create solutions is important and should be pushed even in the Nris that are currently active.

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Winnie Kamau: And also we need to have, like even

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Winnie Kamau: an audit of the ones who are working well, and the the ones who are lagging behind and boost the capacity of each and every nri that we have that are working. And then in closing. I'd like to say that this opportunity to redefine

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Winnie Kamau: capacity building in the Ycs. Plus 20. It's moving beyond a top-down transfer of knowledge to embrace a collective process of empowerment. Our commitment should be to foster a future where every nation, community, and individual, is equipped not only to utilize technology, but also to actively shape its development.

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Winnie Kamau: Thank you very, very much.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Yeah, thank you very much, Winnie. For those contributions. And please convey my regards and those of Ambassador Yanina to everyone back home in Kenya.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Yeah, you're you're welcome.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I can see we've got Tinuaday back now. Sorry we lost you for a bit, but please welcome and continue with your intervention.

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TinuadeOguntuyi: Thank you so much, Ambassador. Thank you so much. Yeah, I had a disconnection. Okay? So I was trying to answer to the invitation for ideas and reflections on how to strengthen capacity building. And I wanted to just quickly point out that as a founder of a capacity building institution, which is, of course, is a not-for-profit. We need to begin to rethink capacity

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TinuadeOguntuyi: beyond just technical assistance. You can see in the paragraph 77. The document was referencing like a donor recipient kind of relationship where you have things like technology transfer or technical assistance. But everybody on this call we agree with me that the African continent largely when it comes to mobile money, as

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TinuadeOguntuyi: at least as a very good example, we have done a lot, meaning that this can be replicated. Even in some other things

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TinuadeOguntuyi: we should not just see capacity building as something. We, just because intervention does not cut across the same way. We have a number of people, especially when we do interventions at the foundation. We go to some places, and you have number of people captured in this intervention, which are even people in school. But we have a number of out of schools that also need to be part of this versus plus 20 process, because without

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TinuadeOguntuyi: dealing with this too much with the emergence of artificial intelligence and other technologies that I imagine it is now widening the gap rather than closing it. So we begin to see that Africans especially, should be taken as co-creators, not just consumers, and that is a mindset

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TinuadeOguntuyi: in how we build capacity. We should not just do the aid style where we say, Oh, we want to bring this knowledge to Africans like we don't have something authentic to ourselves. We also have something authentic, but it needs to be seen in a way that is not just a generic capacity target just for compliance sake or to tick the boxes. It needs to be seen like, okay, these people are also co-creators.

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TinuadeOguntuyi: Let's see down what you have. What have you been doing before? And I think capacity meeting should not just be seen in a way that we make a technology inclined alone. Creativity is part of what helps us to solve our problems. So when we get such assistance in that regard, it begins to help. Digital literacy is framed

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TinuadeOguntuyi: in the Whiss Elements paper more like like he's portraying

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TinuadeOguntuyi: reliability on information alone, instead of seeing it from the lens and the uniqueness of the global South bringing us into leadership. I liked, when somebody was speaking earlier and said something about when you train you can train people for as much as you like. But are you training them to come in to occupy leadership?

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TinuadeOguntuyi: Which is what the capacity building should actually produce. When we come to the Igf, we come to all of these programs, and we are able to bring to fore what really affects us. Let me quickly jump to paragraph 81 which is calling for the interventions.

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TinuadeOguntuyi: please.

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TinuadeOguntuyi: So we had to position it as an instrument of detailed self-determination, acknowledging that from this part of the world, especially global South, we also have something to bring table, and this target should be such

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TinuadeOguntuyi: that will tailor to it. We should elevate local innovations for global norms, so that we will begin to see what we can create. Then such

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TinuadeOguntuyi: appropriate intervention in court begins to apply, and it begins to make a lot of sense. We should invest also in political capacity, because they will say that culture will swallow strategy for breakfast. Not until we are very deliberate in targeting what the political norms is affecting the capacity building objectives. We will not be able to get there

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TinuadeOguntuyi: also ground literacy and creativity ethics, community resilience is more than technical. Know-how. We need to see our people. We need to know that capacity is not a gap to be filled, but a force to be unleashed. Thank you so much.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Tinuade, for your contributions, and

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I think that was the last speaker for this section. Now, I'd like us to move to the next, and that is the section on monitoring and measurement.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): And to start us off, I would like to give the floor to Rashi Gupta from the center for development of advanced computing.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): rushing of the floor.

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Rashi Gupta: Police officers move my body.

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Rashi Gupta: And now.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Rashi, you might have to turn up your volume. We can't hear you.

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Rashi Gupta: Am I audible now?

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): No, it's very faint.

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Rashi Gupta: Am I audible now?

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Yeah, that's better. Yeah. Now we can hear you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Please go ahead.

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Rashi Gupta: Thank you for this opportunity. I am Rashi Gupta, representing Center for development of advanced computing India.

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Rashi Gupta: We welcome the emphasis in paragraphs 82 to 84 of the elements paper

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Rashi Gupta: on the central role of data in identifying challenges, formulating solutions and ensuring accountability as we advance towards sustainable development goals. We also note the acknowledgement that no global targets were set beyond 2015 for the Information Society. However, we note with concern that the articulation of targets and milestones beyond 2015 has lagged specificity. While several international agencies

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Rashi Gupta: these have adopted goals on meaningful and affordable connectivity.

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Rashi Gupta: The element paper document does not indicate which agencies have done so, the nature of these targets, and how they align with vsis objectives. So for greater transparency and benchmarking, we urge that 0 draft includes a consolidated mapping of post 2,015 global targets, with references to the adopting bodies, so that these can be harmonized within the vsis 20 framework

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Rashi Gupta: from our perspective. One of the persistent challenges in implementing the Vsis framework has been the inadequacy of robust, harmonized and user-friendly mechanisms for data collection reporting and progress assessment.

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Rashi Gupta: So the wide scope of the visas action lines is appreciated.

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Rashi Gupta: But the absence of the unified and accessible interface for diverse stakeholders limits timely inputs, transparency and accountability. So there is also a significant gap in domain, specific, quantifiable indicators. For example, in areas such as

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Rashi Gupta: AI readiness, digital inclusion and capacity building.

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Rashi Gupta: Without such structured measurement it becomes difficult to evaluate the impact of our collective initiatives or to make course corrections. So we therefore emphasize the importance of creating a transparent, interoperable.

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Rashi Gupta: and participatory global framework that draws inspiration from the existing UN and Itu indicators and introduces a domain specific metrics for emerging areas. Such a system must facilitate comprehensive and inclusive data gathering enable evidence-based digital policymaking and empower all stakeholders, including developing countries to measure progress and adapt strategies in a timely manner.

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Rashi Gupta: We therefore urge that monitoring and measurement becomes a core pillar of vsis plus 20 outcomes, ensuring that our vision is not only aspirational but also measurable, and the next phase of the Information Society is inclusive, evidence-based, and accountable.

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Rashi Gupta: Thank you. That was all. From my side.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Rashi, for your contributions. I now give the floor to Israel Rosas from the Internet society, Israel, you have the floor.

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Israel Rosas: Thank you, your Excellency.

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Israel Rosas: The Internet society appreciates the opportunity to participate in this consultation. 20 years ago only 16% of the world was online

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Israel Rosas: today, it's nearly 70%. That's 4.5 billion more people with access to the Internet and the ability to create and communicate across the world.

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Israel Rosas: although the Internet and the way people use it have evolved the wizi's framework and its action lines have proven remarkably adaptable and remain the foundation for ongoing development

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Israel Rosas: advances, such as cloud computing, smartphones, instant messaging. Even AI built on this shared framework.

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Israel Rosas: Thanks to the collaborative implementation by all stakeholders, these action lines have extended connectivity, enabled access and facilitated sustainable development.

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Israel Rosas: At the heart of these achievements lies a multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance, which is also the core of how the Internet has been built and is operating. Nowadays

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Israel Rosas: it is vital that the 0 draft ensures an ongoing commitment to this multi-stakeholder model

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Israel Rosas: for 2 decades. The Internet Governance Forum, an outcome of Wisi's has successfully served as the world's prime primary multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue on Internet governance issues and an indispensable element for implementing the Wisi's action lines.

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Israel Rosas: the Ief. And more than 180 regional nationals of regional and youth, ief. Initiatives have fostered meaningful information exchange

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Israel Rosas: shared understanding and opportunities to advance solutions which have contributed to real world change.

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Israel Rosas: Therefore, the 0 draft should also reaffirm a permanent mandate with sustainable funding for the Internet Governance Forum under its current bottom-up and multi-stakeholder approach

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Israel Rosas: the Whiss action lines have accommodated the vast range of technological developments that have occurred to date, making the wizi's framework the natural platform for addressing emerging issues through strengthening implementation and genuine multi-stakeholder collaboration.

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Israel Rosas: There is no need to reinvent the wheel the 0 draft should commit to addressing new challenges by

strengthening the implementation of the wiz's action lines rather than creating new action lines

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Israel Rosas: further with multiple processes. Now addressing digital development, ensuring coherence among them under a cohesive framework, is more important than ever.

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Israel Rosas: Hence we insist that the 0 draft clearly recognizes the the vital importance of the multi-stakeholder model in realizing the Wisi's vision and the and the Gdc commitments under a unified implementation roadmap.

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Israel Rosas: Finally, we urge the 0 draft to follow the approach outlined in paragraphs, one to 3 of the Wisi's plus 10 outcome document and reaffirm commitments to the Wiss vision. The Geneva declaration of principles. The Geneva plan of action and its action lines, the Tunis commitment and the Tunis agenda, along with the values and principles of multi-stakeholder cooperation and engagement

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Israel Rosas: the outcome of the Wizard Review is our bridge to the Internet. We all envision open, trusted, and truly for everyone. The choices we make today will shape that future for generations to come. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Israel, for your contributions. I would now like to give the floor to Dana Kramer from the young digital leaders of Canada. Dana, you have the floor.

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Dana Cramer: Excellencies. Thank you for having me today. My name is Dana Kramer, and I coordinate the Canada youth, Internet Governance Forum and lead a youth nonprofit, called the young digital leaders of Canada. I am also part of the Wisis youth caucus which this youth caucus submitted feedback to the elements paper, and can be found at wisisyouthcaucus.org. Some of our other members have been speakers in various capacities in today's session.

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Dana Cramer: A key element I want to. Highlight is the measurement of youth engagement in various wisis initiatives and their outcomes. Historically, youth have not been recognized within various information. Society initiatives, instead, receiving a tokenized role in their inclusion.

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Dana Cramer: Meaningful inclusion of youth in this space includes bringing youth into the collaborative multi-stakeholder governance fold, ensuring they are equal contributors to other stakeholder groups, such as governments, the private sector, civil society, technologists, academics, and other groups still emerging

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Dana Cramer: youth have proven. They are at the forefront of making meaningful digital impact, however, do not receive this recognition. We are therefore advocating for youth, participation, and engagement to become a metric, to track along each of the Wisa's action lines



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Dana Cramer: by tracking youth engagement. This would create an incentive for various agencies, and Fora to include youth within their multi-stakeholder approaches to achieving an equitable digital society for us all by ensuring this meaningful youth engagement through metric tracking. This will help in the design of digital initiatives that will safeguard this critical digital infrastructure for equitable use by future generations.

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Dana Cramer: With this metric, however, we need to define who is a youth. The UN. And various Member States have a plethora of definitions for youth. The UN. Broadly includes 15 to 24 years old for statistical purposes, but also have youth initiatives, including youth, up to 2728, 30, and 35 years old.

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Dana Cramer: As a youth, Atlas project a key text in youth, Internet governance notes defining youth as 18 to 35 is beneficial as it encompasses a wide range used by countries. We would also encourage the 0 draft to separate language from young people to children and youth. This would parallel other agreed language, such as resolution 72, 1, 55

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Dana Cramer: children would be considered as those under 18, and we advocate for youth to be considered as those 18 to 35.

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Dana Cramer: By separating out the broad young people. Terminology used in the elements paper and using engagement with children and youth as a metric. This would allow organizations not to risk liability issues, such as in publishing names or images of children which is illegal in certain jurisdictions, but including those youth over the age of 18, as part of this metric, to ensure the representation of young people broadly thank you for your consideration today.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Dana, for your contributions. I think that was the last confirmed speaker for that section.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I would like us to move to the next section. That is a follow up and review

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): and give the flow to Sebastian.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Sebastian Bacolet from the Internet Society, Isoc, France. Sebastian, you have the floor.

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Sebastien Bachollet: Hello! I am Sebastien Vachelat, and on behalf on Internet society, France. I would like to thank the co-facilitator for the opportunity to provide feedback on some aspect of the whizzes plus 20 review element paper.

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Sebastien Bachollet: So with this was a key step in the development of the Internet following on from the Itf and Icann, as well as numerous regional and national efforts.

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Sebastien Bachollet: It is important to emphasize that with this goal of digital inclusion and development must remain at the heart of the 0 draft as well as the construction of an inclusive and trustworthy digital society.

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Sebastien Bachollet: Today's Internet is used by everyone.

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Sebastien Bachollet: The factor for success of the Internet openness.

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Sebastien Bachollet: global reach, the use of open and interoperable standards and its decentralized nature.

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Sebastien Bachollet: Internet governance has practiced

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Sebastien Bachollet: from more than 20 years in all its diversity, from Icann to Ietf, from the global Idf to local ones, like the French Idf is also essential to the development of the Internet and its legitimacy for users and other stakeholders.

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Sebastien Bachollet: Nri's are a key success for the Igf enabling Internet governance discussion at the local level capacity building and increasing the most needed diversity online culturally and linguistically.

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Sebastien Bachollet: So. Rapid digital transformation since then has also brought new challenges and exacerbated digital divide

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Sebastien Bachollet: among the difficulties encountered the digital divide, and the many form it can take, including an usage divide.

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Sebastien Bachollet: and it was underlined by some of the previous speaker, has been an obstacle that must be taken into account. Strengthening cultural diversity and linguistic diversity on the Internet is paramount and must be included in the document.

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Sebastien Bachollet: We would like to focus on certain points that we believe are essential to highlight on Internet governance. Paragraph 59 states that the governance of the Internet should be multilateral, and so on and so forth. And

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Sebastien Bachollet: it is our firm belief, backed by practice, that Internet governance should be multi-stakeholder, not multilateral in order to ensure the inclusion of non-governmental stakeholders and to be able to hear the diversity of voice of stakeholders.

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Sebastien Bachollet: So Sao Paulo, declaration net module and net module plus 10

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Sebastien Bachollet: is an important input to be taken into account.

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Sebastien Bachollet: So with this plus 20 element paper further states that Atf has become an established forum for discussion and its importance of the primary multi-stakeholder platform for discussion of Internet governance issue has been recognized.

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Sebastien Bachollet: Yes, this recognition. It's important. But we need a significant of the Forum, and it should receive international recognition and solid funding to assure the sustainability of its work.

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Sebastien Bachollet: It must not be a competition with just position of other body, because this will only weaken the Forum objective and multi stakeholder model.

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Sebastien Bachollet: We support the renewal of the continuation of the Igf

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Sebastien Bachollet: I will stop almost here, and if I can dream to allow the next discussion to be open to various language, it's trans. A UN setup is just in English. Thank you again for this opportunity to for Internet society, France, to participate to this discussion and ready to be part of the future of Internet governance. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Sebastian, for your contributions.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I would now like to give the floor to Elizabeth Beckham from the public interest. Registry.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Elizabeth, you have the floor.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Thank you, Excellency. It's a pleasure to be with all of you today. I appreciate the opportunity. My name is Elizabeth Bacon, and I'm with the public interest registry. We are the operators of the.org top level domain. And I'm speaking today also as a member of the technical community coalition for multi-stakeholderism or Tecm.

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Elizabeth Bacon: we're a group of aligned members of the Internet technical community along with a long history of involvement with the multi-stakeholder Internet governance community.

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Elizabeth Bacon: Our role as members of the Internet's technical community is to operate the infrastructure that supports the Internet's core functionality. An open, global, secure, resilient and interoperable Internet is a crucial foundation for human development, innovation and progress.

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Elizabeth Bacon: We appreciate the opportunity very much to participate in the stakeholder consultation today and offer our contributions to the Elements paper, and especially note our thanks to the President of the General Assembly, the co-facilitators, and the Secretariat for your work. Thus far in the review process. It's been exemplary, and we appreciate all the steps you've taken to open it to more multi-stakeholder process, specific to the Internet governance and

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Elizabeth Bacon: follow up and review aspects of the Elements paper. We note that critical to contributing to efficient and effective progress towards an inclusive information, society is dedication to diligent measurement of participation funding outcomes and impact of the work of the Igf national and regional initiatives, policy networks, best practices for a dynamic coalitions, and that includes how their work contributes to the progress on the goals of the Wisis action lines.

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Elizabeth Bacon: The Igf's international internal structures should be empowered to review their functioning and develop new mechanisms as required through a process of constant review and monitoring.

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Elizabeth Bacon: The Gdc. Recognized the Igf as the primary multi-stakeholder platform for discussion of Internet governance issues and the Wisis plus 20 review should prevent the duplication of Igf's purpose, scope, and activities. As the Igf has the agility and institutional strength to address issues relating to digital governance and Gdc. Implementation.

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Elizabeth Bacon: We believe that measuring and monitoring the work of the Igf will allow the Igf community to more accurately accurately report on the contributions made by the community's work, but also identify where we can more effectively and efficiently work

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Elizabeth Bacon: providing data-driven analysis can identify those areas where efficiencies in planning and execution and follow up can be made

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Elizabeth Bacon: along with measurement providing a data-driven approach and planning and to planning and evaluating the work of the Igf. A more strategic approach to engagement between the yearly Igfs to encourage continuous progress towards identified goals is key to getting the full value of the investment in the Igf.

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Elizabeth Bacon: We believe the Igf is key to discussing a broad spectrum of Internet governance issues, identifying emerging themes and priorities. However, reviewing the organizational aspects of the Igf. Could allow us to work for work, to flow more continuously through the annual event to the enterprise and other dynamic coalitions, etc, maximizing

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Elizabeth Bacon: the investment in the Igf. We urge Member States to consider and support these approaches, to maximize the impact of the Igf and thank you very much for the opportunity to contribute to this important process.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Elizabeth, for your contribution. I would now like to give the floor to Avery Doria from

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): technicalities, Avery, you have the floor.

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avri doria: Thank you to start. I thank the co-facilitators for creating this opportunity to contribute.

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avri doria: My name is Avery Dorian. So many important things have already been said. And yet I want to make 4 basic suggestions for the 0 paper

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avri doria: one. Please resolve the enhanced cooperation conundrum without the continuing disruption and confusion

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avri doria: as a former participant in the 1st working group. On enhanced cooperation, I point out that there are frequent efforts to enhance the cooperation between multilateral and multi-stakeholder processes. For example, these consultations.

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avri doria: some of the efforts have been successful.

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avri doria: These efforts need to be nurtured and expanded. They are the enhanced cooperation that we need.

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avri doria: Second, please understand the global necessity for capacity building and the need to do something concrete about

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avri doria: as the coordinator of schools of Internet. Of this, the coordinator of the digital

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avri doria: of dynamic coalition, of schools, of Internet governance. I want to emphasize that this is an area that the Igf is adept at

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avri doria: capacity building is the essential work that is being done by Igf policy networks and by dynamic coalitions. Among others, this needs to be recognized, coordinated, expanded, and supported with financial support which is necessary in order to do something concrete about capacity building.

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avri doria: 3, rd

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avri doria: please continue to move towards greater and evolved use of Internet-based communication and hybrid models for consultations, deliberations, and meetings in general.

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avri doria: As a participant in the technical community. For over 3 decades I want to argue that in order to become more inclusive and development oriented. More of the world's people need

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avri doria: to have the means to participate in their own governments.

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avri doria: while we still need to close the connectivity gaps. We also need to move beyond connectivity for those connected

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avri doria: to being able to use it for access and participation in all forms of Internet and digital governance.

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avri doria: We cannot all travel to meetings. We cannot all fit into any of the venues or cities, nor should we. Only the Internet can accommodate us all. I appreciate its use on this occasion.

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avri doria: as a participant in the Netmundya processes. I ask that you recall the advice from the Netmundya plus 10 multi-stakeholder statement, also known by several names as the sound parallel guidelines dedicated to multilateral processes in the light of stakeholder realities. The realities of the Internet of pervasive surveillance and data collection of AI of quantum and of other evolving technologies. I quote

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avri doria: multilateral processes need to become more inclusive to ensure the meaningful participation of all stakeholders, especially from the global South.

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avri doria: incorporating diverse voices and multiple worldviews by involving broader stakeholder input can enhance multilateral processes. Better decisions can be achieved, and better delivery of outcomes assured through inclusive processes for adequate deliberation and consensus building.

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avri doria: To achieve these gains, all stakeholders should be empowered to contribute in a meaningful way to all stages of processes, tackling issues of concern

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avri doria: in the spirit of multi-stakeholder principles. Multilateral processes should evolve. It is essential to foster a safe, trustworthy, and fair environment where imbalances between participants are interest.

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avri doria: Governments have a key responsibility to guarantee the conditions for securing diversity and achieving robust multilateral processes.

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avri doria: Please incorporate these guidelines into your work

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avri doria: on the next versions of the paper that will guide us through the ongoing processes. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Avery. For your contribution.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): I would now like to give the floor to swatilal International Internet exchange of India.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Swati. You have the floor.

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Swati Lall: Thank you. Am I audible?

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Yes, you are.

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Swati Lall: Alright. Thank you. Co-facilitators and excellencies. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on the important theme of follow up and review. I am Debra Swatila, a consultant at National Internet Exchange of India.

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Swati Lall: Traditionally, the basis review process has followed a 10 year cycle.

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Swati Lall: providing valuable opportunities for reflection and collective action.

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Swati Lall: However, given the unprecedented speed of technological advancements, a decade, long interval may no longer be adequate.

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Swati Lall: Emerging technologies, such as gen AI facial recognition and sophisticated algorithmic systems are rapidly reshaping digital economies and societies globally.

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Swati Lall: At the same time, innovations in Dpi, including digital identity systems, interoperable digital payment networks and secure data exchange frameworks are transforming the delivery of essential public services, making them more efficient and inclusive.

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Swati Lall: While these advancements offer opportunities for inclusive growth and improved public services, they also pose significant new challenges in areas such as data, governance, cyber security, privacy and maintaining trust in digital systems. This, therefore, necessitates a multi-layer follow-up mechanism

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Swati Lall: at the 1st Level annual progress to comprehensively track implementation by using global indicators which also reflect the unique needs of specific communities and nations designed as per their socioeconomic conditions.

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Swati Lall: This would not only enhance accountability, but also highlight gaps, unmet needs and areas requiring



renewed global attention.

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Swati Lall: Second, a formal midterm review, such as a vsis plus 25 in 2030 would provide a vital checkpoint closely aligned with the UN's review of the Sdgs.

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Swati Lall: This approach ensures coherence between digital development initiatives and broader international development goals, facilitating adjustments to resource, allocation, capacity, building efforts and strategic priorities in a coordinated manner.

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Swati Lall: It is also essential that continuous multi-stakeholder dialogue meaningfully informs formal global visas reviews.

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Swati Lall: To enable this platforms, such as the annual resource forum and the sustainably resourced idea should play a more structured role, not only as spaces for sharing best practices and addressing emerging challenges.

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Swati Lall: but also as channels through which stakeholder insights directly shape review outcomes

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Swati Lall: strengthening coordination between these platforms and the formal Vcs follow-up process will help ensure that policy responses remain grounded, inclusive and responsive to evolving needs.

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Swati Lall: Furthermore, the substantive focus of future follow process must evolve beyond traditional measures of digital access. Evaluating connectivity should now encompass whether individuals have sufficient skills, affordable access to high quality devices, adequate bandwidth and important new digital literacy required to benefit marginally

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Swati Lall: from public services, meaningfully from public services, commerce, education, and innovation, especially in the era of AI and data. Intensive technologies.

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Swati Lall: Equally critical is transparency in monitoring international capacity building efforts such as structured training, financial support and collaborative research partnerships to clearly identify persistent gaps, particularly in the global South

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Swati Lall: to keep the Vsis framework forward looking and responsive annual reviews should also incorporate emerging priorities, such as responsible AI algorithmic governance and green ICT and sustainability in a structured manner.

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Swati Lall: Finally, meaningful multi-stakeholder engagement must remain central to the visas process. Future reviews should ensure consistent and representative participation from civil society, youth, grassroots, communities, the technical community and the private sector.

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Swati Lall: national and regional consultations must be conducted in a timely manner so that their outcomes can inform global deliberations and inputs from national Igfs and other regional fora should also be systematically integrated into the formal review process. That's all from my side. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Swati, for your contributions. I think that brings us to the end of the speakers under that segment.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): However. I know that a few

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): friends were unavailable when it was their turn to speak, and we don't want to leave anyone out, so I understand Jenna Jennifer

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): from net mission. Asia is now available.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Jenna, if you can hear me. Yes.

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Jenna Fung: Yes, I can. Is my audio. Okay?

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Yes, yes, we can hear you. Jenna, you have the floor.

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Jenna Fung: Awesome. Good afternoon. Chairs, colleagues and fellow stakeholders. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in this consultation today. My name is Jenna Fung. I am the program directors of netmissionasia, a digital literacy program for youth in Asia, Pacific. I've worked in the field of Internet governance and youth engagement for over 7 years, and

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Jenna Fung: my focus has always been on ensuring that youth voice, especially from underrepresented community and not only hurt but meaningfully integrated into digital policy processes today I would like to offer comments on

paragraph 82 to 84 under the Monitoring and Measurements section drawing from our latest youth-led report conducted by netmissions. Asia Pacific Policy Observatory

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Jenna Fung: on digital governance, in artificial intelligence in our regions, published this June as well as our regional consultation with youth leaders.

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Jenna Fung: we welcome the recognitions of exponential data growth. But stress that quantity alone is insufficient, especially in the AI era, where youth data is used in opaque ways. Our recent appo analysis reviewed that weak information consists at

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Jenna Fung: consent system and poor transparency in how youth data is harvest for training AI models, deepening trust deficits among younger users. So we call for right-based community-centered data governance with ethical protocols.

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Jenna Fung: desegregated breakdowns, including age, gender disabilities, and youth involvement at every stage of data lifecycle while several agencies have spent post 2,015 targets, we stress connectivity alone is not digital inclusion. Youth in our study reported having Internet access alone, but lacking digital literacy, safe online, safe space

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Jenna Fung: and support to meaningfully participate in digital economies or policy disclosure.

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Jenna Fung: So our findings spotlight that connectivity must be meaningfully defined. It and broadband access is not enough.

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Jenna Fung: And true digital inclusion really depends on literacy, affordability, digital safety and agency.

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Jenna Fung: We also found that AI impact on youth, mental health and online safety through defects, cyberbullying and algorithmic harassment. And we demand a broader suite of matrix that goes beyond connectivity rates. We advocate for new indicator, such as access to digital skills and safe online spaces, youth representation in policy avenue and measures of empowerment through digital tools.

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Jenna Fung: Lastly, it is critical for 0 draft to not only outline proposal on monitoring and measurements, but to embed youth and marginalized group as co-creators, because young people are capable of

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Jenna Fung: capable of contributing to policy evidence. If we are giving space and tool, we propose an inclusive framework that combine quantitative metrics such as percentage youth with safe access, digital literacy rate with

qualitative tools, such as participatory survey lived experience, storytelling and community checkpoints to ensure meaningful progress towards Sdugs. In the digital age.

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Jenna Fung: the Wsis plus 20 process must center youth-led data practices, inclusive connectivity, metrics and participatory monitoring mechanism in a 0 draft.

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Jenna Fung: And that's it for my my speech today. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much. Jennifer greatly appreciated. I would now like to give the floor to pari Esfendai

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): from the global technopolitics Forum Parry. You have the floor.

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Pari Esfandiai: Thank you. Ambassador. I'm Paris Bandiori, representing global technopolitics Forum, a not-for-profit research organization focused at the intersection of technology geopolitics and governance today, I focus on AI. The element paper provides a very positive foundations. But there are conceptual limitations.

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Pari Esfandiai: The paper frames AI largely as a technical development challenge, a matter of capacity gaps to be closed. This misses the larger reality. AI is now a strategic infrastructure of global power. What we face is not just unequal access. But systemic asymmetries is

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Pari Esfandiai: in who gets to shape the rules on the infrastructure and control the knowledge systems that AI encodes without attention to this capacity, building risks becoming a substitute for general agency.

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Pari Esfandiai: There are also normative weaknesses. The paper invoke ethics, but avoids binding commitment to human rights based governance. We need enforceable standards and meaningful oversight on transparency and accountability. Notably the paper avoids even naming surveillance as a systemic risk. This undermines its credibility on privacy and trust.

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Pari Esfandiai: Finally, there are missing dimensions, the most significant being the geopolitical context in which development and governance are unfolding, while the paper notes that AI is concentrated in a few countries, it fails to examine what this means, the rise of a global compute, oligarchy.

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Pari Esfandiai: increasing, block-based governance and regulatory.

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Pari Esfandiai: And so I want to go through through it

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Pari Esfandiai: sorry and regulatory fragmentation. It also fails to address how AI models trained on narrow linguistic and cultural data sets may suppress pluralism and reinforce epistemic centralization.

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Pari Esfandiai: And while multi-stake holder is referring.

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Pari Esfandiai: reaffirm, the paper proposes new mechanism to rebalance power.

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Pari Esfandiai: Where are the ideas for sovereign model validation algorithmic oversight or public interest, AI governance without such structures, multi-stakeholderism risk becoming performative. To conclude the element paper builds a useful base.

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Pari Esfandiai: But it remains rooted in a pre-global digital compact worldview that doesn't reflect the political stakes of the AI in 2025. To move forward we must reframe AI as a ground of power and design governance that prioritize agency over access rights over ethics and justice over process. Thank you very much for the opportunity. Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you, Parry, for your contributions greatly appreciated.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): And now I'd like to give the floor to Sarah Nicole from Project Liberty. Sarah, you have the floor.

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Sarah Nicole: Excellencies, colleagues, and participant. Thank you very much for allowing such a moment for a stakeholder to take the floor and share their reflections and feedback. I am Sarah Nicole, policy and research manager at Project Liberty Institute, an international non-for-profit organization that focuses on giving people a voice choice and stake in their digital life through timely actionable research on digital technology and responsible innovation as well as the stewardship of an open source protocol called Dsnp.

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Sarah Nicole: I'm going to make remarks about AI. But most importantly, about the broader data economy.

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Sarah Nicole: AI is an automation technology, a tool for acceleration and amplification. So naturally, it amplifies the

current structure that strips users controls over their data. It further strengthen a handful company in their dominant roles over digital life.

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Sarah Nicole: So overall AI benefit from the centralization of the web and its few dominant platform to scrap all the data necessary to train its model. In a word, it is very much so. The result of a digital economy that has been in place for over a decade now, and it's now only reinforcing it.

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Sarah Nicole: But also this is just the tip of the iceberg of a dysfunctional data economy that thrived off of opac and biased system with an astonishing lack of accountability.

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Sarah Nicole: So it is fundamental to embed data agency at the core of digital infrastructure, the one that contributes to AI, but also to the rest of the technology

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Sarah Nicole: mandating the use of open source interoperable and decentralized protocol to foster trust and resilience in the digital infrastructure. Solution is no longer an option.

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Sarah Nicole: Data agency is the ability of citizens to have control over their personal data, including how it's used, shared and monetized, ensuring that they have a true voice choice and stake.

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Sarah Nicole: It ensures a true empowerment of citizen. And today data agency can be achieved technically, but it must be embedded in a shared vision and a shared ambition. And we should not limit ourselves to reactive regulation and ticking legal boxes like compliance mechanism to limit the harms. But truly build this proactive and positive vision. We believe that

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Sarah Nicole: adding data agency into the 0 draft. And further document, is it necessary to keep puiss funding vision, to build a people-centered, inclusive and development Oriented Information society? Thank you.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you very much, Sarah, for your contributions.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): colleagues, I think we've come to the end of the list of speakers.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): but we know that we have a few minutes to go, so if you're willing to

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): make your contribution, please feel free to raise your hand, and my colleague, Ambassador Yanina.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): we'll be able to give you an opportunity to contribute, for now I thank you all for your very, very kind contributions. I pass the baton. Now over to my colleague, Ambassador Yanina. I thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you, Ambassador Locale, for cheering up this.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): A very important discussion with our stakeholders.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Now I would kindly follow on the request that you have made to all participants that would like to make a few other remarks

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): to raise their hands.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I see, Alex say.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): asking for the floor. I'll give you the floor, Alexei, and then, if if that's been the case, you know, I know that you have spoken before, but if you'd like to intervene again. We'll give you this opportunity and ask to other colleagues that didn't have this

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): opportunity to speak before. If they would like to intervene, to raise their hand. But meantime, Alex, say, if you'd like to to take the floor, the floor is yours.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: Thank you, Ambassador Yanina, for giving us the floor a second time.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: Icann contributes directly to the list's action lines that promote local content, cultural identity and linguistic diversity.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: We're honored that the internationalized domain names or idns were cited in the Elements paper as helping to make the Internet more multilingual, together with the universal acceptance or Ua program. These efforts

advance a multilingual Internet by ensuring that valid domain. Names and email addresses work across all internet-enabled applications, devices and systems.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: Widespread adoption of Idns and Ua is essential to bridging the digital divide, but also to opening the gateway to the next 1 billion Internet users sustaining language, diversity building trust in the Internet's infrastructure and reducing barriers to access for all communities

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Alexey Trepykhalin: the role of UN agencies who have contributed to the implementation of the Wisis action lines should be recognized and further supported.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: For instance, Itu has done a commendable job in tracking the achievements of and encouraging further wiss implementation, including Wisa's stock, taking through its annual Itu wiss forum. In addition, Unesco recently signed an agreement with Icaann to enhance the linguistic diversity in the digital world to make the Internet more accessible to hundreds of millions of users.

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Alexey Trepykhalin: These examples underscore the value of each component of the multi-stakeholders, governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical and academic communities and international organizations, their distinct roles and ongoing collaboration are essential to sustaining the wsis plus 20 framework and meeting future challenges. Thank you so much.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you. Thank you, Alexei, for this additional input

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): now would like to see if there is any further requests for the floor.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): and I would like to ask the secretary to help me if I'm not seeing anyone, because it seems that

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I don't have further requests.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): So maybe that this means that everyone is satisfied with the time allocated, and opportunity to to speak during this joint

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04:28:42.710 --> 04:28:44.230

H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): consultations.



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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): So now I would like to invite my colleague, Ambassador Locale, to deliver a few closing remarks.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Ambassador locale the floor. I return to you for the closing remarks.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Thank you. Thank you very much, Ambassador Yanina, and thank you all for your active engagement and the thoughtful reflections that you've shared throughout today's consultation.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): It's indeed been a privilege to hear directly from Member States as well as stakeholder representatives from across sectors and regions.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): Your contributions today will inform the drafting of the 0 draft of the oasis plus 20 outcome document

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): which we expect to circulate in approximately a month's time.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): We encourage you to remain closely involved as the process moves forward.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): toward the General Assembly High Level. Meeting this December, I thank you again for your very active contributions.

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Ambassador Ekitela Lokaale (Kenya): and look forward to further engagement in the coming weeks and months. Thank you.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you. May I join also, you ambassador Locale, in thanking everyone for this very rich discussion and productive exchange that we have had around the inputs

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): that we have also been presented by all stakeholders and Member States. Indeed, we have had a very substantial part in in numbers, but also in substance of contributions around 114 in written submissions, which will be made available in the web page of wises, plus 20 process that will be

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): public very soon, the latest next week, but also the transcript and the recording of this consultations that we had a few hours today will be made available very soon, so we'll have

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): a lot of contributions that will feed the discussions. Now it's part of our work. Ambassador Locale, with all the team, the secretariat, and everyone was helped

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): who's helping us our teams at the missions, but also the secretary, Dessa, and all. Everyone engaged in this important process to prepare the 0 draft, and we will very kindly ask everyone to be in touch with us during this period, but also in the later stage, when we will go in the real negotiations of the text, because everyone understands the importance of the process.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): and we are really very much fortunate to have also the sounding board with us

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): today, but also in the next stages, will be very closely working together in order to present this document that hopefully will come to part of being negotiated. Text that will be approved by consensus in December. So

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): again, thank you to everyone for being engaging with us during these hours, and we are looking forward to our future cooperation in the next weeks to come for the review process.

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04:32:24.290 --> 04:32:45.210

H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): I wish from this side of the world that I am. It's it's already evening. So good evening to everyone, and good continuation of the day in New York and in other parts of the world. Thank you very much to everyone for this productive engagement.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): We, we conclude here, and we are looking forward to next consultations in person. In New York.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): the calendar will be very soon made, be public. We are looking together with the Secretariat in order to find the appropriate accommodations in the UN headquarters, so everyone can have the opportunity. Those that can travel, but will also create opportunities for those that cannot join us in person to connect with us in a hybrid format.

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H.E. Suela Janina (Albania): Thank you very much, and a good continuation of the day, and a nice evening to everyone, that is, from the other side of the world.

