



WSIS+20 Interactive Stakeholders Consultation

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Dear all, thank you for this opportunity. My name is Jaqueline Pigatto, I represent Data Privacy Brasil, an organization that is part of the Global South Alliance, the Global Digital Justice Forum, and the Global Digital Rights Coalition for WSIS.

I would like to emphasize a few brief points that my colleagues have already raised, such as the permanent mandate and funding of the IGF, as its coordination with regional and national IGFs; the incorporation of the GDC into the WSIS framework; and the effective implementation of the multistakeholder guidelines from the São Paulo Declaration. Additionally, the language of Human Rights should be reinforced within WSIS, as has already been mentioned.

However, I would like to use my few minutes to draw attention to a central issue of our digital lives: data governance.

Although not explicitly stated, this is a cross-cutting issue within the WSIS action lines and deserves greater recognition in the review process. This also relates to the GDC: in this integration, WSIS could incorporate some of the language updates the GDC presents. Data governance, as we understand it, is not resumed to technical aspects, it refers to a set of structural, strategic, regulatory, and dialogic elements between the local and global levels, to fully realize human and social development capacities across various aspects of the digital economy.

In this sense, initiatives such as the CSTD's working group on data governance are welcome as an opportunity to consider this issue for both GDC and WSIS. However, it is important to highlight that data governance demands state action, particularly in the context of AI regulation. This point also relates to a wider problem that we have not yet been able to solve: the growing information and power concentration in the digital economy. This concentration directly implies intensifying power asymmetries, a challenge that demands a

more cohesive dialogue between multilateral and multistakeholder initiatives at a global level.

Thank you.