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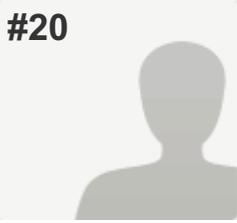
**Contribution to the CSTD ten-year review of the implementation of WSIS
outcomes**

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Q6: Which stakeholder category do you belong to?

Civil Society

Q7: To what extent, in your experience, has the "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society", envisaged in the opening paragraph of the WSIS Geneva Declaration of Principles, developed in the ten years since WSIS?

It is an entirely different environment due to

- mobile revolution
- social media development
- broadband availability

Q8: How far do you consider the implementation of specific WSIS outcomes to have been achieved?

Technology has been the driver of the development, not WSIS resolutions.

The issue of ICT4Development was not seriously pursued as UN GAID disappeared and no UN organisation / actor really cared.

The IGF has been a success in terms of providing a broad forum, but there was a shameful non-funding for almost 2 years for secretariat and the chairperson of the MAG.

Little or nothing has been concretely done to support the local content industry, the support for such initiatives has been missing; the vision of WSIS is thus not been focussed.

Q9: How has the implementation of WSIS outcomes contributed towards the development of a "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society"?

WSIS is virtually unknown.
Known are the initiatives re: the governance of the Internet (ICANN; IGF) and the ITU agenda.

Q10: What are the challenges to the implementation of WSIS outcomes? What are the challenges that have inhibited the emergence of a "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society"?

The UN organisations are too bureaucratic, overleaded and underfunded to deal with all the issues listed. Thus the lack focus has also lead to the blurring of the image of implementation.

Worse is that UN organisations are rivalling and paralleling civil society initiatives --- this to the extent that in the fundraising for GAID or UNESCO projects, UN personell competed for funding with civil society people.

This ranged from stealing contacts to just cutting off communication.

Q11: How are these challenges being addressed? What approaches have proved to be effective in your experience?

There should be clarity regarding the objectives of

- a) governace issues
- b) development issues
- c) Content / media issues

Q12: What do you consider the most important emerging trends in technology and other aspects of ICTs which have affected implementation of WSIS outcomes since the Summit? What has been their impact?

Mobile

Social

Pervasive computing / m2m / IoT

for impact I refer to the well know discussions and reports

Q13: What should be the priorities for stakeholders seeking to achieve WSIS outcomes and progress towards the Information Society, taking into account emerging trends?

A focus on best practices in the area of ICT4D and interactive high quality content and applications in a multistake holder process,
a well juried evaluation and an high level promotion of light house examples in order to provide transparency and learning.

Q14: What role should information and communications play in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda?

It is the key to the acheivability of many of the goals.

There is no way that the resources and energy crises can be addressed otherwise, that poverty eliviation can work and that the educational needs of the majority of the world poputation can be satisfied.

The lack of sense of urgency is an ongoing scandal.

Q15: Please add any other comments that you wish to make on the subject of the review that you believe would be helpful.

See above.

Questionnaire for the CSTD's ten year review of WSIS implementation

Q16: We would also welcome any documents, reports, etc. that you can forward which you think will provide useful evidence for the review. Please send these to cstd-wsis10@unctad.org. It would be helpful if you could list these in this box, together with any URL which enables access to them on the World Wide Web.

We will send them in.