

IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

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| Session Title | WSIS Action Lines supporting the implementation of the SDGs - WSIS Forum: Information and Knowledge Societies for SDGs |
| Date | 7 December 2016 |
| Time | 16:00-17:00 |
| Session Organizer | Vladimir Stankovic, WSIS, ITU |
| Chair/Moderator | Vladimir Stankovic, WSIS, ITU |
| Rapporteur/Notetaker | Vladimir Stankovic |
| List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Janis Karklins, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Latvia to the UN in Geneva, Former President of the WSIS Prep. Committee for the Tunis Phase of WSIS - Mr. Cedric Wachholz, Programme Specialist, Communication and Information Sector (CI), UNESCO - Ms. Cécile Barayre, Economic Affairs Officer, ICT Analysis Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD - Mr. Alejandro Patiño, ICT specialist, Division of production, productivity and management, ECLAC - Mr. Justin Caso, Technology Policy and International Affairs Advisor, IEEE - Ms. Constance Bommelaer, Senior Director, Global Internet Policy, ISOC <p>WSIS Prizes 2016 Awardees from the Americas Region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Carla Valverde Barahona, Director a.i. of Evolution and Telecommunications Market, Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications, Costa Rica - Mr. Víctor Manuel Martínez Vanegas, Director of International Policy, General Coordination of International Affairs, Federal Telecommunications Institute, Mexico - Ms. Christina Cardenas, General Coordinator of @prende.mx, Ministry of Public Education, Mexico - Dr. Margaret Bernard, Senior Lecturer in Computer Science, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, the University of the West Indies, Trinidad |
| Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue): | <p>While providing an opportunity for discussing the implementation of WSIS Action Lines supporting the implementation of the SDGs, this Open Forum also provided a platform for multistakeholder discussion and interaction on the upcoming WSIS Forum 2017: Information and Knowledge Societies for SDGs, and offered panelists and participants to share and showcase evidence-based examples of ICTs implementing both WSIS Action Lines and SDGs on the ground while highlighting the WSIS Prize 2016 winners from the Americas region.</p> <p>Panelists were invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide suggestions and ideas on how the role of the WSIS implementation process, including the WSIS Forum, could align with the adopted SDGs, taking into account the outcomes of the UNGA |

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| | <p>Overall WSIS Review, and - share how can local, national and regional activities, including information exchange on concrete projects at the grassroots level as well as innovative cross-sectoral partnerships for implementation, be initiated and become more visible at the WSIS Forum?</p> |
| <p>If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation</p> | |
| <p>Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)</p> | <p>The session recognized that the effective implementation of the WSIS Action Lines can help accelerate the achievement of the SDGs, and that WSIS process, including the WSIS Forum and the WSIS Stocktaking, are naturally positioned to be one of the key global ICT-related processes for supporting the implementation of the SDGs.</p> <p>Participants also appreciated that ITU has organized this session in the Americas region, thus bringing to the table the regional perspective with particular challenges and opportunities, and moreover, reaching out with clear messaging on the decisions made by the UNGA Final review of the WSIS Process until 2025, and updating on the ongoing Open Consultation Process for the upcoming WSIS Forum 2017.</p> <p>Finally, as a part of the year-around promotion of the WSIS Prizes 2016 winners and champions and their globally recognized projects and initiatives, the session welcomed the WSIS Prizes 2016 awardees from the Americas Region who showcased how are the ICTs practically achieving SDGs, giving on-the-ground examples of their awarded projects, and what impact did winning the Prize have on their projects. During this session the new Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report: ICT Projects and WSIS Action Lines Related Activities in Americas Region (2014-2016) was launched.</p> |
| <p>Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)</p> | <p>While appreciating the WSIS-SDGs Matrix, produced at the WSIS forum 2015, the participants called for more in-depth analysis of these linkages by producing products in the near future that sufficiently explain the rationale of particular linkages and presenting on-the-ground examples through engaging the WSIS Stocktaking, thus bringing another layer to the WSIS-SDG Matrix, that of evidence-based examples to clearly provide ICT-communities efforts in advancing SDGs.</p> <p>Recognizing the great benefit from the WSIS-SDG matrix that was produced in 2015, the panel called the ICT community and the WSIS stakeholders for better aligning of the WSIS-SDG Matrix with the regional and national planning processes (i.e. ICT plans and digital agendas should be aligned with the development plans).</p> |

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| | <p>Finally, the panel appreciated the Open Consultation Process for the upcoming WSIS Forum 2017 and participants were invited to submit their proposals to shape the format of the upcoming Forum, to also submit ICT-related projects and initiatives for the WSIS Prizes 2017 contest, and to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust and thus strengthen the WSIS Forum to serve as a key forum for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, with due regard to the global mechanism for follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> |
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