

Five-Point Plan for an Inclusive WSIS+20 Review

As engaged stakeholders in the WSIS+20 Review process, we, the undersigned, submit the following recommendations¹ to help operationalise the WSIS+20 review modalities to ensure transparency, inclusivity, and meaningful stakeholder engagement.

1. Publish a Clear and Inclusive Timeline:

- a. Within 7 days of appointing the co-facilitators, publish and maintain a comprehensive timeline outlining key milestones, including consultations and government-only negotiations, with adequate notice of any changes.
- b. Provide stakeholders with at least 7 days to submit written input.

2. Ensure Transparency and Accountability:

- a. Maintain an online platform² centralizing all input and draft documents, their status, and stakeholders consulted.
- b. Publish substantive records of all consultations, including summary reports of main points and how these have been addressed, to enhance explainability.
- c. Live-stream government-only negotiations³ and provide post-session transcripts.

3. Facilitate Inclusive and Meaningful Stakeholder Consultations:

- a. Actively seek stakeholder input at every stage (elements paper, zero / first / final drafts) through written submissions and official virtual/in-person consultations, applying equal participation rules for governments and other stakeholders.
- b. Hold official stakeholder consultations at existing forums, including global and regional IGF initiatives and the WSIS High-Level Event, while also inviting Member States to conduct national consultations.
- c. Implement a multistakeholder speaking order during consultations by alternating speaking slots among governments and other stakeholder groups, with reasonable time allocation for interventions.

4. Broaden and Diversify Participation:

- a. Build on the WSIS+10 accreditation process, including by broadening the group of eligible stakeholders to participants of national, regional, and global IGFs.
- b. Promote diverse participation by offering financial and logistical support for underrepresented communities, particularly from the Global Majority.
- c. Ensure accessibility globally by implementing measures such as accommodating different time zones and working days, publishing key documents in official UN languages, and providing low-bandwidth participation options.

5. Maximise Inclusive Participation in Final Negotiations:

- a. Limit any necessary closed-door intergovernmental negotiations to the final stage of the WSIS+20 process.
- b. Ensure meaningful and inclusive multistakeholder participation at the High-Level Meeting.

¹ These draw on existing guidance on multistakeholderism, e.g. [São Paulo Multistakeholder Guidelines](#).

² For example, see this [OHCHR platform](#).

³ For example, see recent negotiations on the [UN Convention on Cybercrime](#).

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4. Access Now
5. ACLIS, Burundi and Rwanda
6. Africa Gen AI Lab
7. Africa ICT Alliance (AfICTA)
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11. Asian Social Science Research Institute (Asri), Republic of Korea
12. Asociación SVNet (SV Top Level Domain)
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15. Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC)
16. Bolo Bhi (Pakistan)
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29. Digital Action
30. Digital Empowerment Foundation
31. Digital Rights Foundation
32. Digital Rights Nepal
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34. DNS Africa Media and Communications
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36. eco – Association of the Internet Industry
37. EngageMedia Collective
38. European Center for Not-For-Profit Law Stichting (ECNL)
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40. Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD)
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66. Internet Society Nepal Chapter
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68. Internet Society Puerto Rico Chapter
69. Internet Society Singapore Chapter
70. Internet Society UK England Chapter
71. Interozoes - Coletivo Brasil de Comunicaão Social
72. Japan Registry Services Co., Ltd. (JPRS)
73. KICTANet
74. Media Matters for Democracy, Pakistan
75. Media Monitoring Africa
76. NetMission.Asia
77. Paradigm Initiative (PIN)
78. Pastoralist Girls Foundation
79. Public Interest Registry (PIR)
80. Puerto Rico Top Level Domain (NIC.pr)
81. Research ICT Africa
82. RNW Media
83. Rudi International
84. Rural Media Network Pakistan
85. Software Freedom Law Center India (SFLC.IN)
86. SMEX
87. Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC)
88. Tech for Good Asia
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