

WSIS + 10 review

- 2,5 years of negotiations of modalities
- 0,5 years of substantive preparations
- 2 days UNGA HL meeting and associated side events
- Outcome document of 71 operative paragraphs
- Balanced document that reflects variety of concerns and challenges ahead
- Process of substantive preparations was inclusive and atmosphere constructive
- Non-governmental stakeholders were closely associated with the process

Main outcomes

- Reaffirmation of the common vision of the Information society as people centered, inclusive and development oriented where human rights enshrined in the UDHR are upheld
- Reaffirmation of the multistakeholder model of cooperation in furthering objectives of the Information society
- Close alignment with the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
- Addressing key challenges
 - access (affordability, quality (broadband), enabling environment, funding)
 - divides (gender, quality of access, knowledge..)
 - human rights (freedom of expression, media independence, ethics)
 - trust (security, crime, privacy, data protection, accuracy)

Main outcomes (cont.)

- Extension of the IGF mandate as agreed in Tunis for 10 years taking into account CSTD WG on improvements recommendations
- Recognition of the value of the WSIS Forum
- Establishment of the CSTD Working Group on enhanced cooperation with a view to develop recommendations how it should be carried forward
- CSTD annual reporting on the implementation
- Overall review of WSIS implementation by the UNGA HL meeting will be organized in 2025

Observations

- ICANN was not in the picture (is not seen any longer as a problem)
- Issues of trust (in large sense) dominated negotiations
 - Belongs to the use of Internet domain
 - Cyber security (physical and logical infrastructure)
 - Cyber safety (crimes)
 - Privacy
 - Data protection
 - Hate speech

IGF – next steps

- Renewal is ongoing. Expect announcement of the new MAG end of February
- 2016 host is Mexico (possibly November)
- The first MAG meeting is scheduled 4-6 April 2016 in GVA
- The next might be end June or early September
- Model of preparations most likely unchanged this year (LEGO type)
- Focus on developing countries
- Linking international and regional initiatives
- Best practice work stream will be continued
- Youth participation dynamized the JP meeting

Council of Europe role

- Important regional organization that may serve as a test bed and driver of new approaches
 - Promoting trust in online world
 - Preservation of the freedom of expression online (legitimate security concerns)
 - Quality of media
 - Media and information literacy
 - Digital democracy and civic participation
- Foster IG dialogue in Europe thru regional, sub-regional and national initiatives
- Contribute to better understanding of societal and social impact of new technologies