WSIS Forum 2011: Open Consultations on Thematic Aspects and New Innovative Format

Review Meeting: Action Line C6

I would like to thank to ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP for organizing today’s meeting as a step number 4 of the WSIS Review Meeting of the Open Consultation on Thematic Aspects and New Innovative format prior to the WSIS Forum 2011 held on May in Geneva.

ITU is the lead international organization assisting countries in designing and enforcing modern regulatory frameworks for telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICT). ITU is lead facilitator to the Action Line C6 - Enabling environment and since May 2008 has been acting as the sole facilitator for this Action Line, building upon its regular work.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all WSIS Stakeholders for submitting theirs inputs during the open consultations on the thematic aspects and new innovative format of the WSIS Forum 2011. We found these thematic contributions extremely valuable and important guidance in indentifying themes for Action line C6 - for WSIS Forum 2011. This overview of the topics collected in one consistent document allows us to understand better and to respond better as well to the expectations of the WSIS Stakeholders.

We have reviewed and evaluated more than 140 official submissions from many different organizations representing various WSIS Stakeholders entities. Among all contributions three themes have retained our attention for further discussion during the WSIS Forum 2011.

- First, in order to promote conducive ICT policies that foster entrepreneurship, innovation and investment and promote awareness of the Internet which the WSIS outcomes for Action Line C6 stand for, we found subject of **cloud computing** as addressing changing business practices and social behavior sparked by the rapid technological changes taking place in the industry.

- Other submission which draws our attention in the context of C6 is the **open source** creating knowledge-bases society with online resources access that is in line with WSIS outcomes for action line C6 that invite governments to promote awareness of the Internet.

- We consider also thematic workshop on the subject of **open access**, the challenges and current achievements of the key players in this field and improving open access in the future in order to develop a framework for the secure storage of information.
We are very grateful for all contributions made by WSIS Stakeholders and wish to thank you again for your cooperation and active participation. We are also looking for the outcomes of today's meeting in order to integrate them to further discussion.

To foster interactive discussion among stakeholders we propose to organize the C6 interactive meeting around a panel discussion, as a format we did last year.

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