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- Towards Knowledge Societies  
for Peace and Sustainable Development:
- First WSIS +10 review meeting
- 25-27 February 2013, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France



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## Press Conference at the WSIS Forum 2012 12:30-13:00 Room IV

### **FIRST WSIS +10 REVIEW MEETING**

Hosted by UNESCO, co-organized by ITU, UNDP and UNCTAD

25-27 February 2013, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

**“Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development”** (working title)

*Purpose* - In the context of the ongoing UN Post-2015 discussions, the 2013 WSIS+10 Event will **review** socio-technological changes over the past 10 years, **analyse** current and future ICT trends, and discuss how to build future democratic and knowledge based, inclusive societies. Particular attention will be paid to building inclusive knowledge societies for peace and sustainable development, with special focus on women and youth from least developed countries and Africa.

*Justification* - The 36th General Conference adopted the resolution 62 requesting “the Director-General to further reinforce UNESCO’s leading role in the WSIS process, by organizing, inter alia, a high-level WSIS event in the lead-up to the WSIS 2015 review and to seek extrabudgetary resources to that end”.

*Expected outcomes* – Post-2015 recommendations that will feed into subsequent ITU 2014 meeting and 2015 UNGA review to discuss the possible Action Plan for the new Information/Knowledge Society.

*Venue and target audiences* - The event will be held from 25 to 27 February 2013 at UNESCO’s headquarters. It is intended to bring together about 1000 physical and 1500 remote participants including Ministers and high-level governmental officials, heads of IGOs, CEOs of the private sector and the civil society representatives. All meetings room in Bonvin and Fontenoy are reserved for these three days.

*Possible event format* – Multistakeholder set-up with a plenary, main sessions, high-level round table, thematic sessions, side events and exhibition stands.

*Open Consultation* – Given the WSIS principle of multistakeholder participation, UNESCO is organizing a consultation meeting open to all stakeholders on **15 May from 11:15-13:00 in Room XI**.

For more information – [www.unesco.org/wsis2013](http://www.unesco.org/wsis2013)

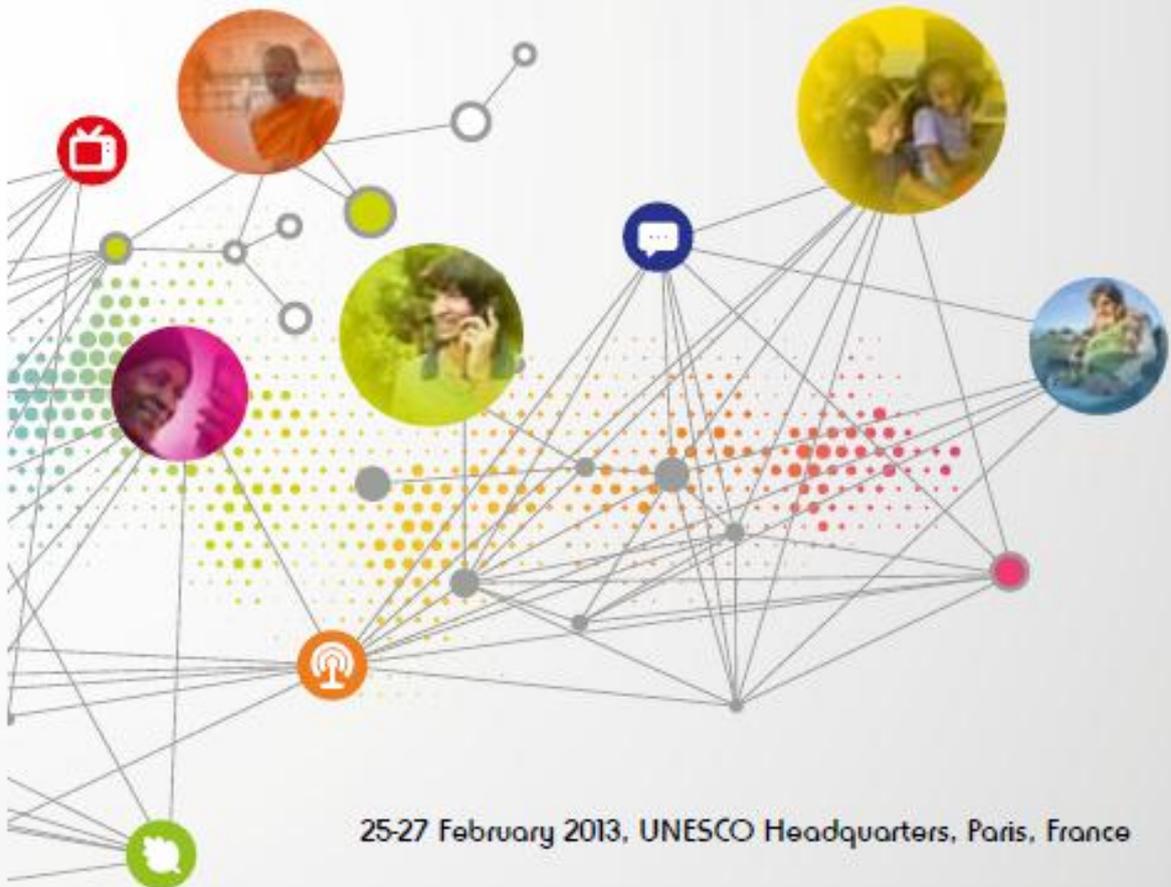


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