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WSIS Forum 2011 Open Consultation on the Format and the Thematic Focus

Description:
Thank you for your contribution to the WSIS Community open debate. All submitted comments will be discussed at the consultation meeting, which will be held on 24 February in ITU headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Registration will be available soon at the WSIS Forum website (www.wsis.org/forum).

Summary and photos from the preparatory meeting held on 23 November 2010.

The next Forum will take place from 16 to 20 May 2011, at ITU headquarters, in Geneva, Switzerland.

In line with participatory and inclusive spirit of the WSIS Forum, another open consultation on the format and the thematic focus of the Forum has just started on 15 October. What would be the topics that should be addressed or discussed at the Forum? Is there room for improvement to increase the efficiency and the effectiveness of the event?

Open discussion will be proceeded at the WSIS community in parallel with the submission of written contributions using online form until 15 January.

Website: http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/2011/forum/

Latest discussion
(Discussion closed) Theme: What are the key issues which need to be discussed at the Forum?
Posts: 23

(Discussion closed) Format: How to make the Forum more efficient and effective?
Posts: 8

WSIS Forum from in New York? (Discussion closed)
Posts: 15
Interim reports of WISI Community (www.wsis-community.org).

Open Debate on the WSIS Forum 2011.
(23 November 2010).

This document provides an overview of contributions made by stakeholders from 15 October to 22 November 2010 in WISI Community. The listing of submitted comments is available on the "WSIS Forum 2011 Open Consultation Group" page at the http://www.wsis-community.org/pg/groups/13529/WSIS-forum-2011-open-consultation-on-the-format-and-the-thematic-focus/. Open debate will go on until 15 December 2010.

WSIS Community is an online collaborative platform launched by UNESCO at the WSIS Forum 2005. Over 600 people have joined the Community so far and continue discussions and exchange ideas and experiences to advance the WSIS commitments towards 2015. For more information, please send an e-mail to wsiscommunity-invitation@unesco.org.

Thematic Focus of the Forum 2011:

The future of e-government: Open government and collaboration

- The dynamics of ICT is often faster and e-government key factors must evolve. How should the governments be prepared for rapid changes in ICT?
- What is the impact of Web 2.0 concept and tools for empowering citizens: advantage and disadvantage?
- What is the role of ICT in changing citizens' current culture and disseminating awareness about their new role?
- The need of creating common international ICT language to minimize the global gap in using ICT terminologies, definitions and concepts.

Inclusion of disadvantaged community including people with special needs and nomads children through ICT:

- Disabled individuals are still excluded in many ways of life, especially information communication technology (ICT), so ICT training is an important key qualification and the Standard ICT training is insufficient for marginalized community.
- In Sudan, hundreds of thousands of nomad's children are excluded from education and they are out of school due to climate change or poverty, ICT can play a great role to get them back to the education system.

WSIS and MDGs:

ICT and Assistive Technology:

- How will the use of ICT&AT promote inclusion of the individual into activities in the school and community?
- What are the features/capabilities of the technology that would assist the persons with disabilities?

"Vendor capture" problem in the context of e-government procurement and interoperability enforcement by the public sector:

- Governments often lack awareness about strategic procurement and many professional consultants are only prepared to provide vendor-side strategies.
- In situations where several governments consider massive spending on e-government solutions a procurement strategy is essential to reap the benefits and cut costs.

Impact of ICTs on Knowledge production, sharing and access:

- Is there a change in the nature of knowledge influenced by ICTs?
- How to encourage an active participation of developing countries instead of passive consumption?

Open educational resources and the related fields of Open Access (OA) to scientific information, and Free and Open Source Software (FOSS):

- It is important to increase awareness and access to, as well as building the capacities to viably develop OERs in building inclusive knowledge societies and in achieving sustainable development.
- Open Access to scientific and technical knowledge is an essential component of the information society. Aspects of two Action Lines from the WISIS Plan of Action - Action Line C3 ("Access to Information and Knowledge") and Action Line C7 ("e-Learning") – specifically as it relates to e-science – are tied to Open Access.

Formulating new ICT indicators in light of emerging ICT developments:

- How to formulate new ICT realistic and comparable indicators? It should be in line with today's ICT development which would permit measuring and following-up the WSIS targets. Maybe it could be necessary to harmonize both groups of indicators: WSIS targets indicators and the IDI indicators.

The International framework for global cooperation against cyber crimes and threats:

- At present there is not any global framework to act against cyber crimes. The question is whether international conventions such as Budapest Convention can work or not...
- We need several interactive panels which discuss different aspects of the issue. In addition,
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"Do mobile phones change social development more than changing economic development?"

14 March