



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30 June 2015

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 22 June 2015 on the convening of informal interactive consultation with all relevant stakeholders of the World Summit on the Information Society scheduled for 2 July 2015 at the UN Headquarters in New York, I am pleased to forward to you a concept note and a provisional program.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam K. Kutesa', written over a printed name.

Sam K. Kutesa

To All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

## **Concept Note**

**Informal Interactive WSIS stakeholder consultation  
on the review of implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit  
on the Information Society (WSIS+10)  
2 July 2015  
ECOSOC Chamber  
United Nations Headquarters, New York**

### **Background**

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/302, the General Assembly will convene a high-level meeting in December 2015 for an overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The high level meeting will take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and address potential information and communications technology gaps and areas for continued focus, as well as addressing challenges, including bridging the digital divide, and harnessing information and communications technologies for development.

In accordance with the same resolution, the President of the UN General Assembly will organize informal interactive consultations on 2 July 2015 with all relevant stakeholders of the World Summit on the Information Society, to collect their inputs for the intergovernmental negotiation process. This follows a preparatory meeting by Member States on 1 July 2015.

This informal interactive consultation for WSIS stakeholders will enable relevant WSIS stakeholders to contribute their views to the preparatory process for the review of implementation of the WSIS outcomes.

### **Objective**

The consultation will provide all relevant WSIS stakeholders an opportunity to contribute their views to the preparatory process for the review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in a day of interactive panel discussions with Member States and representatives from various multi-stakeholder groups.

### **Guiding questions for the consultation:**

1. To what extent has progress been made on the vision of the people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society in the ten years since the WSIS? Do you think this evolution has been sufficiently addressed during the previous WSIS+10 reviews?

2. What are the challenges and areas for continued focus in the implementation of WSIS outcomes?
3. How best can ICT's be integrated in capacity building and as a means of implementation of the post-2015 development agenda?
4. What are the policy frameworks to create enabling environments for innovation?

### **Format**

The one-day consultation will be divided into an opening segment, three interactive panels and a closing segment. The provisional themes for the three panel discussions are 1) Progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, 2) Information and communications technology gaps and areas for continued focus, and challenges including bridging the digital divide, and 3) The way forward: Harnessing information and communications technologies for development.

### **Outcome**

The outcome will be a President's summary which will be circulated to all Member States and other stakeholders.

**WSIS+10 Informal interactive stakeholder consultation  
ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York  
2 July 2015**

**Provisional Programme**

<b>Day One:</b>  <b>Morning Session</b>	
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	<p><b>Opening Segment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the UN General Assembly</li> <li>• H.E Ms. Lana Nusseibeh, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the intergovernmental negotiations on the review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)</li> <li>• Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li> </ul>
10:30a–1:00 p.m	<p><b>Panel 1:</b> Progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics and Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD</p> <p><b>Stakeholder Panellists</b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>Ms. Constance Bommelaer, The Internet Society Ms. Mai-Huong (Carolyn) Nguyen, Microsoft Ms. Kathryn (Mandy) Carver, ICANN Mr. Johanes Koku Nyagblordzro, Center for Africa Development and Progress (CADEP)</p> <p><b>Member State respondents</b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations</p> <p>Mr. Mitsuhiro Hishida, Director, Multilateral Economic Affairs</p>

	<p>Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations</p> <p>Ms. Liesyl Franz, Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues, U.S. Department of State</p> <p><b><u>Stakeholder respondents</u></b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>Mr. Akinori Maemura, Japan Network Information Center (JPNIC)  Ms. Deniz Duru Aydin, Access  Mr. Joseph Alhadeff, Oracle  Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, ICT4Peace Foundation</p> <p>Interactive Q and A</p>
<p><b>Afternoon Session</b></p> <p>3:00 – 4:20 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Panel 2:</b> Information and communications technology gaps and areas for continued focus, and challenges including bridging the digital divide</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Chief, Strategic Planning and Management, ITU</p> <p><b><u>Stakeholder Panellists</u></b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>Ms. Dominique Lazanski, GSMA  Ms. Valeria Betancourt, Association for Progressive Communications  Ms. Francoise Mukuku Mwamba Malale, Si Jeunesse Savait (SJS)  Ms. Chuang Liu, Chinese Academy of Sciences &amp; CODATA Task Group in Developing Countries</p> <p><b><u>Member State respondents</u></b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>Mr. Marek Jerzy Michalewski, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations</p> <p><b><u>Stakeholder respondents</u></b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>Ms. Helani Galpaya, LIRNEasia  Mr. Roberto Mukaro Borrero, United Confederation of Taino People  Mr. Jovan Kurbalija, DiploFoundation/Geneva Internet Platform  Mr. George Sadowsky, Internet Technical Collaboration Group  Ms. Cheryl Miller, Verizon</p>

	Interactive Q and A
4:25 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.	<p><b>Panel 3:</b> The way forward: Harnessing information and communications technologies for development</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Indrajit Banerjee, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, UNESCO</p> <p><b><u>Stakeholder Panellists</u></b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>Mr. Shahid Akbar, Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID)  Ms. Divina Frau-Meigs, International Association for Media and Communication Research  Mr. Gihan Sami Soliman, International-Curricula Educators Association  Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Eisa, GDCO Sudan  Mr. Ninoslav Marina, University of Information Science and Technology</p> <p><b><u>Member State respondents</u></b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>Mr. Mauricio Fernando Dias Favero, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations</p> <p>Mr. Daniel Pilkington, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations</p> <p><b><u>Stakeholder respondents</u></b> (3 minutes each):</p> <p>Mr. Stephen Ibaraki, IFIP IP3 (IFIP International Professional Practice Partnership)  Ms. Alejandro Pisanty, Sociedad Internet de Mexico  Mr. Maurice Ali, International Association of Independent Journalists Inc.  Mr. Juan Matos, Internet Society, Dominican Republic chapter</p> <p>Interactive Q and A</p>
<p><b>Closing Segment</b></p> <p>5:45 – 6:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Jānis Mazeiks, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations and co-facilitator of the intergovernmental negotiations on the review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the UN General Assembly</li> </ul>