14 October 2015

Excellency,

Further to my letter, dated 15 September, 2015, on the convening of the second informal interactive consultation with stakeholders of the World Summit on the Information Society, scheduled for 19 October 2015, at the UN Headquarters in New York, I am pleased to forward to you the concept note and a provisional programme for the consultation.

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

Mogens Lykketoft

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

Concept Note

Informal Interactive WSIS Stakeholder Consultation on the Overall Review by the General Assembly of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

19 October 2015
ECOSOC Chamber
United Nations Headquarters, New York

Background

In accordance with its resolution 68/302 and decision 69/559, the General Assembly will convene a high-level meeting on 15-16 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, challenges and opportunities, including bridging the digital divide, and harnessing information and communications technologies for development.

As indicated in the Roadmap of the preparatory process, the President of the 70th session of the UN General Assembly will organize the second informal interactive consultation on 19 October 2015 with stakeholders of the World Summit on the Information Society, to collect their inputs on the zero draft. This precedes the second preparatory meeting by Member States that will take place on 20-22 October 2015.

Objective

The consultation will provide WSIS stakeholders an opportunity to contribute their views on the zero draft in a day of interactive discussions.

Guiding questions for the consultation

1. How can ICTs be harnessed for sustainable development? What insights from the last 10 years should be highlighted by the review?
2. What concrete measures can help to bridge the digital divide, including between and within countries, and between women and men?
3. What should the main goals of Internet governance be ?
4. How can best practices be shared and leveraged in order to ensure that we are in a position to mitigate the risks posed by the Internet and maximize its benefits, especially in the areas of universal access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethics?

5   How should human rights issues related to ICTs be addressed?

Format

The one-day consultation will be divided into an opening segment, three interactive panels and a closing segment. The themes for the three panel discussions are: i) ICTs for Development ii) Internet Governance and iii) Human Rights and Building Confidence and Security in the use of ICTs.

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

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Provisional Programme

Morning Session	Opening Segment
10:00-10:30	H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly
	H.E. Mr. Jânis Mazeiks, Permanent Representative 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)
	Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
10:30-13:00	**Panel 1. ICTs for Development**
	Moderator: Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics and Head of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) Secretariat, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
	Stakeholder Panellists: • Mr. Martin Tsounkeu, General Representative, Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN) • Ms. Sheetal Kumar, Programme Manager, Global Partners Digital • Mr. Jerome Morrissey, Chief Executive Officer, Global eSchools and Communities Initiatives, (GESCI) • Mr. Osvaldo Larancuent Cueto, Professor, El Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC), Dominican Republic Co-moderator: Ms. Marie Paule Roudil, Director, UNESCO Liaison Office in New York and Representative to the United Nations (closing remarks)
Afternoon Session	**Panel 2. Internet Governance**
15:00 -16:20	Moderator: Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Chief, Strategic Planning and Management, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

	Stakeholder Panellists: • Ms. Constance Bommelaer, Director of Public Policy, The Internet Society • Ms. Anja Kovacs, Project Director, Internet Democracy Project • Ms. Elizabeth Thomas-Raynaud, Project Director, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Business Action to Support the Information Society (BASIS) • Ms. Valeria Betancourt, Manager of the Communication and Information Policy Programme, Association for Progressive Communications (APC) • Ms. Marilyn Cade, Board Member, Women's Alliance for Virtual Engagement
16:25-17:45	**Panel 3. Human Rights and Building Confidence and Security in the use of ICTs** Moderator: Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Stakeholder Panellists: • Ms. Grace Githaiga, Associate, Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet) • Mr. Vashkar Bhattacharjee, Program Manager, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) • Ms. Dominique Lazanski, Public Policy Director, Groupe Speciale Mobile Agency (GSMA) • Mr. Raul Echeberria, Vice President of Global Engagement, Internet Society
17:45-18:00	**Closing Segment** H.E. Ms. Lana Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative 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) H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly