

## WSIS+20 Five-Point Plan Follow-up: Eight Practical Recommendations

*This document builds on the [Five-Point Plan](#)—endorsed by 114 organisations and 57 individual experts—to offer practical recommendations to ensure transparency, inclusivity, and meaningful stakeholder engagement in the WSIS+20 review process.*

1. Appoint a **non-governmental stakeholder liaison** within UN DESA to support the co-facilitators and the President of the General Assembly to facilitate stakeholder engagement.
2. Ensure the **dedicated online platform** centralising all relevant information **is set up immediately and maintained regularly** throughout the process.
3. Use the dedicated online platform to **streamline resources and opportunities** to broaden and diversify participation, including information about capacity building resources; national or regional consultations; visa assistance and supporting documentation; financial support for travel and broadband access to participate virtually.
4. Collect input on **each iteration** of the draft **Outcome Document**, including via:
  - a. **Written submissions** (with at least 7 working day notice and submission period), using multilingual submission templates with reasonable word limits;
  - b. **Consultations**, as outlined in points 5(a)–(e).
5. Design **consultations** to enable **full and equal participation of stakeholders** through:
  - a. Providing **timely notice** and sharing background documents and guiding questions at least 7 working days in advance;
  - b. Selecting **accessible locations**, supporting **hybrid participation** and offering **synchronised meetings at multiple locations**;
  - c. Accommodating **diverse time zones, non-standard working days**, and offering **low-bandwidth participation options**;
  - d. Applying equitable speaking arrangements, such as **alternating or rotating speaking slots** and ensuring **balanced time allocation**;
  - e. Structuring **interactive dialogue** formats that allow non-governmental and governmental stakeholders to respond to each other **in real time**.
6. Publish **synthesis reports** of inputs on each iteration of the draft Outcome Document, summarising written and verbal input, explaining how contributions were addressed and clearly indicating areas of consensus, disagreement, or ongoing discussion.<sup>1</sup>
7. Ensure opportunities for meaningful non-governmental stakeholder participation **in the intergovernmental negotiations** by:
  - a. Enabling stakeholders to, at a minimum, **observe all meetings** –preparatory or otherwise– in-person and via live-stream on UN Web TV.
  - b. Providing opportunities for **stakeholder interventions** through dedicated speaking slots.<sup>2</sup>
8. Ensure non-governmental stakeholders have a meaningful role in the High Level

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., the [consultation process](#) for the UNESCO Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms.

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, the ITU and the Ad Hoc Committee on Cybercrime.

Meeting by:

- a. Publishing accreditation procedures at least three months in advance;
- b. Broadening **eligibility criteria** beyond WSIS+10 to include participants of national, regional, and global IGFs.
- c. Allocating speaking opportunities, side events, and space for engagement with delegates.

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