UNESCO’s implementation of, and follow-up to, the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

UNESCO is hosting the first multistakeholder WSIS+10 Review Event

25-27 February 2013
UNESCO HQ, Paris, France
UNESCO and WSIS

- WSIS – the first UN summit on information and communication trends and challenges for societies held in 2003 (Geneva) & 2005 (Tunis)

Post WSIS Process:

- UNESCO is designated as a leading WSIS Coordinator along with ITU, UNDP and UNCTAD
- UNESCO's three-fold role: Coordinator, Facilitator and Implementer
WSIS+10 Overall Review Process

- UN General Assembly Resolution 56/183
- UNESCO 36th session of GC Resolution 56
- UNGIS WSIS+10 Action Plan endorsed by the UN CEB in spring 2012

Preparatory process:

2013: UNESCO hosting WSIS+10 review
2014: ITU hosting WSIS+10 review
2015: UNGA WSIS+10 review

UNESCO 2013 Event is integral part of the WSIS+10 Review Process
Overall theme:
Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development
Date and Venue:
25-27 February 2013, UNESCO HQ
- Forward looking intersectoral event
- Hosted by UNESCO and co-organized by ITU, UNDP and UNCTAD
- Multistakeholder format (Governments, IGOs, private sector, civil society)
Outcome Objectives:
- Analyze recent developments, trends and forecast
- Build the vision of Knowledge Societies beyond 2015
- UNESCO’s positioning in the post-2015 development agenda

Target audiences:
- Ministers and high-level governmental officials
- Heads of IGOs
- CEOs of the private sector
- Civil society representatives
- ICT practitioners
- Researchers
- Internet community
Preliminary outline

**MONDAY 25 FEB**
Recent Developments

- Opening Ceremony
- 1-2 Key notes
- Press Conference
- Broadband Commission for Education
- UNGIS High-level Members’ only
- High-level roundtable
- Recent Development and challenges across WSIS Action Lines & Activities
- WSIS Stocktaking
- Partnership for measuring ICTs for develop.
- Reception

**TUESDAY 26 FEB**
Developments, foresight & recommendations

- High-Level Panel
  KS, peace and sustain. Dev.
- Multistakeholder Event (tbc)
- UNESCO Special Internet Event
- Analysis of recent developments, Foresight and recommendations
- Thematic meetings: Analysis of recent developments, Foresight and recommendations
- Gala by World Summit Awards

**WEDNESDAY 27 FEB**
Post-2015 of Knowledge Societies

- Summary of day 2: Key elements of a new vision
- UNESCO Future Forum (tbc)
- Drafting recommendations per thematic area
- Key notes
- Thematic sessions
- Review and compilation of all recommendations
- Closing & 2013 WSIS+10 Review event recommendations

28 Feb – 1 March

- UNGIS Working level meeting (28 Feb) Members’ only
- Internet Governance Forum (IGF) – Open Consultations and MAG (28Feb – 1 March)
**Timeline**

**Nov. 2012**
- **November**
  - 13 November: Information Meeting with Member States
  - Invitation letter sent to Member States

**Nov.-Dec. 2012**
- **November - December**
  - Online registration start
  - Event format and sessions finalized
  - UNESCO Research papers finalized

**Post-Feb. 2013**
- **25-27 February: 2013 WSIS+10 event**
  - Report to the 192th session of the Executive Board
  - Report to the 37th session of the General Conference

Online consultation at WSIS KC
Proposed modalities for involving Member States

Government involvement is a core element of the WSIS set-up

- Identify speakers and moderators
- Participate in an online consultation process at WSIS KC – [www.wsis-community.org](http://www.wsis-community.org)
- Participate through 'Remote participation hubs' in your country
- **Decisive:** Propose funding for participants, receptions, co-organize sessions...
Further information

• Updated information on the 2013 WSIS+10 Review Event at:  [www.unesco.org/wsis2013](http://www.unesco.org/wsis2013)

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