WSIS + 10 = ?

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WSIS Background

- Two World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) events

  - Convened by the United Nations in 2003 (Geneva) and 2005 (Tunis)

- Outcomes

  - "Geneva Plan of Action" and the "Tunis Agenda for the Information Society"

  - "WSIS Targets" (2003); "WSIS Action Lines" (2005) to coordinate efforts to achieve these targets

  - Call for the creation of the IGF

  - Call for Enhanced Cooperation between stakeholders

- Various UN bodies and agencies involved in implementation

  - CSTD, ITU, UNESCO, etc.

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- WSIS outcomes primarily focused on

  - Development

  - Access

  - Addressing the "digital divide"

- …but Internet governance issues have served as a lightning rod

  - Historic resource distribution

  - Concerns about certain state or private actors

- RIPE NCC and I* colleagues have been involved since first WSIS events

  - The "Internet Pavilion" at WSIS in 2005

- Long-standing technical community policy-making model (bottom-up, open, transparent) ≈ "multistakeholder" model

  - Having that recognised in WSIS an important achievement

  - IGF an important and valuable mechanism for building communication and understanding across stakeholder groups

So, WSIS+10...?

- 10-year review of the WSIS processes, conducted by the UN General Assembly
  - Will assess progress and developments in relation to the WSIS Targets and WSIS Action Lines
  - Will include discussion (decision?) on the future of the IGF
  - Will affect UN-related and other governmental activity and priorities in the Internet space

- A High Level Event (HLE) will take place in New York this December

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[Caveat: We know there are unknowns, both known and unknown]

- We strongly support the continued multistakeholder approach to the issues identified by WSIS

- We agree that development and access should be the focus of WSIS efforts
  - There have been many successes (often via multistakeholder initiatives); much still to do

- We have the processes and structures to address Internet governance
  - The IGF is one of those structures, and should continue

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- Working closely with all stakeholders over the coming months
    - Technical community, I*
    - Governments and the public sector
    - Civil society

- Follow developments in terms of how we can officially participate

- Produce information to support our positions
    - The important contributions of technical community to development, access
    - The progress being made on IANA stewardship transition

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What Can You Do?

- Tell us about what you're doing for ICT development

  - We are looking for partners to showcase the technical community's contribution to development

  - Email us at goodoftheinternet@ripe.net

- Talk to your local government

  - We can help you with documents, information

Some Useful Links

- Everything you need to know about the WSIS+10 review

https://www.apc.org/en/news/everything-you-need-know-about-wsis10-review

- Geneva Internet Platform: The WSIS+10 Process

http://giplatform.org/wsis10-process

- Comment by Raúl Echeberría, CSTD session in May 2015

http://www.internetsociety.org/blog/public-policy/2015/05/shared-un-cstd-today-perspective-wsis10-and-opportunities-and-challenges

- Implementing WSIS Outcomes: A Ten-Year Review [CSTD]

http://unctad.org/meetings/en/Presentation/ecn162015p02_Miroux_en.pdf