WSIS + 10 review

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WSIS+10 review

Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development:

First WSIS+10 review meeting

25-27 February 2013, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

Hosted by:

Co-organized with:

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UNESCO review event in figures

- 1450 onsite participants
- participants from 130 countries
- 800+ participants joined remotely
- 83 sessions in total
• 7 working papers were prepared to inform the debate
• WSIS+10 Final Statement was developed by a multistakeholder open-ended drafting group, and was adopted by consensus
• A compilation of recommendations from all workshops is available on-line
Outcomes of the Paris review meeting will inform:

• the ongoing WSIS review process (CSTD, ECOSOC, GA, ITU review event 2014)
• UNESCO’s General Conference (2013)
UNESCO review event:

• Analyse and learn from the past, but concentrate on the present and the future;

• Emphasize the human impact rather than just technology;

• Focus on assessing the diverse players’ action and their plans
Main conclusions:

• The same principles of freedom of expression should apply online and off-line

• Freedom of and on the Internet should sustain

• Multi-stakeholder process has proven its efficiency

• Knowledge societies concept introduced in 2003 is very valid today
Main conclusions (cont):

• Digital divide still exists but has changed its character

• ICTs as enabler of development should find a suitable place in post 2015 sustainable development agenda

☑ UNESCO 2013 WSIS review conference

• ITU 2014 WSIS review conference
  – 14-18 April 2014

• UNGA 2015 WSIS review meeting
  – Modalities to be adopted by the UNGA (2013)