Work in Progress: WSIS+10

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What's a WSIS? Why Add 10?

- 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

- UN General Assembly now conducting a 10-year review
  - Taking stock
  - Noting continuing gaps or challenges
  - Identifying future priorities

WSIS+10 Review Process

- Official review to come out of a UNGA High Level Meeting
  - 15-16 December 2015

- Preparation of output document has been ongoing since July
  - June: Co-facilitators announced (Latvia and UAE)
  - July: First Member State / stakeholder consultations
  - August: Non-paper (pre-first draft of the outcomes)
  - September: Zero Draft
  - October: Member State/stakeholder consultations
  - November: IGF 2015 (co-facilitators' session)
  - November: Member State negotiations
  - December High Level Meeting (and side events)

  More details at http://unpan3.un.org/wsis10/

What Do I Need To Know?

- Internet governance (particularly as it relates to RIPE) is a relatively small part of WSIS
  - Focus on development issues, human rights

- Renewal of the IGF remit is under discussion
  - Currently seems likely to be renewed for 10 years under same Tunis Agenda mandate as previously *[paragraphs 72-82]*

- Concern that "multilateral" is replacing "multistakeholder"
  - Ongoing concerns about "enhanced cooperation" and some Member States' desire to see that more formally developed

- This is an ongoing process
  - Discussion of further review, High Level Meeting or Summit in 5-10 years

What Else Do I Need To Know?

- The WSIS+10 review is not a multistakeholder process (as we know it)
  - Many Member States are supportive of multistakeholder Internet governance (including co-facilitators), but…
  - The review is a UNGA document; as such, negotiated by members of the UNGA

- RIPE NCC involvement is to support Member States that are supportive of multistakeholder processes

- RIPE NCC will report back to community on events in December and any impacts on this community or the RIPE NCC

More Information

- WSIS+10 website

  http://unpan3.un.org/wsis10/

- Latest output draft document (4 November)

  http://workspace.unpan.org/sites/Internet/Documents/UNPAN95572.pdf

- WSIS+10 Joint Statement (signed by the RIPE NCC)

  https://www.openwsis2015.org/joint-statement-on-wsis10/