



Civil Society Working Group on Scientific Information
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Concise COMMENTS on the WGIG Papers

It is regrettable that a member of the Scientific Information Working Group could not be part of the WGIG, but we are eager to point out that this is not due to the United Nation handling of the selection process that we salute as open and inclusive, but of unwelcome side effects of a too hasty process within Civil Society.

Therefore we would require the kind attention of the WGIG on the following issues :

1/ Facilitation or hindrance to Open Access to Scientific Information should be included as one factor of appreciation and criteria within Internet Governance considerations and assessments.

2/ The current governance of the Digital Objects Identifiers (DOI) should be assessed against the WSIS criteria. The DOI is an autonomous system to locate and retrieve documents on the Internet and it has escaped so far to the notice of the WGIG (see <http://www.wsis-si.org/DOI/index.html>).

3/ In the WGIG papers, it has been rightly underlined in many occasions the lack of a proper legal framework for current governance agreements and for Multi-stakeholder Internet Governance. We would like to bring to the attention of the WGIG, the UNMSP proposal (see <http://www.unmsp.org>), under the high patronage of H.E Adama Samassékou, that would allow the flexible creation of Multi-Stakeholder partnerships that would be equitable, transparent, inclusive and accountable before the United Nations. In particular, considering the governance of the DOI, and its relevance to Scientific Information, the funding institutions, the learned societies and the Open Access advocacy groups should be included as stakeholders.

It is also of interest to notice that a UNMSP Multi-Stakeholder partnership might provide the flexible and inclusive framework for ICANN or the ICANN/GAC combination where it is hoped that Scientific Institutions could have a voice. It is

worth to recall that the Scientific Community has been the main creator of the Internet, but has kept little influence on its governance. Therefore we ask the WGIG to assess the possibilities offered by the UNMSP proposal to provide a way to create suitable legal frameworks for Internet governance.

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