

Replies to questionnaire

Process/Function 1 : “Forum function”

1. Is there need for an additional arrangement or body?

Yes, there is a need for additional arrangements but no new body, since at least the three UN specialized organizations, ITU, UNESCO and WIPO will cover all issues.

If the answer to question 1 is yes:

2. What functions should it exercise?

(a) Create a space for a multi-stakeholder discussion forum?

(b) Give policy direction?

(c) Any other function?

(d) Be a combination of the above?

(a) It is available in ITU - see ITU Constitution Article 1 (purpose of the Union), No. 3A *a bis*:

“to promote and enhance participation of entities and organizations in the activities of the Union and foster fruitful cooperation and partnership between them and the Member States for the fulfillment of the overall objectives as embodied in the purposes of the Union”.

So any entity (private sector, civil society, etc) could join ITU.

(b) Limited to public policy issues as identified by the WSIS for international use of the Internet.

(c) Proper coordination is available between ITU and UNESCO. Increase such cooperation to cover WIPO also, or any other relevant UN organization.

(d) Identify all non-Governmental multi-stakeholders willing to be involved and invite them to collaborate with the three organizations as required jointly or individually.

3. What kind of public policy issues should it address?

(a) All issues related to the Internet?

(b) Only issues outside the scope of existing organizations and institutions?

a) +b) Limited to issues of public policies for international use of the Internet, e.g.:

- universal access/service provisions
- consumer protection
- security (e.g. law enforcement, cybercrime, legal intercept)
- dispute resolution
- allocation of scarce resources (e.g. numbering, naming and addressing).

Work on all these international public issues shall observe national sovereign rights of each State to organize the use of the Internet nationally.

4. Where should it be anchored (to what institution should it be linked)?

To the UN system represented by the three specialized organizations and any other UN organization wishing to join.

5. How should it be financed?

Within the regular budget of these UN specialized organizations.

6. How should it be structured?

Not applicable.

7. What would be its relationship with existing organizations and institutions?

Joint meetings open to multi-stakeholders if the need arises.

Process/Function 2 : “Oversight function”

1. When talking about oversight, what functions do you envisage (simple audit function, arbitration, policy direction or any other function) and over what areas of activities?

Not applicable since all these UN organizations have governing bodies with necessary oversight functions.

2. Should the ICANN’s Government Advisory Committee (GAC) be transformed and take on some oversight functions?

No need.

3. Should the GAC be replaced by another body and what functions should such a body take on?

3. No need.

4. Should any post 2006 governmental oversight be exercised within the UN framework?

4. No need.

Process/Function 3: Functioning / coordination of existing institutions

1. What improvements in their functioning should existing institutions make to bring them more in line with the WSIS principles

No need it is embedded in all the basic texts of those organizations.

2. How can their activities be better coordinated?

Through official agreements if needed.

3. Are there existing models of inter-agency cooperation that could be followed?

Yes. ITU-UNESCO Agreement on IPDC.

4. Should any existing institution be given the role of lead agency?

Yes, ITU, as a coordinator.

Process Function 4: Functioning / coordination at the national level

1. How should Governments bring their national decision-making process in line with international Internet governance arrangements?

Through the application of the basic texts of these specialized organizations for Member States if they are willing to do so.

2. What successful multi-stakeholder models could be recommended as an approach to be followed?

The ITU model which has been working since the inception of the ITU.

