

IT for Change, a civil society organization based in India, has the following inputs to make at this stage of proceedings of the 10th session of the CSTD.

- There is a discussion on the nature of the outcome document that should come out of this meeting. We are of the opinion that the nature of the new, WSIS related, mandate is so important, as it is huge, that some clear structural changes to the commissions working are necessary. Such basic changes need to be underpinned by strong legitimate basis that an ECOSOC resolution alone can give. A simple outcomes statement by the chair will not suffice to this objective.
- We completely support the chair's draft proposal for the CSTD resolution, which in our opinion, is a good document to work upon. We support the document is all its substantive aspects, but also specifically on the issue of multistakeholder participation, among others, in a multistakeholder advisory group (as in the IGF) to assist the commission in its future program of work, and multistakeholder participation in 'bottom up approach in design, implementation and evaluation of ICT policies'.
- We think that paras 3 to 11 of the draft put out by El Salvador can be included in the chair's draft, since these provide some good points on how the commission's relationship with various agencies implementing WSIS can be structured. Here, we insist that no issue or part of WSIS implementation and follow-up may be excluded from the commission's scope of review and assessment.
- With respect to the present SG's report to the commission, apart from noting the omissions on 'enhanced cooperation' and e-environment line, we wish to stress that the part on 'financing mechanisms', one of the most important themes of WSIS only reports on the 'digital solidarity fund'. This is an extremely limited view of what needs to be implemented and followed-up on this theme. We may refer to the Tunis documents for all the details of what all is included in this theme. It is important that a full report on the 'financial mechanisms' be provided annually to the commission covering all aspects of these themes as per the Tunis documents. In this regard, it is important that the UNDP takes a more active role, than it does at present.