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WSIS+20 Review

Australia's preparations

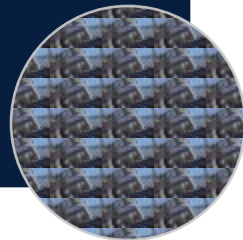
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The future beyond WSIS+20

- **Scenario A** – WSIS lapses for lack of renewal
- Likely race to fill the void – new mandates for UN, UN institutions.
- Multistakeholderism declines.

Do Nothing



- **Scenario B** – Status quo, pressures remain and continue to mount. Institutional gaps remain unfilled.
- **Scenario C** – WSIS reform goes in an alternate, unpredictable direction.

Defensive Approach



- **Scenario D** – Renewed long-term framework.
- Improved multistakeholder approaches to Internet and digital governance to address emerging challenges.
- Additional resources.

Proactive Approach



WSIS+20 – Australia's Preparations

- Collaborative approach to WSIS+20 that brings together government and community stakeholders in Australia in order to develop Australia's position.
- An evidence-based approach to WSIS+20, including possible reforms (e.g. IGF).
- Our key lessons from GDC:
 - **Simplify engagement** – Negotiations will not be APAC friendly (e.g. timezones, Geneva and New York based) – burden sharing across the community and across APAC governments will ensure all voices are heard.
 - **Coordination** – Groups like AP-Star should work to consolidate views and amplify the region's voice. Consolidated views are needed wherever possible to amplify the multistakeholder message.
 - **Continuity** – All stakeholders need to work hand-in-hand, not at cross-purposes – in negotiations.
 - **New York process will not be perfect** – negotiations will collapse down to an intergovernmental negotiation regardless. Success relies on working with the process, not resisting it.