11 December 2015

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter, dated 11 December, 2015 from the Co-Facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations on the review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), H.E.Mr. Jānis Mažeiks, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia, and H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates, forwarding the final programme on activities related to the General Assembly High Level Meeting on WSIS review on 15-16 December, 2015.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mogens Lykketoft

All Permanent Representatives
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New York

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Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We are pleased to enclose the final programme of activities related to the High-Level Meeting for the ten-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The programme includes events from Monday 14 December to Thursday 17 December, with the plenary held on the 15th and 16th.

We are also pleased to announce the panelists for the **high-level WSIS welcoming event**, open to all WSIS delegates and UN badge-holders. Featuring a moderated, conversational panel, the event will take place from **9 to 9:45 am in the Trusteeship Council Chamber** and provide perspectives on issues raised during the review, including ICT development applications, the digital divide, internet governance, human rights, and security. As a snapshot of the review, and with such distinguished voices, we hope very much that all WSIS delegates will attend.

The panelists are:

- Eric Schmidt, Chairman of Google
- Fadi Chehadé, President and CEO of ICANN
- HE Günther H. Oettinger, European Commissioner for Digital Economy & Society
- Mitchell Baker, Chair of Mozilla Foundation
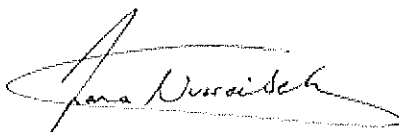- HE Siyabonga Cwele, Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services, South Africa

We would also highlight that an invitation to the **WSIS reception – hosted by our missions in the UN Delegates' Dining Room from 6:15 to 8:30 pm on Tuesday 15 December –** was dispatched on Wednesday, for all Heads of Delegations, Permanent Representatives, and experts. Please join us to celebrate six months (and ten years) of hard work.

Detailed information on the programme of activities, including speakers and concept notes, can be found at http://unpan3.un.org/wsis10/GA-High-Level-Meeting/Side-Events. As noted in our previous letter, the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) is organizing events on the 16th and 17th. While the meetings are separate from WSIS, as delineated in the programme, they provide an opportune complement, addressing issues raised in the review.

We look forward to seeing you next week, especially at the welcome event and reception on the 15th,

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DURING THE WSIS+10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

Mon, Dec 14	Event	Organizer	Contact email	Location
13:15 – 14:30 WSIS	IGF: Internet Governance Empowering Sustainable Development	Mission of Brazil; Internet Governance Forum organizers	Amb. Benedicto Fonseca (benedicto.fonseca@itamaraty.gov.br)	CR 1
13:15 - 14:30 WSIS	Dot Africa gTLD: The hope for realising Africa's Digital Presence	ZACR Dot Africa, Mission of African Union	Lucky Masilela (Lucky@registry.net.za)	CR 7
13:15 - 14:30 WSIS	Strengthening the impact of WSIS action lines for sustainable development: showcasing best practices, transferring know-how, fostering partnerships	ITU	Sharon London (london@un.org) Gary Fowlie (Fowlie@un.org)	CR 11
18:00 - 20:00	GemTech Awards	UN Women, ITU	Jennifer Breslin (jennifer.breslin@unwomen.org); Sharon London (london@un.org)	Civic Hall, New York
Tue, Dec 15	Event	Organizer	Contact email	Location
9:00 – 10:00 WSIS	Welcome for all WSIS Delegates	Missions of Latvia and the United Arab Emirates	Dane McQueen (d_mcqueen@mofa.gov.ae); Peteris Podvinskis (Peteris.Podvinskis@mfa.gov.lv)	Trusteeship Council
10:00 - 13:00 WSIS	Plenary of the General Assembly High-level Meeting on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes			GA Hall
13:15 - 14:30 WSIS	Building on WSIS+10: Putting Knowledge Societies at the heart of the 2030 Agenda	UNESCO	Ricardo de Guimaraes Pinto (r.de-guimaraes-pinto@unesco.org)	CR 12
13:15 - 14:30 WSIS	Women's Empowerment in the Digital Age: Implementing WSIS Outcome and Agenda 2030	Missions of Costa Rica, Sweden, Switzerland and Tunisia; ITU; UN Women; Microsoft	Sharon London (london@un.org); Christine Schneeberger (christine.schneeberger@eda.admin.ch)	CR 6
13:15 - 14:30 WSIS	Digital economy and sustainable development	ICC-BASIS, AfICTA, African Union	Moctar Yedaly(YedalyM@africa-union.org); Elizabeth Tomas-Raynaud (etd@iccwbo.org)	CR A
15:00 - 18:00 WSIS	Plenary of the General Assembly High-level Meeting on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes			GA Hall

15:00 - 16:30 WSIS	Global Forum on Cyber expertise	Missions of the Netherlands and Senegal	Eran Nagan (eran.nagan@minbuza.nl)	CR 6
15:00 - 16:30 WSIS	Measuring the Information Society: Progress to Date and Challenges Ahead	Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development	Scarlett fondeur (scarlett.fondeur.gil@unctad.org)	CR A
18:00 - 20:00 WSIS	Reception – RSVP only	Missions of Latvia and the United Arab Emirates	Susan Ehtesham (events1.ny@mofa.gov.ae); Peteris Podvinskis (Peteris.Podvinskis@mfa.gov.lv)	Delegates' Dining Room

Wed, Dec 16	Event	Organizer	Contact email	Location
10:00 - 13:00 WSIS	Plenary of the General Assembly High-level Meeting on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes			GA Hall
10:00 - 10:15 CTED	Opening Plenary Session for Technical Meetings	Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	CR 1
10:15 - 12:00 CTED	Technical Meeting: Current threats posed by use of the internet and social media for terrorist purposes	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	CR 1
11:00 - 12:30 WSIS	Presentation of GIP Digital Watch: A practical tool for navigating the complex field of digital policy	Diplo-Foundation; Geneva Internet Platform; Internet Society	Dr. Jovan Kurbalija (Jovank@diplomacy.edu)	CR A
12:00 - 13:30 CTED	Technical Meeting: Privacy and freedom of expression	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	CR 1
13:15 - 14:30 WSIS	Enabling a trusted connected world	ITU	Sharon London (london@un.org)	CR 7
13:15 - 14:30 WSIS	Towards 2030: Sustainable Development in the digital world	Mission of Ireland and Global Pulse	Munir Al Akari (Munir.AlAkari@dfa.ie)	Trusteeship Council
13:15 - 14:30 WSIS	Collaboration for Access and connectivity in developing countries - The best routes of the past and the best practices for the future	The Internet Society	Constance Bommelaer (Bommelaer@isoc.org)	CR 12

15:00 - 18:00 WSIS	Plenary of the General Assembly High-level Meeting on the overall review of the implementation of WSIS outcomes			GA Hall
15:00 - 16:30 CTED	Technical Meeting: Use of Internet and communications technology for counter-messaging purposes	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	CR 1
16:30 - 18:30 CTED	Technical Meeting: Collaboration between the public and private sector to promote safety and counter messaging	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	CR 1
Thu, Dec 17	**Event**	**Organizer**	**Contact email**	**Location**
10:00 - 10:20 CTED	Opening Plenary Session for Special Meeting	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	CR 1
10:20 - 11:35 CTED	Special Meeting: The threat and challenges relating to the use of the Internet and social media for terrorist purposes	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	
11:35- 12:50 CTED	Special Meeting: Collaboration between the public and private sector to promote safety and positive speech	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	
12:50 - 13:00 CTED	Closing Plenary Session for Special Meeting	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	
15:00 - 17:00 CTED	Technical Meeting: International cooperation	CTED	Marc Porret (Porret@un.org)	