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WSIS + 10 review

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UNESCO review event in figures

- 1450 onsite participants

- participants from 130 countries

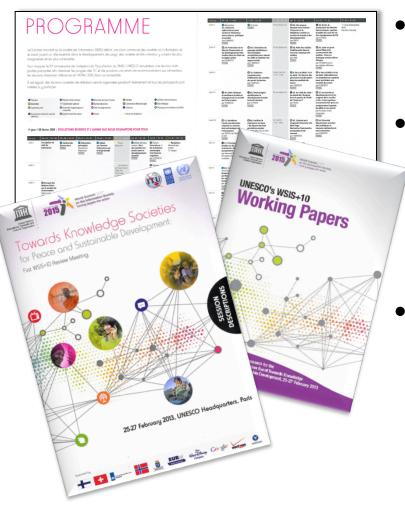- 800+ participants joined remotely

- 83 sessions in total

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- 7 working papers were prepared to inform the debate

- WSIS+10 *Final Statement was* developed by a multistakeholder open-ended drafting group, and was adopted by consensus

- A compilation of recommendations from all workshops is available on-line

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Outcomes of the Paris review meeting will inform:

• the ongoing WSIS review process (CSTD, ECOSOC, GA, ITU review event 2014)

• UNESCO᾿s General Conference (2013)

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UNESCO review event:

•Analyse and learn from the past, but concentrate on the present and the future;

•Emphasize the human impact rather than just technology;

•Focus on assessing the diverse players' action and their plans

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Main conclusions:

- The same principles of freedom of expression should apply online and off-line

- Freedom of and on the Internet should sustain

- Multi-stakeholder process has proven its efficiency

- Knowledge societies concept introduced in 2003 is very valid today

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Main conclusions (cont):

- Digital divide still exists but has changed its character

- ICTs as enabler of development should find a suitable place in post 2015 sustainable development agenda

UNGIS: WSIS+10 Review Action Plan (2012):

☑ UNESCO 2013 WSIS review conference

- – 25-27 February 2013, Paris, UNESCO HQ

- ITU 2014 WSIS review conference

- – 14-18 April 2014

- UNGA 2015 WSIS review meeting

- – Modalities to be adopted by the UNGA (2013)