

# WSIS - A Government Perspective

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# Key Messages



The technical community, including the IETF community, are critical to the global Internet. Many governments know this, but many others do not know who you are or what you do.



WSIS+20 is the opportunity to construct the new normative environment for the Internet, digital development and wider digital world, but there are multiple paths ahead.



Past circumstance and historical context are no guarantees for a future social licence.



Standards do not live in isolation to content, infrastructure or digital development questions – IETF’s work does have institutional impacts on Internet governance for governments.



The value of expert-led standards-making processes is essential to the Internet’s future, but showing the value of this for all, including governments, is critical.



The technical community needs to speak ‘government’ – many governments cannot or will not speak ‘technical’.

