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We would like to restate that there are significant barriers to the participation of all stakeholders in governance mechanisms.

Capacity building in developing areas to enable effective and meaningful participation of all stakeholders, including civil society organizations and individual Internet users - is an essential element underlying all of our discussions on Internet governance - and must be a priority in going forward.

Specifically, this means harnessing political will and exploring means to leverage existing resources at national, regional and global levels to implement well documented capacity building needs and activities with a range of target groups including policy-makers, technical communities, registry/ISP operators and internet users. In particular - those users who are currently excluded from access to the networks.

Such activities need to incorporate capacity building in policy, legal and technical areas with specific focus on critical issues such as DNS management, network stability and reliability and the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders.

All international organizations need to continue to improve their arrangements for the participation of developing country and civil society delegates in their processes and structures, consistent with the WSIS principles of transparency, democracy, multilateralism - and with the full participation of all stakeholders.

These efforts must be reinforced by national and regional level networks that are sufficiently resourced to build local institutional capacity and long-term sustainability.

Such efforts should be budgeted for in national and regional e-strategies that are aligned with MDG based poverty reduction strategies and led by national multi-stakeholder teams or networks.

Everyone acknowledges that capacity building is critically important and that it is the most essential step in reaching our overarching goal of enhancing the legitimacy and effectiveness of Internet Governance arrangements. But unfortunately, little is being done to transform our collective aspirations into reality. Now is the time to move from noble intentions, to action.