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Dear all,  
A report from Nigel.  
Best,  
Renate

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Good morning

Further to the correspondence last week with respect to the UNESCO Conference; and the helpful input received on the draft Outcome Statement from members (especially Klaus and Marilyn), I have pleasure in attaching a few documents from this excellent event:

1. Overall outcomes from Conference can be found at <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/netconference2015>

2. Address by Fadi; he spoke in closing session; his remarks (which were well received) I recorded as follows:

- Would firstly like to thank UNESCO for the great example they provide of a multi-stakeholder dialogue, in last 2 days here and previously at the WSIS Preparation even 2 years ago;
- Special and important time for multi-stakeholder model; will be an important year for Internet Governance;
- Internet is a real example of unstoppable force; they can be good but can also be disturbing;
- The Internet is a key example of such a force – like a large river – as it affects everything in its path;
- Was reflecting on this “power” when I spoke MEPs in Barcelona on Sunday; told them Internet obliges “Uberisation” of every sector;
- We need to be prepared – as Internet changes everything; education; science, and culture; being just examples in your (UNESCO) area of work;
- The Internet is like a powerful river; changing every landscape it touches; take the Nile for example of this; and how changes environment around it; ;
- But Rivers must be directed and dealt with; governments (where river passes) create tunnels; and build dams and bridges; but there is no central government in charge for such a river; all can contribute and effect it;
- The Internet provides contribution of \$4.2bn in the digital economy; a real force for good
- ICANN is responsible for the river bed of the Internet; we ensure it is stable and serves all who use river; we cannot simply (as a river bed) be taken over;
- The IANA transition will make sure we can preserve the neutrality of the river bed; but as the US steps away (after being such a careful steward) we need to ensure the river bed remains stable; and not captured by anyone at all; thus the hard work being undertaken by the Community on Accountability measures;
- Critical that all the players using the Internet (like a river); have common principles; here need to recognise leadership in Brazil; and all the players who came together last year in Sao Paulo to adopt key Internet Principles; these had to be rooted in human rights; and they are;
- Lot of work to do but confident with bodies like UNESCO we can succeed.

3. Outcome Statement

During the Conference an "Outcome Document" was agreed; the process described in link below and the pdf given in attached. This – when (and if) adopted by UNESCO Ministers in September could be important in terms of political positioning at WSIS UNGA discussions later in the Year. The contribution ICANN (thank to inputs) made on the draft is attached also.

[http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/resources/news-and-in-focus-articles/all-news/news/a\\_multi\\_stakeholder\\_gathering\\_adopts\\_an\\_outcome\\_document\\_at\\_the\\_connecting\\_the\\_dots\\_conference/#.VP2YrWYzAZI](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/resources/news-and-in-focus-articles/all-news/news/a_multi_stakeholder_gathering_adopts_an_outcome_document_at_the_connecting_the_dots_conference/#.VP2YrWYzAZI)

Best

Nigel