



Section 8 

Stakeholders' Partnership and Cooperation to Foster Information Society Development

Report on Activities and Draft Recommendations

International Conference
“UNESCO between two Phases of
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Organisers

Institute of the Information Society (Moscow, Russia)

Global Knowledge Partnership Secretariat (Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia)

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4 sessions

Regional meeting of the Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP) - 17 May

Session 1. Multi-stakeholder partnerships: New phenomenon for the new world - 18 May

Session 2. Impact of the multi-stakeholder partnerships on resolving development challenges - 18 May

Session 3. General discussion and recommendations - 19 May



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Around 40 participants from 14
countries involved

Representatives of government, business,
civil society, international organisations,
and multi-stakeholder partnerships

Intensive work in an open, constructive
and friendly atmosphere

General consensus on recommendations



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GKP regional meeting

Discussed ways of seeking out innovative solutions and mobilising resources to promote sustainable development and building successful knowledge societies in the Eastern and Central Europe through the involvement of organisations of different type and size from different countries and sectors, which, working together, would apply what is learned locally and globally



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Session 1

Considered theoretical and policy issues of the emerging phenomenon of the human culture - Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships, which are basically defined as alliances between parties drawn from government, business, civil society and international organisations that strategically aggregate the resources and competencies of each to resolve the key development challenges



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Session 2

Presented case studies selected to view a range of partnerships types through the lens of the partnership principles, and to show the way in which these principles apply in practice



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Session 3

Drafting Recommendations for UNESCO Position at the World Summit on Information Society in respect to Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships, which are necessary because it is increasingly clear that no one sector in society can deliver the complexities of sustainable development alone



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Recommendations

Within the framework of the implementation of the recommendations of the World Summit on the Information Society, we recommend to UNESCO:



I. To create an inclusive, transparent, multi-stakeholder and multi-disciplinary working group with the following missions

To conduct research on the new phenomenon of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships within the context of the Information and Shared Knowledge Society, Sustainable Development and Good Governance and develop basic principles of effective, equitable, transparent and inclusive MSPs

To develop a set of guidelines to be endorsed by the United Nations Organisation concerning the ethical standards of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships

To study and to propose new international public law mechanisms and structures that would allow for the institutionalisation and recognition of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships accountable, among others, to the United Nations Organisation



II. To implement multi-stakeholder partnerships aimed at promoting Culture, Education, Science and Linguistic Diversity, and helping Good Governance, based upon the principles and guidelines developed by the working group proposed in the above recommendations.



III. To learn from the spirit, experience and practice of the Free Software and Open Source development paradigms, of linguistic and cultural diversity, sharing knowledge, and therefore to implement Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships based on those learned management principles and to promote and support such types of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships.