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As President of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP), I am delighted to take a few moments at the WSIS Forum 2017 to reflect on the sustainable development goals and provide some examples on the way IFIP can contribute to achieving them.

IFIP is the global federation of national and international scientific, technical and professional ICT societies. Combined, these societies represent an enormous source of knowledge and experience in all aspects of ICT and STEM. This knowledge and experience must be, is and will be used to contribute to the 2030 Agenda.

In summary, IFIP aims at achieving a worldwide professional and socially responsible development and application of ICT, by:

- enhancing international cooperation between national and international organizations, and among individuals, in all aspects of research, development and application of ICT
- increasing professionalism and ethical behaviour in the ICT workforce
- promoting digital equity
- educating the public and enhancing public understanding
- disseminating and exchanging information

The model that IFIP uses involves multi-stakeholder participation, in working groups, in technical committees, at forums and special interest groups and conferences across the globe. This it has done in all its 60 plus years. Is this still a valid methodology to achieve its aims? We believe that our approach like that of WSIS itself is still valid and effective, however the challenge is to accelerate the actions to realize the 2030 Agenda.

IFIP has always been a partnership based organisation, we believe that this is a major factor to help increase the effectiveness of our largely voluntary efforts. This plays perfectly into SDG exhortation to revitalise and enhance global partnerships. IFIP has 117 working groups and technical committees which are global, we have the International Professional Practice Partnership(IP3) and our Global Industry Council comprised of senior leaders in industry committed to improving and promoting professional practice in ICT.

IFIP is keen to contribute to the 2030 Agenda and invites all WSIS stakeholders to discuss possibilities for effective and efficient partnerships, in various ways for various goals and action lines.