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## Summary of Feedback on the auIGF Position Paper

The inaugural auIGF Position Paper, drafted by the auIGF Multistakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC), was published for community feedback on 21 August 2024.

Community feedback to date has been positive and supportive of the initiative.

Outlined below are the key points raised during the consultation process, along with the actions taken by the drafting team in response.

The final draft is now published and available for review ahead of the auIGF. It will be discussed during the Town Hall events on both days of the forum, where participants will have the opportunity to reach a consensus on the draft.

Following the auIGF, a finalised position paper will be published, incorporating any additional feedback received during the event.

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### Feedback Incorporated

- **Introduction:** Clarified the challenge by specifying the context of "our response" in the second paragraph.
- **Section 1 (Gender Equality):** Acknowledged the need to highlight gender equality within the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A relevant reference has been added.
- **Section 1 (SDGs):** Additional information regarding the UN SDGs was requested. A link to the SDGs has been included.
- **Section 2 (São Paulo Guidelines):** More information on the São Paulo guidelines was suggested. This has now been added.

- **Section 3 (Geopolitical Influence):** It was recommended to rephrase the third paragraph to ensure that the influence of geopolitics on events does not overshadow or stall key issues. This section has been redrafted accordingly.
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### **Feedback Noted but Unchanged**

- **Introduction (UN initiatives):** A suggestion was made to include more information on UN initiatives to date. As there have been numerous proposals, we have not included any specific examples.
- **Section 3 (WSIS and IGF Implementation):** Suggestions were made to explore how the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), particularly the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), could be utilised to implement or review the Global Digital Compact (GDC). The MSSC suggests considering this as part of the Food for Thought Paper.
- **Section 3 (Financial Sustainability of IGF):** There was a recommendation to consider the financial sustainability of the IGF, particularly given potential new responsibilities under WSIS and the GDC. The MSSC suggests considering this as part of the Food for Thought Paper.
- **Section 3 (Sub-Committees for Specific Areas):** It was suggested to create sub-committees focused on topics like business participation, consumer and user rights, and internet quality. This feedback has been noted.