

Selection of proposed speakers for the Tunis Summit

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Dear Friends,

I will repeat here the plan for how civil society goes about the selection of proposed speakers for the Tunis Summit, which was accepted at the CS Plenary meeting this morning.

1. the list of nominated persons has been provided for the plenary this morning
2. A selection committee to shorten the list of proposed speakers will be composed of:
 - 1 member from each regional group (Africa, Asia, Latin America / Caribbean, and West Europe / US)
 - 1 member from bureau
 - 1 representative of Content and Themes
 - a representative the WSIS Executive Secretariat in advisory capacity
3. Content and Themes Group discusses at its meeting at 1800 hours in Rm XXII the qualifications that the selection committee should take into account, i.e. thematic balance, regional balance, gender balance, age diversity, "high profile" speakers, and other considerations
4. The selection committee then meets in the evening to go through the nominations and bring them down to an acceptable number
5. The selection committee reports tomorrow morning on the selection to plenary for final approval.

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