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Presentation on WSIS+20 outcomes Charting the Digital Future Towards 2035

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WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY



WSIS **FORUM 2026**

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WSIS Process

Multistakeholder digital cooperation framework driving an inclusive digital future

50+

UN process

Involving more than 50 UN partners advance global digital development

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WSIS Action Lines

Forming the implementation framework of the WSIS Process

All
Stakeholders

Multistakeholder digital cooperation

Encompassing multistakeholder digital cooperation within all stakeholders, the governments, private sector, UN agencies, civil society, academia and the technical community.

Core
Mission

Core mission

Achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented information and knowledge societies where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information through digital and new technologies.

WSIS Process

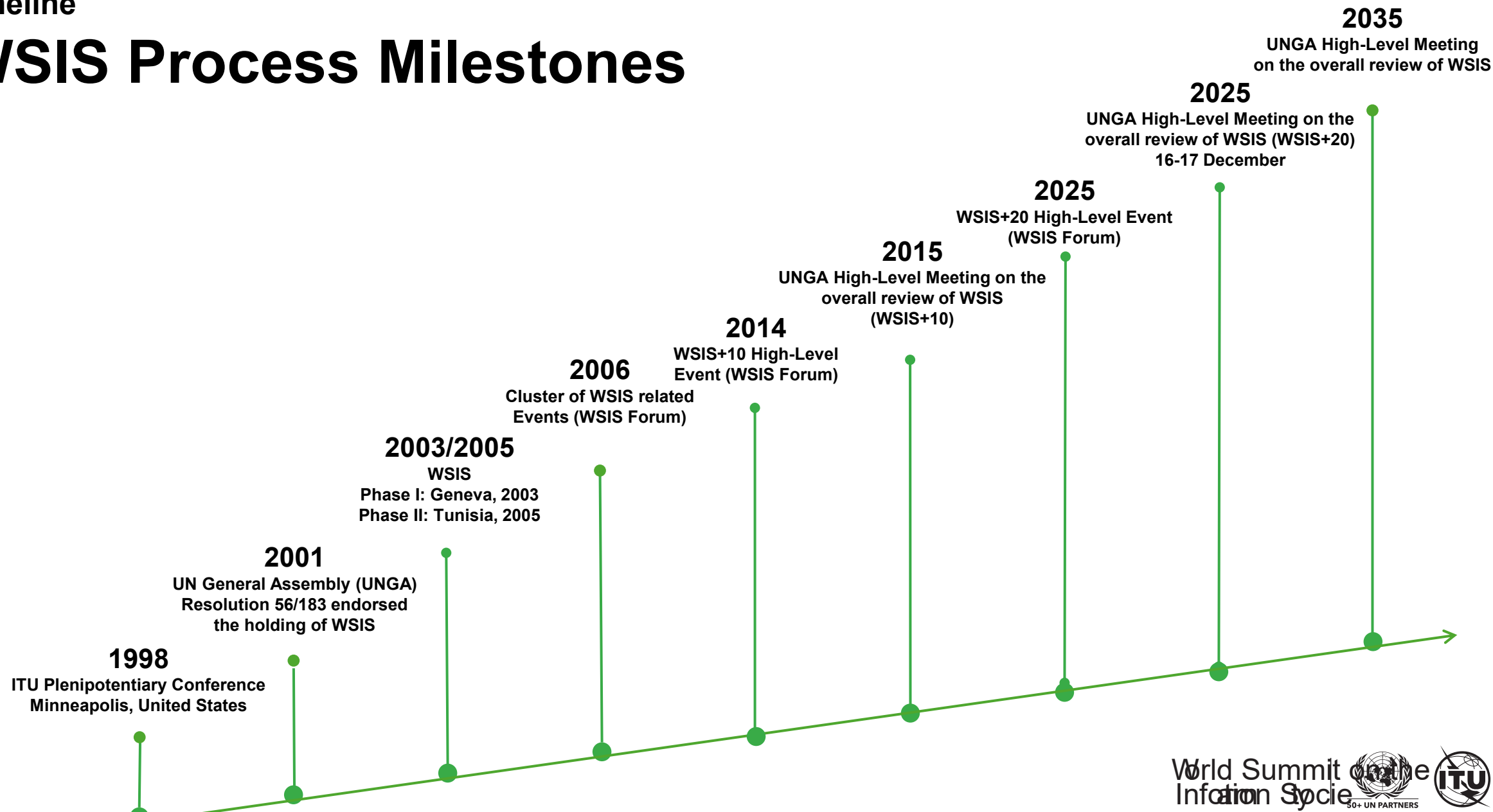
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Timeline

WSIS Process Milestones



ITU's Mandate on the implementation of WSIS

- Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action
- Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society
- ITU PP Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)
- ITU Council Resolution 1334 (modified 2023)
- ITU Council Resolution 1332 (modified 2024)
- ITU-D Resolution 30 (Rev. Baku, 2025) - Baku Action Plan
- ITU-R Resolution 61-3 (Rev. Dubai, 2023)
- ITU-T Resolution 75 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)
- CWG WSIS&SDGs
- WSIS&SDG Taskforce
- ITU Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (Annual Report)
- WSIS Action Lines Roadmaps



WSIS Action Lines

Guiding the WSIS Process



C1 ICTs for development

C2 Infrastructure

C3 Access to info & knowledge

C4 Capacity building

C5 Confidence & security

C6 Enabling environment

C7 eGovernment

C7 eBusiness

C7 eLearning

C7 eHealth

C7 eEmployment

C7 eEnvironment

C7 eAgriculture

C7 eScience

C8 Diversity & local content

C9 Media

C10 Ethical dimensions

C11 Int & regional cooperation

21 000+ digital projects aligned with SDGs

Presentations by UN WSIS Action Lines facilitators on WSIS+20 Review
Action Lines Milestones, Challenges and Emerging Trends beyond 2025:
<https://itu.int/go/wsis20review>

WSIS Stocktaking



21 000+
projects documented

Highlighting the significant contributions toward digital development and transformation across various sectors



2.2 million
stakeholders
engaged worldwide
over the past 20
years

Network of individuals and organizations that have participated in WSIS Stocktaking emphasizing the collaborative spirit.



**Linkages between
WSIS Action Lines,
SDGs, and GDC
Objectives**

WSIS Stocktaking projects and ICT initiatives showcase the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and highlight linkages with SDGs and the GDC objectives.



**Evolving WSIS
Stocktaking: expanding
impact through new
Initiatives**

Featuring WSIS Prizes (9,000+ submissions), special contests on ageing well, e-gov, repositories on AI, e-health, and inclusion (women and youth) to highlight global ICT-for-development achievements.



**WSIS Stocktaking
Global and Regional
reports for inclusive
development**

Report on initiatives, progress, and best practices worldwide, showcasing how ICTs are advancing inclusive and sustainable development across all regions.

Outcome Document A/RES/80/173

The outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society **adopted by consensus** on 17 December 2005





Key outcomes of the Resolution

- **WSIS** reaffirmed as the UN's central framework for **inclusive, people-centered digital development**
- Continued relevance of **Geneva Principles, Tunis Agenda, and WSIS Action Lines**
- Coherence with the 2030 Agenda and the Global Digital Compact
- WSIS mechanisms on the **annual WSIS Forum, WSIS Stocktaking, and WSIS Prizes**
- A **renewed mandate for WSIS until 2035**
- UNGA to convene a High-Level meeting in 2035 to review progress, assess challenges, and identify priorities for the continued implementation of WSIS outcomes, with the participation of all stakeholders



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more

WSIS+20 Outcomes

Inter-Agency and broader UN engagement

UNGIS

Continuation and strengthening of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) as the UN system's inter-agency mechanism for digital cooperation, with ITU as permanent secretariat.

UNGIS requested to prepare a joint implementation roadmap within existing mandates, ensuring coherence and a resource-efficient, unified approach across the UN system.

Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, coordinated by ITU with UNCTAD and UN DESA, as key mechanism for tracking progress, and requested the Partnership, in cooperation with Action Line facilitators and with the support of the Statistical Commission, to conduct a systematic review of existing indicators and methodologies, and to report findings to the CSTD in 2027.

IAWG-AI

UN Inter-Agency Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (IAWG-AI), in consultation with WSIS Action Line Facilitators, tasked with mapping existing UN AI capacity-building initiatives, identifying gaps, and addressing them through fellowships, research programs, and leveraging UN capacities, with a focus on developing countries.

Evidence based assessment on AI

Notes the creation of a multidisciplinary Independent International Scientific Panel on AI to provide evidence-based assessments of AI's impacts, risks, and opportunities.



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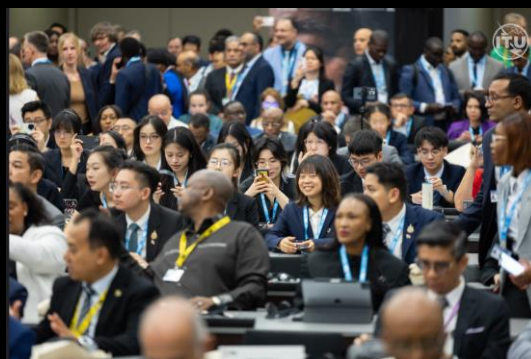


WSIS FORUM 2026

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Working together towards
WSIS 2035:
Digital Development for All

www.wsis.org/forum



Excepted participation

4000+

Participants

160+

Countries

500+

High-Level guests

250+

Sessions

100+

Ministers and Regulators

50

UN Leaders

Multistakeholder participation



Governments



Private Sector



Academia



Technical
Community



Civil Society



International
Organizations



UN System



Youth

WSIS Forum 2026 Objectives

Guide multistakeholder action on digital development, bridge the digital divide, align WSIS Action Lines and build a shared vision to 2035



Multistakeholder discussions on digital development and emerging trends

1.

Inclusive dialogues to develop WSIS Action Lines roadmaps that contribute to global development

2.

Discuss policies for bridging the digital divide and advancing digital cooperation

3.

Showcase and share best practices across sectors and regions

4.

Vision towards 2035 : align strategies for sustainable, inclusive digital transformation

5.

Venue

Palexpo Geneva

Route François-Peyrot 30, CH-1218 Le
Grand-Saconnex

Registration open!

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2026/Home/Registration>

We recommend booking your
accommodation early



Agenda and Programme

Built through the Open Consultation Process (OCP), ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum.
Submit through the [OCP form](#).

Propose new themes

Defining the themes and emerging trends that will drive the WSIS Forum 2026 agenda

1

Suggest innovative formats

Moving beyond traditional panels to interactive, high-impact session structures

2

Request exhibition space

Showcase your innovative work to WSIS Forum participants

4

3

Drive engagement

Break the record of 550 submissions received for last year's Forum



DEADLINE: **31 March 2026**



WSIS Forum 2026

Key elements of the Agenda



High-Level Leaders TalkX



Interactive Sessions by all stakeholders



WSIS Prizes 2026



Hackathon



Ambassadors & Regulators Roundtables



Ministerial Roundtable



UN WSIS Action Lines & UNGIS sessions



Exhibition Space



WSIS Forum 2026

High-Level Track

Participation

- Heads of States
- Ministers
- Heads of Regulatory Authorities
- Ambassadors
- Heads of UN Agencies
- Mayors
- Heads of International Organizations
- Parliamentarians
- CEOs
- Civil Society Leaders

Engagements

- Leaders TalkX
- High-Level Dialogues
- Ministerial Roundtable
- Regulators Roundtable
- Ambassadors Roundtable
- High-Level social events



Snapshot of previous WSIS Forum participants



H.E. Solly Malatsi
Minister

Department of
Communications &
Digital Technologies
South Africa



H.E. Alar Karis
President

Republic of Estonia



H.E. Amr Talaat
Minister

Ministry of
Communications &
Information Technology
Egypt



H.E. Raffaella Petrini
President

Governorate of Vatican
City State
Vatican



Ms. Maria Fernanda
Garza

ICC Honorary Chair
International Chamber
of Commerce



Amandeep Singh Gill

Under-SG & Special
Envoy for Digital and
Emerging
Technologies
ODET



H.E. Haitham
Abdulrahman AlOhal

Governor & Vice
Minister, Space &
Technology
Commission
Saudi Arabia



Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Secretary-General
International
Telecommunication
Union



Mr. Robert Rae
President

Economic and
Social Council
(ECOSOC)



Ms. Amy Hogan
Burney

Corporate Vice
President
Microsoft



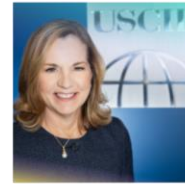
H.E. Amr Talaat
Minister

Ministry of Communications
and Information Technology
Egypt



Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-
Iweala

Director-General
World Trade
Organization (WTO)



Ms. Whitney Baird

President and CEO
US Council for
International Business



Dr. Vinton Cerf
Chairman

Leadership Panel of the
Internet Governance
Forum



H.E. Ekitela Lokaale

Ambassador & PR ,
Permanent Mission of
the Republic of Kenya
to the United Nations
Kenya



Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven

Managing Director ,
Deutsche Gesellschaft für
Internationale
Zusammenarbeit,
Germany



Jacob A. McGee

Senior Bureau Official ,
Bureau of Democracy,
Human Rights, and
Labor
United States



Prof. Celeste Saulo

Secretary-General
World
Meteorological
Organization



H.E. Suela Janina

Ambassador & PR ,
Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Albania to the
United Nations



Bernard Maissen

State Secretary, Head ,
Federal Office of
Communications,
Swiss Confederation



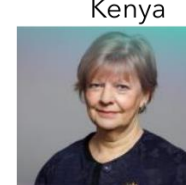
Célestin Kadjidja

Président , Autorité de
Régulation des
Communications
électroniques et des Postes
Gabon



H.E. Ahmad Fahmi
Mohamed Fadzil

Minister, Ministry of
Communications
Malaysia



H.E. Maggie Jones

Minister for the Future
Digital Economy and
Online Safety
United Kingdom



Sally Wentworth

President and CEO
Internet Society



18 Winners

72 Champions

270 Nominees

Voting Phase for 360 nominated projects starts soon

www.wsis.org/prizes



WSIS Prizes 2026

Timeline

- Submission Phase** ● 18 December – 15 March 2026
- Nomination Phase** ● 21 March – 10 April 2026
- Voting Phase** ● 11 April – 30 April 2026
- Selection Phase** ● 1 May – 15 May 2026
- Prize Ceremony** ● 6-10 July 2026



WSIS Photo Contest 2026

Submit photos of initiatives, individuals, and organizations demonstrating how digital technologies are advancing development.

SUBMIT NOW

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2026/PhotoContest>

Deadline: 31 March 2026



United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)



UNGIS

UNITED NATIONS GROUP ON THE
INFORMATION SOCIETY FOR DIGITAL
TRANSFORMATION

CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS



UNCTAD
CHAIR



ITU
VICE-CHAIR



UNDP
VICE-CHAIR



UNESCO
VICE-CHAIR



UNESCO
ESCWA
VICE-CHAIR

PERMANENT SECRETARIAT



ITU

2006

Establishment Year
within the UN Chief
Executives Board

31

Members

17

Observers

Governance (2025-2026)

Chair: UNCTAD

Vice-Chairs: ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, UN ESCWA

Permanent Secretariat: ITU

Strengthened Mandate

¶ 67 — **Financing mechanisms:**
UNGIS Secretariat to establish
an internal task force

¶ 113 — **Action Line roadmaps:**
coordinate with UNGIS

¶ 121 — **Strengthen UNGIS;** ITU
secretariat; annual rotating
Chair;

¶ 122 — **Joint implementation
road map:** request to UNGIS

Activities at the annual WSIS Forum
High-Level and working-level meetings



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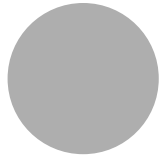
Partnership on measuring ICT for Development

Objectives



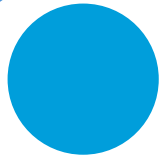
Development of indicators

Creating metrics and KPIs to measure progress in the information society particularly in developing countries



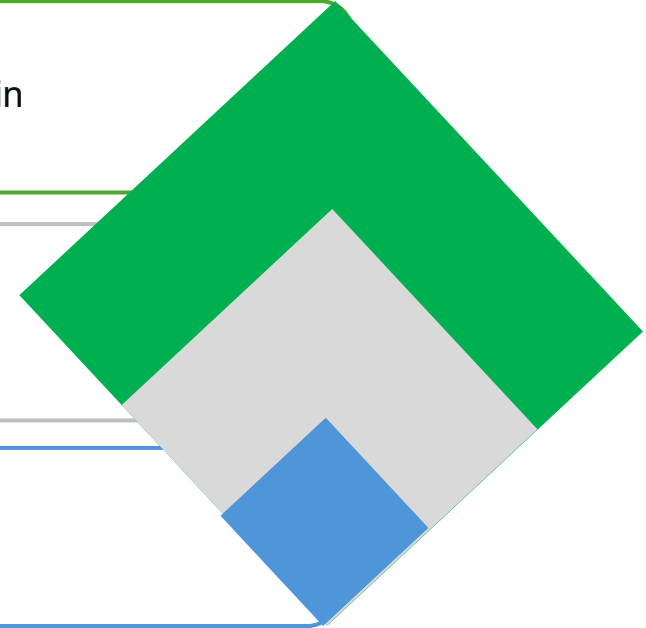
Data gathering

Collecting systematic and high-quality ICT information across all regions.



Information Dissemination

Disseminating relevant and updated data to stakeholders and policy makers



Current Steering Committee: ITU, UNDESA and UNCTAD

New Mandate: Partnership, in cooperation with Action Line facilitators and with the support of the Statistical Commission, to conduct a systematic review of existing indicators and methodologies, and to report findings to the CSTD in 2027.

WSIS Action towards 2035

UNGIS Activities

Inter-agency
coordination

Learn more
www.ungis.org

WSIS Action Lines coordination

Scaling action
together

Learn more
<https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/ActionLines.aspx>

Mandates from UNGA Resolution

Financing mechanisms: UNGIS Secretariat to establish an internal task force

Strengthen UNGIS; ITU secretariat; annual rotating Chair;

Joint WSIS-GDC implementation roadmap: request to UNGIS

Engaging with other stakeholders

Actions

Call for nomination of experts launched

Regular meetings implementing the Action Plan

Roadmap being developed and will be submitted to CSTD 1 month in advance

Launch of a multistakeholder consultation group to consult with all stakeholders

Mandates from UNGA Resolution

Human rights in coordination with OHCHR
Women and Girls in coordination with UN Women (Para 112)

WSIS Action Lines Facilitators roadmap (Para 113)

Reporting at the annual WSIS Forum

Actions

Develop targeted implementation roadmaps linking WSIS Action Lines to SDG targets and Global Digital Compact commitments, including monitoring indicators. To be reported to CSTD in 2027

Regular coordination meetings with Action Line Facilitators

WSIS Action Lines facilitators meetings, Roundtables, Exhibitions, interviews and speed dating

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 Strategic Partner: Diamond

 Strategic Partner: Platinum



 Strategic Partner: Gold

 Silver Partner



 Innovation Partner

 Supporting Partner



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Innovate — discuss — share

Thank you



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50+ UN PARTNERS

