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**World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes (2018)**

For the seventh year in a row, the [WSIS Prizes 2018](http://www.wsis.org/prizes) will be recognizing outstanding success stories from around the world for their part in building an inclusive information society. Our common objective is to inspire and advance sustainable development through the effective use of ICTs. Building upon the outcomes of the United Nations General Assembly Overall Review on WSIS as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the WSIS Prizes 2018 seek to reflect close linkages with achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

[ECOSOC resolution 2017/22](http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ecosoc_res_2017d21_en.pdf) also reiterates the importance of recognizing excellence in the implementation of the projects and initiatives that further the WSIS goals, and encourages all stakeholders to nominate their ICT-related projects for the annual WSIS Prizes contest as an integral part of the WSIS Stocktaking process ([www.wsis.org/stocktaking](http://www.wsis.org/stocktaking)).

In order to process the submission, stakeholders are requested to complete the submission form for WSIS Prize 2018 online at [www.wsis.org/prizes](http://www.wsis.org/prizes) **by 2 January 2018.** All stakeholders are urged to encourage their networks to join the WSIS Prizes process. The contest is organized in five phases with Submission phase starting from 11 September 2017 and with Online Voting phase ending on 4 February 2018.

The eighteen winners and seventy-two champions of the WSIS Prizes will be presented with an award at the [WSIS Forum 2018](http://www.wsis.org/forum). Awarded activities will be reflected in the **WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2018** and promoted through the various WSIS communication channels, including social media platforms.

Due to the increased interest from the previous WSIS Prizes winners and champions, alongside with the existing policy of the WSIS Prizes process to continuously promote their achievements and track the further development of the awarded projects, WSIS Team is preparing a special session at the WSIS Forum 2018 with the objective to bring together the winners and champions (2012-2018), which form a key part of our global and grassroots community, and engage them in online and community advocacy, while seeking their input related to the future progress of the contest and its awardees.

Should you have any questions or need for assistance with WSIS Prizes 2018 contest, please do not hesitate to contact the WSIS Team at [wsis-prizes@itu.int](mailto:wsis-prizes@itu.int).