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| Report by the Chairman of Council Working Group on the World Summit on the Information Society and Sustainable Development Goals (CWG-WSIS&SDG) | |
| REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE CWG-WSIS&SDG ACTIVITIES SINCE COUNCIL-19 | |

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| Summary  This report summarizes the main results of the 34th and 35th meetings of the Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG (CWG-WSIS&SDG). The 34th meeting was held on 25 September 2019 and the 35th meeting was held on 6-7 February 2020 in line with [PP-18 Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution-140-PP18.pdf)) and [Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2019)](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en).  **Action required**  The Council is invited to **consider** the recommendations in the report.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*UNGA Resolution A/RES/70/125*](https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/125)*;* [*UNGA Resolution A/RES/70/1*](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1)*;* [*UNGA Resolution A/71/212*](https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/71/212)*;* [*UNGA Resolution A/70/299*](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/299)*;* [*UNGA Resolution A/70/684*](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/684)*; UNGA Resolution* [*A/RES/73/218*](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/218)*;* [*UN ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2019/24*](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2019/24)*;* [*PP-14 Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution-140-PP18.pdf)*;* [*PP-10 Resolution 172 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)*](https://www.itu.int/council/groups/wsis/docs/resolutions/PP10-Res-172.pdf)*;* [*Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2019)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en)*;* [*Council Resolution 1336 (Modified 2015)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S15-CL-C-0113/en)*;* [*WTDC 2017 Resolution 30 (REV. Buenos Aires, 2017)*](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-WTDC17-C-0115/en) *,* [*WTSA-16 Resolution 75 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016)*](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.75-2016-PDF-E.pdf)*;* [*Reports of 18th, 19th, 20th,21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th , 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd 34th, and 35th CWG WSIS meeting*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*s;* [*WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes*](http://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/inc/doc/outcome/362828V2E.pdf)*;* [*WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015*](http://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/inc/doc/outcome/362828V2E.pdf)*;* [*Final WSIS Target Review*](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/publications/wsisreview2014/WSIS2014_review.pdf)*;* [*WSIS+10 Report: ITU’s Ten Year Contribution to the WSIS Implementation and Follow-up (2005-2014)*](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Documents/WSIS+10Report.pdf)*.* |

1. **Introduction**
   1. Since Council-19, the ITU Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG (CWG-WSIS&SDG) held two meetings. The 34th meeting was held on 25 September 2019 and 35th meeting was held on 6-7 February 2020. The Terms of Reference of the CWG-WSIS&SDG are listed in the Annex to the [Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2019)](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en) that was adopted at the fourth Plenary Meeting in Council 2019. More than 70 delegates, representing ITU Member States and Sector Members, participated in the CWG-WSIS&SDG meetings. The 34th meeting considered 20 documents and the 35th meeting considered 14 documents. The meetings were chaired by Prof. Dr Vladimir Minkin (Russian Federation), Chairman of the CWG-WSIS&SDG. The 34th meeting was attended by Vice-Chairs, Ms Aygun Ahmadova (Azerbaijan), Mr Mario Canazza (Brazil), Prof. Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Rep. of Iran), Mr Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia), and Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda) who was represented by Mr Vincent Museminali. The 35th meeting was attended by Vice-Chairs, Ms Aygun Ahmadova (Azerbaijan), Prof. Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Rep. of Iran), Mr. Wojciech Berezowski (Poland), Mr Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia), and Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda) who was represented by Mr Vincent Museminali.
   2. This document provides a series of recommendations developed by CWG-WSIS&SDG to Council-20. Summary Reports of the 34th and 35th meeting are available as documents [CWG-WSIS&SDG-34-22](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0022/en) and [CWG-WSIS&SDG-35-16](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0016/en) respectively on the [CWG-WSIS&SDG website](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx).
2. **Update relevant activities related to the WSIS process and SDGs**
   1. The following documents were considered at the 34th and 35th meetings of the CWG-WSIS&SDG:

2.1.1. ITU WSIS Related Resolutions

* + Council Resolutions – 1332 (Revised 2019) ([S19-CL-C-0137](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en))
  + Outcomes of the Council-19
    1. UN resolutions, relevant reports and decisions:
  + Outcomes of the CSTD 2019 Annual Session ([E/2019/31](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/2019/31))
  + ECOSOC Resolution on Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society ([E/RES/2019/24](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2019/24))
  + UNGA Resolution on ICT for Development ([A/RES/73/218](https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/218))
  + Outcomes of the CSTD 2019-2020 Inter—sessional Panel
  + Outcomes of the Internet Governance Forum 2019 ([IGF 2019 Summary)](https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/index.php?q=filedepot_download/9299/1809)
  + UNGA Resolution on ICT for Development ([A/RES/74/197)](https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/74/197)

1. **ITU’s activities in WSIS facilitation, implementation, and follow-up, including activities according to the ITU Operational Plans**
   1. The following documents were considered at the 34th and 35th meetings of the CWG-WSIS&SDG:
      1. ITU Contribution to the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2019 Report) ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0002](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0002/));
      2. ITU Roadmaps for WSIS Action Lines C2, C5, C6 (Updated 2019) ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0003](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0003/));
      3. WSIS Forum 2019: Outcomes ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0004](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0004/));
      4. WSIS Forum 2020 (Preparatory Process) ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0005](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0005/));
      5. Regional activities towards alignment of WSIS and SDG processes ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0014](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0014/));
      6. WSIS Stocktaking Process 2019 and 2020 ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0006](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0006/));
      7. WSIS Prizes 2019 and 2020 ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0007](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0007/));
      8. UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0008](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0008/));
      9. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2019 and 2020 ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0011](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0011/)) and ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0020](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0020/));
      10. Partnership on Measuring the ICT for Development ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0017](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0017/));
      11. WSIS Fund in Trust 2020 ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0009](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0009/));
      12. ITU Sector Study Groups for the WSIS and SDG Process ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0010](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0010/));
      13. WSIS Forum 2020 (Preparatory Process) ([CWGWSIS35/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0002/en));
      14. WSIS+15 Report on ITUs contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (2005-2020) ([CWGWSIS35/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0003/en));
      15. ITU Roadmaps C2, C5 and C6 (updated 2019) ([Roadmap Document](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Documents/Roadmaps/WSIS-AL-Roadmaps_2019_DRAFT-20190821.pdf));
      16. Regional activities towards alignment of WSIS and SDG processes
   * Report by Vice-Chairs of the WG-WSIS&SDGs
2. Vice-Chair of Region D (Africa) ([CWGWSIS35/13);](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0013/en)
3. Vice-Chair of Region E (Asia-Pacific) ([CWGWSIS35/12](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0012/en));
   * Update on the activities at the Regional Level, ITU Regional Offices and UN Regional Commissions;
     1. WSIS Stocktaking Process 2020 ([CWGWSIS35/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0010/en));
     2. WSIS Prizes 2020 ([CWGWSIS35/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0009/en));
     3. UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) ([CWGWSIS35/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0004/en));
     4. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2020 ([CWGWSIS35/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0005/en));
     5. Partnership on Measuring the ICT for Development ([CWGWSIS35/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0006/en));
     6. WSIS Fund in Trust 2020 ([CWGWSIS35/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0007/en));
     7. ITU Sector Study Group activities related to the WSIS and SDG Process ([CWGWSIS35/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0008/en)).
   1. At its 34th and 35th meetings, the Group took note of all documents with appreciation and agreed upon a series of observations and suggestions that are reflected in the summaries of the meetings ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-34-22](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0022/en) and [CWG-WSIS&SDG-35-16](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0016/en)).
   2. Building upon the outcomes of the contributions provided to the 34th and 35th meetings, the Group took note of all documents with appreciation and made the following **observations and recommendations** to **Council-20:**
      1. **WSIS Forum 2019 Outcome:**
4. The group appreciated the outcome of the WSIS Forum 2019 and the new features introduced to enhance multistakeholder participation in the event.
   * 1. **WSIS Forum 2020:**
5. The group appreciated all efforts made and updates on the calls for action received towards the preparations of the WSIS Forum 2020;
6. The 2020 WSIS Forum (WSIS+15) will provide an opportunity to serve as a platform to track the achievements of WSIS Action Lines in collaboration with the UN Agencies involved and provide information and analysis of the implementation of WSIS Action Lines;
7. The secretariat was requested to explore the possibility of changing the dates of the WSIS Forum 2020, taking into consideration some other big events that will take place in the same week as WSIS Forum 2020;
8. The group noted the deadline to contribute to the Open Consultation Process, including request for workshops and exhibition spaces, by 3 February 2020;
9. ITU Membership was encouraged to participate actively in the WSIS Forum 2020;
10. The Group appreciated the efforts made by the secretariat to explore and announce the new dates of the WSIS Forum 2020;
11. The Group noted that the deadline to contribute to the Open Consultation Process, including request for workshops and exhibition spaces, was extended till 7  February 2020 at the request of Stakeholders;
12. The Group encouraged the secretariat to work with the WSIS Action Line facilitators, in particular the facilitators of the WSIS Action Lines C2, C5 and C6, to include the fifteen year achievements of the implementation (2005-2020), challenges and opportunities in the Action Line Workshops to be organized at the WSIS Forum 2020.
    * 1. **WSIS Prizes 2020:**
13. ITU membership was encouraged to nominate projects for the WSIS Prizes 2020 for international recognition and appreciation of projects highlighting the linkage between WSIS Action Lines and SDGs by the deadline of 22 November 2019;
14. The Group appreciated the results of the 9th edition of the WSIS Prizes with more than 800 projects;
15. The Group was encouraged to continue supporting the WSIS Prizes contest and to follow the results of the Selection Phase.
    * 1. **WSIS Stocktaking:**
16. ITU membership was encouraged to share best practices in the WSIS Stocktaking database highlighting the linkage between WSIS Action Lines and SDGs by the deadline of 5 January 2020;
17. The Group noted the close relationship between the WSIS Stocktaking database and the UNGIS repository;
18. The Group was invited to continue contributing to the WSIS Stocktaking Database and encouraged to use the WSIS Stocktaking products and services.
    * 1. **ITU Roadmaps for WSIS Action Lines C2, C5 and C6**:
19. The secretariat was requested:
20. to provide information on the implementation of activities that have already expired, by including a new section and linking them to previous reports;
21. to include the work plans of WSIS Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7, C8, C9 and C11, into the ITU Roadmaps document;
22. to analyze the implementation of the WSIS outcomes for Action Lines C2, C5 and C6, and the achieved results, taking into account the proposals in paragraph 7.1.3. below.
    * 1. **Regional activities towards alignment of WSIS and SDG processes:**
23. The group appreciated the interventions from APT and UNESCAP;
24. The secretariat was encouraged to strengthen the WSIS implementation activities at the regional level with other UN Economic Regional Commissions, in collaboration with ITU Regional Offices. In particular, the organization of WSIS regional review in each region was emphasized and the outcomes were encouraged to be submitted to the WSIS Forum 2020;
25. Vice Chairs of CWG-WSIS&SDG were also encouraged to contribute towards regional reporting for the next meeting of CWG-WSIS&SDG;
26. The Group noted with appreciation the reports by Vice-Chairs of the CWG-WSIS&SDG in Asia-Pacific and Africa region as well as updates on the activities at the regional level, ITU Regional Offices and UN Regional Commissions;
27. The Vice-Chair reports should be prepared in consultation with the Member States of the respective regions, in collaboration with the Regional Telecommunication Organizations, ITU Regional Offices and UN Regional Commissions;
28. The Group supported the proposal from Canada to prepare a template for preparing regional reports and requested the management team together with the secretariat to prepare this draft template and publish it on the [CWG-WSIS&SDG website](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx) for consideration and comments for all members.
    * 1. **WSIS Fund in Trust:**
29. Membership and all WSIS Stakeholders were invited to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust and to explore the WSIS Forum 2020 partnership packages presented by the secretariat. Confirmed partners of the WSIS Forum 2020 were appreciated;
30. The Group expressed their appreciation and thanks to the confirmed partners UAE (Platinum); Qatar (Gold); Japan, Switzerland, Oman (Partners for Specific Activities); ISOC, IEEE, Poland, Rwanda, Senegal (Contributing Partners); IFIP, Global Coalition on Aging (GCOA) (Supporting partners).
    * 1. **UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS):**

The group appreciated the work of UNGIS and its contributions to the High-Level Political Forum 2019, including the side event and the joint statement highlighting the importance of fostering the digital transformation and global partnerships for SDG achievement.

1. Secretariat was encouraged to:
2. make available all the outcomes of UNGIS’s activities on the UNGIS website;
3. improve the UNGIS website to be more interactive and to reflect the activities and key meetings of the UNGIS members;
4. The Group appreciated the work of UNGIS and noted:
5. plans for the side event and the joint statement to the HLPF 2020;
6. plans for a repository of projects by the UNGIS members on digital transformation;
   * 1. **Partnership on Measuring the ICT for Development:**
7. The Group noted that the ITU is responsible for 11 of the 26 agreed SDGs indicators;
8. The Group encouraged the secretariat to organize a workshop at the WSIS Forum 2020 and share the outcomes in the next CWG-WSIS&SDG.
   * 1. **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2020**
9. The group was invited to contribute to the communications campaign for the WTISD 2020 and organize a series of WTISD events at regional and global level according to guidelines that will be provided by ITU;
10. The group was also invited to share success stories and national strategies towards “Connect 2030” and to nominate WTISD 2020 Award Laureates.
    * 1. ITU **Sector Study Groups for the WSIS&SDGs Process**
11. The group appreciated the work conducted by ITU-D and ITU-T study groups to map the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs with the activities of the study groups. The group welcomed the collaboration with ITU-R for a similar exercise after the RA/WRC 2019;
12. The study groups were encouraged to explore synergies with the WSIS Forum 2020.
    * 1. **The role of ITU in implementing the final report “The Age of Digital Interdependence” of the High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation convened by the UN Secretary-General** ([S19-CWGWSIS34-INF-0001](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-INF-0001/))
13. The group considered information document and provided comments noting the importance of this Report. ITU, as a member of the UN family, should continue to be involved in the process and keep abreast of the ongoing global consultations.
14. **ITU’s activities in relation to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** 
    1. The following documents were considered at the 34th and 35th meetings of the CWG-WSIS&SDG:
       1. Outcomes of the ITU activities towards High Level Political Forum 2019   
          ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0016](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0016/));
       2. High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF): Political Declaration ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0013](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0013/));
       3. Updated Roadmap for ITU’s activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0012](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0012/));
       4. ITU activities towards High Level Political Forum 2020;
       5. Discussion on the Political declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly ([Letter: Input to HLPF 2020](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-INF-0001/en)).
    2. The 34th and 35th meetings of the CWG-WSIS&SDG noted the following:
       1. **Outcomes of the ITU activities towards High-level Political Forum (HLPF) 2019**:
          1. The group noted the Political Declaration of the SDG Summit and will continue to review ITU’s involvement in the process of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in future meetings.
       2. **ITU activities towards High-level Political Forum 2020**:
          1. An oral briefing was provided on ITU’s contribution towards the High-level Political Forum 2020 (HLPF 2020). It was noted that the theme of HLPF 2020 will be “Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”. The meeting will take place on 7-17 July 2020 under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including the three-day ministerial meeting on 14-16 July 2020 in New York.
          2. Noting and responding to the [letter from President of the ECOSOC](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-INF-0001/en) requesting ITU Council to provide a focused input to the 2020 HLPF and ECOSOC on the theme, the Group discussed and agreed on the next steps towards the preparation of a draft input of ITU Council to HLPF to be presented to the Chair of Council to HLPF, see [CWGWSIS35/14](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0014/en). The deadline for ITU input is 16March 2020.
          3. As decided during the 35th meeting of the CWG-WSIS&SDG, the draft Outline of the ITU Council input of intergovernmental bodies to the 2020 HLPF was posted online for additional comments by CWG-WSIS&SDG members. The deadline for submissions to the secretariat at [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int) (with the subject: Council input to the 2020 HLPF) was 1 March 2020.

[Outline of the ITU Council input of intergovernmental bodies to the 2020 HLPF (Draft 1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0017/en)

* + - 1. The secretariat received two comments until the deadline, please see below:
* [Canada](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0018/en)
* [United States of America](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0019/en)
  + - 1. A final draft was prepared and circulated for final comments by the CWG-WSIS&SDG members by 12 March 2020, please see the final draft below:

[Outline of the ITU Council input of intergovernmental bodies to the 2020 HLPF (Final Draft)](https://www.itu.int/dms_ties/itu-s/md/20/cwgwsis35/c/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0017%21R1%21MSW-E.docx)

* + - 1. No further comments were received and the final ITU Council Input was submitted by the ITU Council Chair of Council to the ECOSOC President.

1. **The role of ITU in implementing the final report “The Age of Digital Interdependence”   
   of the High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation convened by the UN Secretary-General   
   (**[S19-CWGWSIS34-INF-0001](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-INF-0001/)**)**
   1. The Deputy Secretary-General of ITU provided an overview of ITU’s activities which related to the recommendations presented on the Report of the High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation, highlighting several points that ITU could contribute to and play an active role. He emphasized good collaboration with various stakeholders and the importance of bringing specific competencies to the table, pool the resources and avoid duplication of efforts.
   2. Contribution by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - United Nations High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia introduced their document: ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0019](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0019/)).
   3. The document was noted with thanks.
2. **Contribution by the Russian Federation: Proposals for the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG**
   1. Russian Federation introduced their document: ([S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0018](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0018/)).
   2. The Group thanked the Russian Federation for the document and those proposals that were accepted are reflected in section 3 above. Please see the Summary Report of the 34th CWG-WSIS&SDG in section 8 for reference ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-34-22](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CWGWSIS34-C-0022/en)).
3. **Discussion on the Overall Review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes: WSIS Beyond 2025**
   1. Contribution by the Russian Federation: Implementation of the Outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2020 (WSIS+15) ([CWGWSIS35/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0011/en))
      1. Russian Federation introduced their document: [S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0011/en](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CWGWSIS35-C-0011/en)
      2. The Group thanked the Russian Federation for the document and the proposals made therein.
      3. The Group agreed to request the secretariat to change the way in which it plans, monitors and reports on work to implement the Action Lines for which the ITU is the lead facilitator.
      4. The Group requested that for each area of activity, the secretariat should, on an annual basis:
         1. Undertake an evidence-based analysis of the current situation;
         2. Describe the targets to be achieved;
         3. Review the effectiveness of existing actions to achieve these targets;
         4. Appraise options for further action to achieve those targets, explaining which are the best options;
         5. Seek the advice of the Council Working Group on the options available;
         6. Report on the actions taken and on their effectiveness;
         7. Develop revised plans as appropriate;
         8. Present this in a format that is easy to understand, using a consistent format.
4. **CWG-WSIS&SDG Report to the Council**
   1. Report on the Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS Activities since Council-2019
      1. The Group requested the management team to work with secretariat to prepare a report to the Council based on the report of the 34th and 35th meeting and put online for comments till 15 March.
5. **Conclusions**
   1. In conclusion, the Chairman extended his personal thanks to all the ITU Membership who participated in the work of the 34th and 35th meetings of CWG-WSIS&SDG and thanked the Vice-Chairs, especially Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda), Mr Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia), Ms Aygun Ahmadova (Azerbaijan), Mr Mario Canazza (Brazil), Prof. Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Rep. of Iran) Mr. Wojciech Berezowski (Poland), for their presence in the meeting and all who contributed to the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG and WSIS Process. Appreciations were expressed towards Mr Houlin Zhao, ITU Secretary-General, Mr Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General and Chairman of the ITU SDG-WSIS Task Force,and Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director of BDT. Appreciations were also expressed for assistance by Head of SPD Mr Catalin Marinescu and the secretariat Ms Gitanjali Sah, Mr Vladimir Stankovic, Mr Michael Kioy, Ms Ruth Sidabutar, Mr Mario Castro Grande, Ms Esperanza Magpantay, Mr Martin Schaaper, Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Ms Charlyne Restivo, and Mr Martin Adolph.
   2. The Group expressed its thanks to Prof. Vladimir Minkin, Chairman of the CWG-WSIS&SDG, for efficient chairmanship and guidance.

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