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**World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Stocktaking 2020**

[WSIS Stocktaking](http://www.wsis.org/stocktaking) has been collecting relevant information and communication technology projects since 2004, as the outcome of the Tunis phase of the Summit, launched to serve as a valuable tool for assisting with the [WSIS follow-up](http://www.wsis.org/). With more than 13,000 entries, the WSIS Stocktaking has played a crucial role in understanding how ICTs are making economic, social, and environmental impact on the ground around the world. Since 2015, it also started collecting data on how ICTs are helping advance the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300), seeking to provide evidence for future strategy and policy making.

The new WSIS Stocktaking call for update and new entries 2019-2020 was launched on 22 July 2019 and lasted until 5 January this year. All stakeholders have been invited to submit their ICT-related practices to this major ICT for development international repository, including projects reflecting their contributions for advancement of the SDGs. This “Call” has been promoted within WSIS multistakeholder community and also on WSIS social media channels to submit entries online at [www.wsis.org/stocktaking](http://www.wsis.org/stocktaking). Submitted activities are currently being reviewed and will be reflected in various forms in the WSIS Stocktaking 2020 (reports, exhibitions, videos, etc.) which will be released at WSIS Forum 2020.

WSIS Stocktaking platform is undergoing major update in line with the next generation of web usage. Besides making it more interactive, a more user-friendly interface will be introduced, which will allow users to have better reporting of the existing data by using advanced search tools. New products will be introduced, including the geographical representation of the projects and interactive tool linking the data with SDGs. The fixed pages of the WSIS Stocktaking Platform will be available in all six UN languages, which will enable a broader community to benefit from this international repository.

The WSIS Stocktaking process has been maintained by ITU since its establishment, as requested by the WSIS Outcomes (TAIS, Para 120). ITU remains committed to the WSIS Stocktaking process and recognizes and highly appreciates the extremely valuable contributions made by stakeholders in the period 2019-2020 thus recognizing WSIS monitoring and reporting. All WSIS Stocktaking publications are available at the [ITU Bookshop](http://www.itu.int/pub/S-POL-WSIS).

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

**WSIS Photo Contest 2020**

Following the success of the first three editions of the [WSIS Forum Photo Contest](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2018/pages/photocontest), the WSIS team is pleased to announce another successful edition of [WSIS Photo Contest 2020](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2020/PhotoContest) that was launched on 22 July 2019, inviting the community to picture how are ICTs advancing SDGs on the ground, therefore contributing to WSIS Stocktaking overall. Submissions are currently being reviewed and the champions will be announced soon while the winners of the contest will be announced during the WSIS Forum 2020 (6-9 April 2020, Geneva). In addition, all photos that fit the criteria will be exposed at the dedicated Photo Contest Exhibition at the Forum and also promoted in WSIS-related events.

The WSIS team would like to use this opportunity to express its thanks for all of the contributions to this excellent effort and also invite stakeholders to use the photos of the WSIS Photo Contest in publications, website, social media, etc. and thus promote the ICT work for social impact and Sustainable Development. Should you have any questions or need for assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the WSIS Team at [wsis-photocontest@itu.int](mailto:wsis-photocontest@itu.int).

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