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| UNITED NATIONS GROUP ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY (UNGIS) | |
| **Purpose**  This document provides updates on the activities of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS).  **Action required**  Members are invited to **note** the updates.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  UNGA Resolutions [A/RES/70/125](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F70%2F125&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False), [A/RES/70/1](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F70%2F1&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False), [A/RES/77/150](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/755/00/pdf/N2275500.pdf?OpenElement); UN ECOSOC Resolution [Resolution E/RES/2022/15](https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ecosoc_res_2022d15_en.pdf); [PP-10 Resolution 172 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution172-PP10.pdf); [PP-22 Resolution 140 (Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf); Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2023); - Council Resolution 1334 (Modified 2023); [World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 - WSIS+20 Roadmap;](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en) [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum); www.ungis.org. | |

UNGIS was endorsed by the CEB in April 2006, and it serves as an interagency mechanism to coordinate substantive policy issues facing the United Nations system’s implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society, thereby contributing to improving policy coherence in the UN system, as requested by the 2005 World Summit.

**UNGIS annual meetings 2023**

UNGIS held its annual meetings ([UNGIS Leaders High-Level Meeting](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2023/Agenda/Session/153) and [UNGIS working-level meeting](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2023/Agenda/Session/314)) on 14 and 17 March 2023 during the WSIS Forum 2023. ITU and UNDP took over the rotational Chairmanship of UNGIS for the period 2023-2024. The Vice-Chairs for this period are UNESCO, UNCTAD, and UN ESCAP.

During these meetings, members of UNGIS discussed the following topics: (i) *ICTs rescuing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: WSIS Action Lines for building back better and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs*; and (ii) *UNGIS Leaders Contribution to the Global Digital Compact (GDC) Consultations*. UNGIS members are committed to support the preparation towards the WSIS+20 process.

**UNGIS activities in 2023**

UNGIS members have been actively contributing to various global processes and emphasizing the significance of information and communication technologies. Some of its contributions include the following:

* UNGIS contributed to the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum by organising a side event on [WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating Progress on the SDGs](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2023/en/Agenda/Session/131), which was held virtually on 31 January 2023.
* UNGIS organised a side event titled ‘’ [ICTs for accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) – from potential to prosperity](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2023/Agenda/Session/346)’’ during the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5) on 5 March 2023 in Doha, Qatar.
* UNGIS members have contributed to the GDC consultations. UNGIS joint input for the GDC is available [here](https://www.un.org/techenvoy/sites/www.un.org.techenvoy/files/GDC-submission_UNGIS.pdf).
* UNGIS submitted an [input](https://hlpf.un.org/inputs/united-nations-group-on-the-information-society-0) to the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) 2023 and organised a side-event in collaboration with Peru entitled “[Harnessing the Power of Digital Innovation for a Sustainable World Post-COVID-19 - WSIS Action Lines for Advancing the Achievement of SDGs](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2023/en/Agenda/Session/543)” on 18 July 2023 during the HLPF 2023.
* UNGIS will hold a meeting on 11 October at the IGF-23 "WSIS [Action Lines for Advancing the Achievement of SDGs".](https://intgovforum.org/en/content/igf-2023-open-forum-5-wsis-action-lines-for-advancing-the-achievement-of-sdgs)

ITU continues to provide secretariat support to UNGIS and maintains the official UNGIS website [www.ungis.org](http://www.ungis.org/).

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