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THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

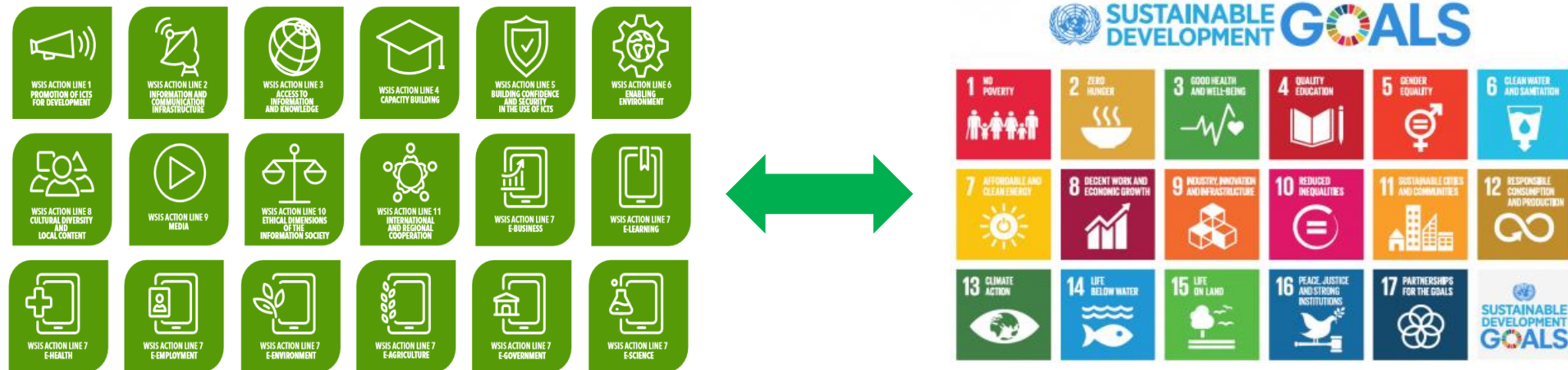
WSIS+20 Review Process and Vision Beyond 2025

WSIS+20 REVIEW

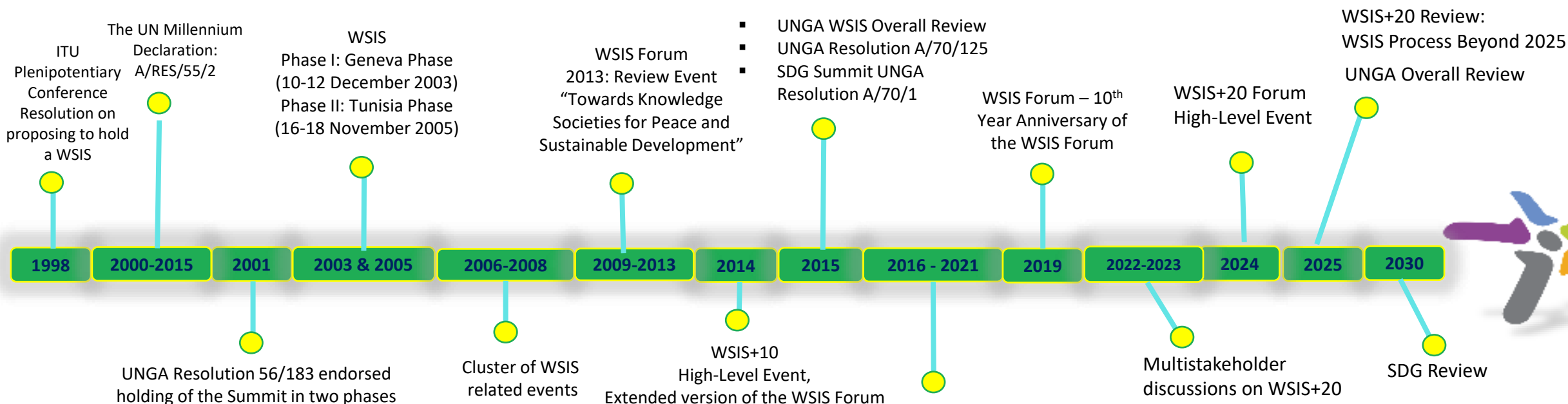


WSIS is a **UN process** that involves more than 32 UN Agencies and is built on the framework of the 11 WSIS Action Lines. It encompasses **multistakeholder digital cooperation** within UN Agencies including the Governments, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and the Technical Community.

The goal of WSIS is to 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.



<https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/stocktaking/help-action-lines.html>



IS HELD EVERY YEAR

2017: 12-16 June
 2018: 21-25 May
 2019: 8-12 April
 2020: 22 June - final week (7-10 September)
 2021: January onwards – final week (17-21 May)
 2022: March Onwards – final week 30 May – 3 June
 2023: 13-17 March – virtual sessions (April – May)
2024: 27-31 May
2025: 26-30 May

- 2016: "Ensuring that no one is left behind"
- 2017: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world"
- 2018: "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
- 2019: "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality"
- 2020: "Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"
- 2021: "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"
- 2022: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"
- 2023: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels



Multistakeholder Process

WSIS, as a multistakeholder process, has stood the test of time and the WSIS + 20 Review Process would provide a guidance framework for all stakeholders, based on the WSIS Outcome Documents, on addressing opportunities and challenges posed by the current digital landscape, including on universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation.

Strengthened Digital Collaboration

Close collaboration with ITU, UNESCO, UNCSTD, UNDESA, WSIS Action Lines Facilitators and other UN Agencies involved.

20 Years of implementation of WSIS

- Take stock of the key trends, challenges and opportunities posed by the current digital landscape.
- Analysis of the achievement of WSIS in 20 years including WSIS+20 Country reports, WSIS+20 Action Line reports and WSIS+20 Stakeholder reports
- Assessment of the WSIS Action Lines and their framework in close collaboration with the UN Agencies involved
- WSIS Targets

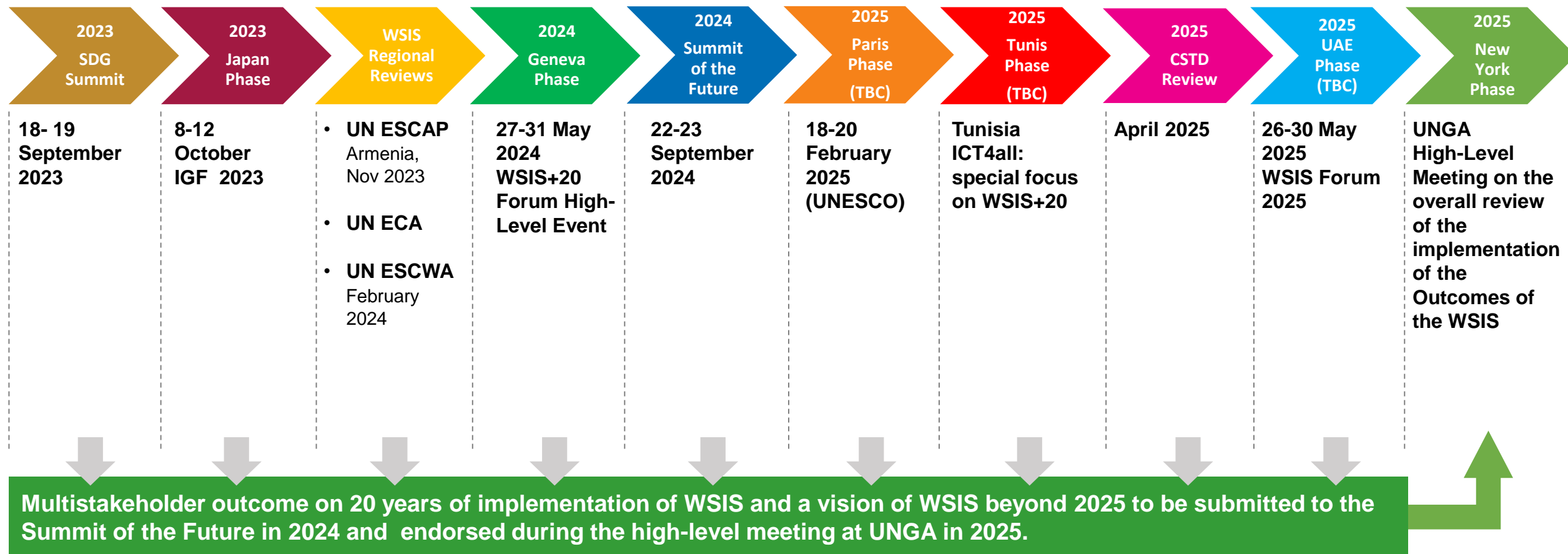
Outcome

Multistakeholder outcome on vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be developed during WSIS+20 Preparatory Phases and submitted to the Summit of the Future in 2024 and endorsed during the high-level meeting at UNGA in 2025.





WSIS+20 Preparatory Phases (*physical and virtual*)





WSIS+20 FORUM HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

27-31 May 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will be co-hosted by ITU and Switzerland and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP



Objectives

- Provide a platform for multistakeholder discussions on the progress made since the inception of WSIS and take stock of the achievements/ success in 20 years.
- Identify the gaps and challenges in leveraging ICTs and information and knowledge societies to bridge the digital divide and promote inclusive access and participation.



Expected Outcome

- Multistakeholder outcome to be submitted to the Summit of the future and the UNGA overall review in 2025.

WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event

OPEN CONSULTATION PROCESS CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

The **Open Consultation process (OCP)** aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum. This process actively engages multistakeholders in the preparatory process to ensure broad ownership and further improvements of the Forum.

11 October 2023
11:00-12:00 JST

Workshop Room 8,
Kyoto International
Conference Centre,
Kyoto, Japan

**First Physical Meeting of the
WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event
OCP**

- Collecting multistakeholder inputs to shape agenda and programme
- Providing updates on the upcoming high-level event

13 December 2023
14:00 – 15:00 CET

ITU Headquarters,
Room L, Geneva with
remote participation
facilities

**Second Physical Meeting of the
WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event
OCP**

- Collecting multistakeholder inputs to shape agenda and programme
- Providing updates on the upcoming high-level event

15 February 2024
14:00 – 15:00 CET

ITU Headquarters,
Room L, Geneva with
remote participation
facilities

**Final Brief on the WSIS+20 Forum
High-Level Event**

- Sharing the analysis of the OCP submissions
- Presenting the programme of the high-level event
- Providing final updates on the high-level event preparation and logistics

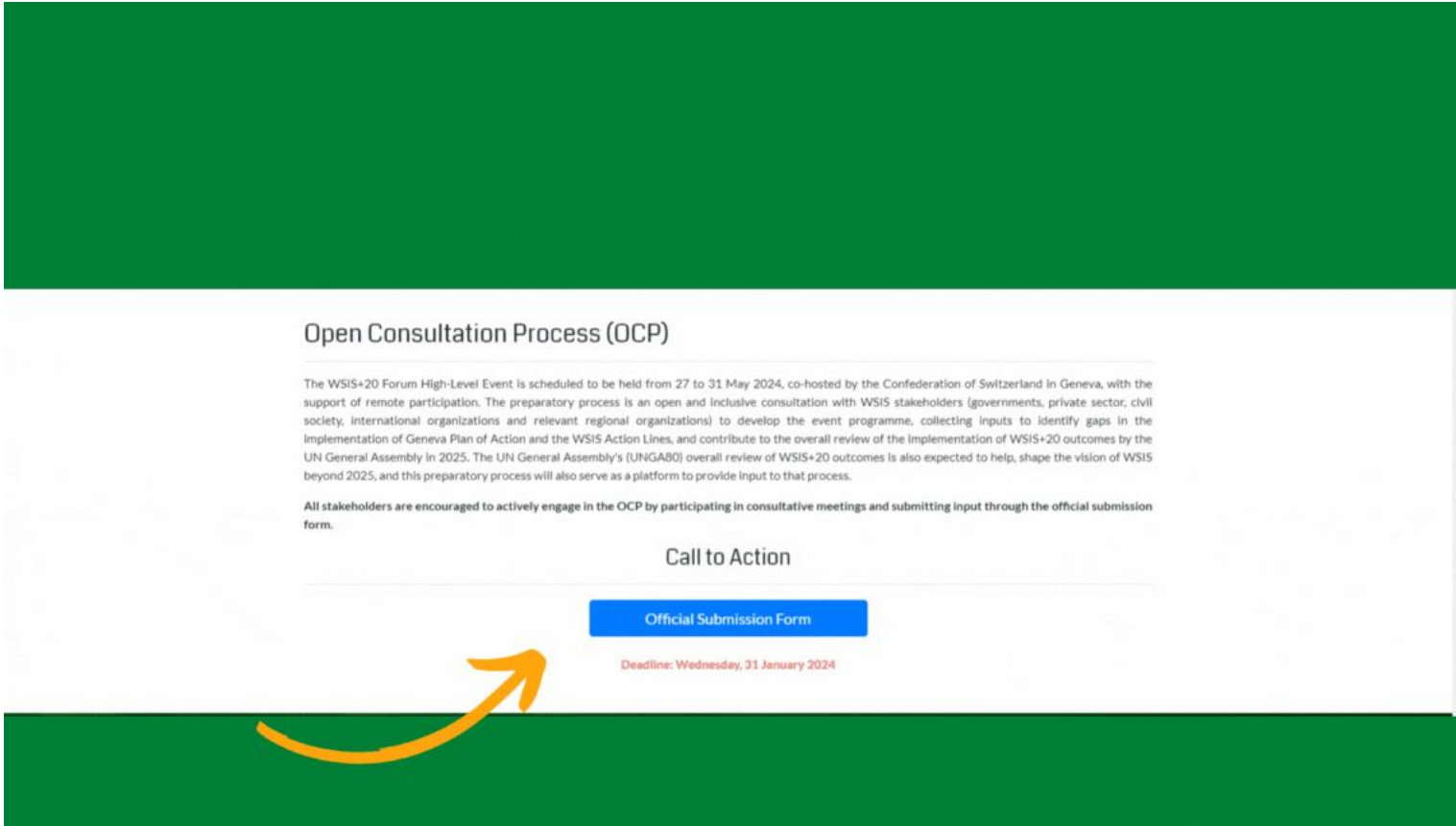
26 March 2024
14:00 – 15:00 CET

ITU Headquarters,
Room A, Geneva with
remote participation
facilities

**Special WSIS+20 Forum High-Level
Event Session**

- WSIS+20 multistakeholder consultations

Open Consultation Process



The screenshot shows the 'Open Consultation Process (OCP)' webpage. It features a green header and a white content area. The main text describes the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, scheduled for May 27-31, 2024, co-hosted by the Confederation of Switzerland in Geneva. It mentions the preparatory process involving governments, private sector, civil society, and international organizations. A 'Call to Action' section at the bottom contains a blue button labeled 'Official Submission Form' and a red text line stating 'Deadline: Wednesday, 31 January 2024'. A large orange arrow points from the bottom left towards the submission form button.

Open Consultation Process (OCP)

The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event is scheduled to be held from 27 to 31 May 2024, co-hosted by the Confederation of Switzerland in Geneva, with the support of remote participation. The preparatory process is an open and inclusive consultation with WSIS stakeholders (governments, private sector, civil society, international organizations and relevant regional organizations) to develop the event programme, collecting inputs to identify gaps in the implementation of Geneva Plan of Action and the WSIS Action Lines, and contribute to the overall review of the implementation of WSIS+20 outcomes by the UN General Assembly in 2025. The UN General Assembly's (UNGA80) overall review of WSIS+20 outcomes is also expected to help, shape the vision of WSIS beyond 2025, and this preparatory process will also serve as a platform to provide input to that process.

All stakeholders are encouraged to actively engage in the OCP by participating in consultative meetings and submitting input through the official submission form.

Call to Action

[Official Submission Form](#)

Deadline: Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

1. Login with your existing account or Sign up as a new user
2. Fill out the OCP Form
www.wsis.org/forum

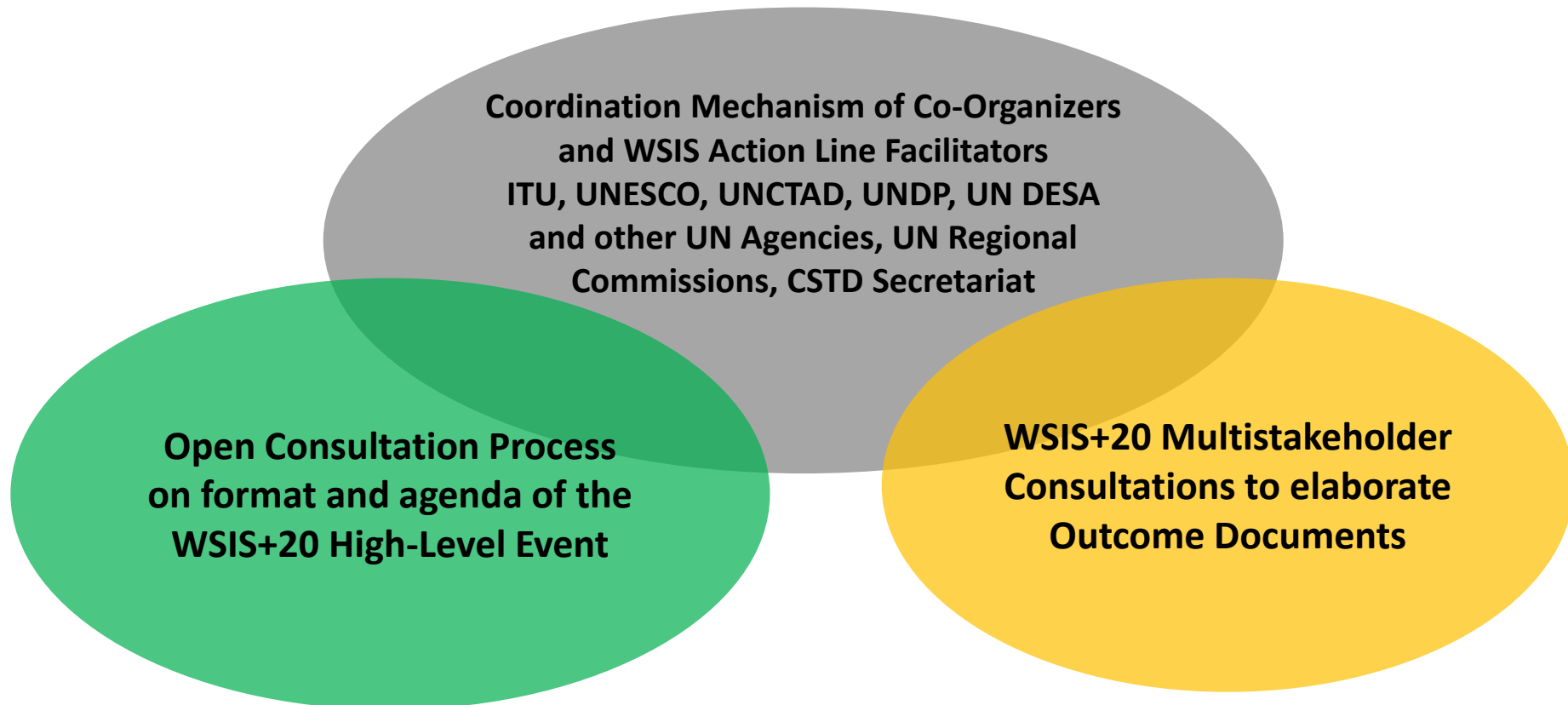
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WSIS+20 FORUM HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

27-31 May 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

Preparatory Process for WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event





WSIS+20 Multistakeholder Consultations

WSIS STAKEHOLDERS

(Governments, Private Sector, Academia, Technical Community, UN Agencies, Civil Society)

- Written inputs / official submissions
- Participation in all physical meetings and regional contributions
- WSIS Stocktaking Reports
- WSIS Prizes
- 20-year Country Reports
- WSIS Targets
- 20-year WSIS Action Lines Reports
- Partner2Connect
- SDG Digital
- UN High Impact Initiatives



MORE INFO

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