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| PREPARATIONS TOWARDS WSIS+20 HIGH-LEVEL EVENT 2025 |
| PurposeThis document highlights the preparation towards the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, including the open consultation process and calls to action. Action requiredThe Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs is invited to **note** the document and contribute actively towards the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event preparatory process and all calls for action.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_References[*CWG-WSIS&SDG website*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*;* [*UNGIS website*](http://www.ungis.org)*; 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 E/RES/2022/15*](https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ecosoc_res_2022d15_en.pdf)*;* [*PP Resolution 172 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution172-PP10.pdf)*;* [*PP Resolution 140 (Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf)*;* [*Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2024)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en)*;* [*Council Resolution 1334 (Modified 2023)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en)*;* [*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*](https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/inc/doc/outcome/362828V2E.pdf#page=21)*;* [*Final WSIS Targets 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%2B10Report.pdf)*;* [*World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 – WSIS+20 Roadmap*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en) |

The ITU Council 2024 through its [Resolution 1332](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en) on ITU role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development resolves that the WSIS Forum 2025 should be branded as a WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025. The event will take place on 7-11 July 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland and will serve as a platform for discussion of the WSIS+20 review and the WSIS Action Lines and to take stock of the achievements and key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action.

Hosted by ITU and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD, in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line co-facilitators and other UN organizations, the Forum will continue its role as a major global multistakeholder gathering aimed at advancing the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for sustainable development. High-level participation is anticipated, with the event being held in conjunction with the AI for Good Global Summit to leverage the complementary perspectives of these two events on digital development.

The Forum will feature a series of high-level policy sessions, ministerial round table, plenary sessions, interactive panel discussions, high-level dialogues, exhibitions, WSIS Action Line meetings, UN meetings, workshops and social networking events.

As per ITU Council Resolution 1332 that invites members states and other stakeholders to contribute views on the work of the ITU in the WSIS+20 review including ideas related to the review of the WSIS Action Lines through the CWG WSIS&SDG a side event will be held during the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.

An Open Consultation Process (OCP) for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 will be launched in August 2024, inviting inputs from all stakeholders. This process will allow stakeholders to share their views, suggestions, and recommendations, helping shape the event's agenda and program. The feedback received will also contribute towards the WSIS+20 review.

The OCP for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 is structured in five phases, as follows.

Proposed timeline (*TBC*)

 August 2024 - Launch of the Open Consultation Process: stakeholders are invited to submit inputs for the draft outcome documents and proposals on themes & innovative ideas for the Event ([www.wsis.org/review](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsis.org%2Freview&data=05%7C02%7Cvladimir.stankovic%40itu.int%7C8116dc2ff70041edf8e108dc8f8dc030%7C23e464d704e64b87913c24bd89219fd3%7C0%7C0%7C638543086172268801%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OxgpKqaWzeLZywTHO%2FvnEhfsN0nO7ecxfGERCMBv4GM%3D&reserved=0))

 1st Physical Meeting, ITU HQ, Geneva, Switzerland: 2-3 October 2024 (with remote participation facilities)

 2nd Physical Meeting during IGF-24, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: 18 December 2024 (with remote participation facilities)

 3rd Physical Meeting, ITU HQ, Geneva, Switzerland: 10-21 February 2025 (with remote participation facilities)

 4th Physical Meeting during the UNESCO event, Paris, France: 18-20 February 2025 (with remote participation facilities)

 Deadline for OCP online submission: 28 February 2025

 Outcomes of the Open Consultation Process published online: 7 March 2025

 Final Brief, ITU HQ, Geneva, Switzerland: 12 March 2025.

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