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| PREPARATIONS TOWARDS WSIS+20 HIGH-LEVEL EVENT 2025 | |
| Purpose  This document highlights the preparation towards the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, including the open consultation process and calls to action.  Action required  The 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+10Report.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 Leaders TalkX sessions, a ministerial round table, high-level plenary sessions, interactive discussions, partner insights, spotlight sessions, high-level dialogues, exhibitions, WSIS Action Line meetings, knowledge cafes, and social networking events.

An Open Consultation Process (OCP) for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 has been launched inviting inputs from all stakeholders. This process allows 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 as follows:

Proposed timeline

– October 2024 – Launch of the Open Consultation Process: stakeholders are invited to submit inputs for the proposals on themes & innovative ideas for the Event

– 1st Physical Meeting, ITU HQ, Geneva, Switzerland: 18 November 2024 (with remote participation facilities)

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

– 3rd Physical Meeting during 42nd CWG-WSIS&SDG, ITU HQ, Geneva, Switzerland: 10‑21 February 2025 -*tbc* (with remote participation facilities)

– 4th Physical Meeting during the UNESCO event: Global Forum on AI and Digital Transformation in the Public Sector, UNESCO HQ, Paris, France: 12-13 February 2025 (with remote participation facilities)

– Deadline for OCP online submission: 14 March 2025

– Outcomes of the Open Consultation Process published online: 21 March 2025

– Final Brief, ITU HQ, Geneva, Switzerland: 10 June 2025 (with remote participation facilities).

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