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| DRAFT OUTLINE WSIS+20 REPORT ON ITU'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE WSIS OUTCOMES AND ITS ROLE IN ACHIEVING THE SDGs | |
| **Purpose**  As part of the preparation for the Overall Review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes: WSIS Beyond 2025, the ITU Secretary-General is instructed to prepare and present a WSIS+20 report on ITU's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes and its role in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This document presents an outline of the WSIS+20 report.  **Action required**  The Council Working Group on WSIS and SDGs is invited to **consider** the document and provide feedback on the draft outline.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*CWG-WSIS&SDG website*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*,* [*Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf)*,* [*Resolution 1334 (Modified 2023)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en) | |

As mandated by the ITU PP Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) under *instructs the Secretary-General* 16, and ITU Council Resolution 1334 (modified 2023), under *resolves to instruct the Secretary-General* 8:

“to prepare and present a WSIS+20 report on ITU's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes and its role in achieving the SDGs (2015-2025) for submission to the 2025 session of CSTD and UNGA, and to submit this report to the 2025 session of the Council through CWG-WSIS&SDGˮ.

The following draft outline has been prepared. Following the comments by the CWG‑WSIS&SDG, the *Draft WSIS+20 Report* will be prepared and presented at the 42nd meeting of this Group for consideration.

Draft Outline

Title

*WSIS+20 Report – Building a digital future for all*

Subtitle

ITU’s work implementing the World Summit on the Information Society process and advancing the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Description

This report showcases ITU's key role in the ongoing WSIS process over the past 20 years and sets the stage for continued multi-stakeholder cooperation and progress in a fast-evolving digital age.

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– WSIS+20 review: Evaluating WSIS outcomes to date

• Objectives and significance of the WSIS+20 review

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WSIS engagement: two decades and counting

– WSIS history

• Key conferences and resolutions

• Engaging narrative on main WSIS milestones

• Archive materials

– ITU’s facilitation role

• How ITU drives and supports WSIS initiatives

– Geneva Plan of Action: Where we are now

• Status and achievements

• Table: Progress on “[indicative targets](https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/docs/promotional/brochure-dop-poa.pdf)” since 2003

WSIS Action Lines

– List all for reference

– ITU-led Action Lines (Description: comprehensive account of the work ITU has done to implement each of these Action Lines):

• C2: Information and communication infrastructure

• C4: Capacity building

• C5: Building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies

• C6: Enabling environment

– Stories from the ground for each ITU-led Action Line

– Other Action Lines

• Highlight ITU’s co-facilitator role of Action Lines with other UN agencies

– Stories from the ground for Action Lines

WSIS – A Multi-stakeholder platform

(highlights how each stakeholder has contributed to the WSIS process)

– Government: Shaping Digital Policy for Inclusive Development

– Private Sector: Driving Innovation and Investment

– Civil Society: Advocating for and working towards Bridging the Digital Gap and Inclusion

– International Organizations: Facilitating Global Cooperation

– Academia: Advancing Knowledge and Research for Digital Transformation

– Technical Organizations: Enabling the Digital Infrastructure

Key elements of ITU’s work

– Annual report on ITU Contribution to the WSIS Implementation

– WSIS Action Line Roadmaps on C2, C4, C5, C6

– United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) – *Role and impact*

– WSIS Forum

– WSIS Stocktaking database – *Documenting & sharing ICT projects globally*

– WSIS Prizes – *Recognizing and* *celebrating best practices*

– Partnership for measuring ICT development – *Collaboration on meaningful metrics*

– Implementing WSIS at the regional level (describes ITU’s work at the regional level):

• UN Regional Commissions

• Regional Telecommunication Organisations

• ITU Regional Offices

The WSIS Forum

– Multi-stakeholder platform promoting digital for development

– Convening annually since 2009

– The road to 2030 and beyond

Leveraging tech for the 2030 Agenda

– Sustainable development at risk

– Evaluating the WSIS-SDG Matrix

– SDG solutions

• Case studies (i.e., WSIS Stocktaking, WSIS Prizes, SDG Digital GameChangers, ITU News, BDT4Impact, AI for Good, P2C, ITU-T focus group discussions, ITU-UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, etc.)

Updating and evolving

– [WSIS+20 Review Action Lines Milestones, Challenges and Emerging Trends beyond 2025](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Home/About)

– Aligning WSIS with the 2030 Agenda ([WSIS-SDG Matrix](http://www.wsis.org/sdg)) – *How WSIS initiatives support the SDGs*

– Evolving with technologies (i.e. cloud, AI, robotics, space, etc.) – *Implications of new and emerging tech*

– Broadband Commission – *Sustainable development contributions*

– Tackling cybersecurity challenges

– Exploring AI governance frameworks – *Considerations in the age of AI*

– AI for Good & WSIS synergies

– WSIS+20 High-Level Events 2024 and 2025:

• Actionable outcomes – *Recommendations and key takeaways, Ministerial Roundtable perspectives, Chairs’ summaries*

Opportunities for the future

– Insights from the Summit of the Future

– Global Digital Compact (GDC)

– The WSIS vision for 2025 and beyond

• Proposed multi-stakeholder vision

• Strengthening existing WSIS structures in support of GDC implementation

• GDC reinforcing WSIS

Conclusion: The way forward

– Recap key ITU activities contributing to WSIS progress

– Reiterate proposed WSIS+20 vision

– Call to action for ITU member states & stakeholders to keep supporting and advancing the WSIS process beyond 2025 and to enrich the overall process.

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