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| SUMMARY OF THE 41ST MEETING | |
| **Purpose**  This report highlights the main outcomes of the 41st meeting of the Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG held on 2-3 October 2024 in line with [140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf), and Council Resolutions: [1332 (Modified 2024)](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en), and [1334 (Modified 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en).  **Action required**  The Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs is invited to **consider** and **approve** the report.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  *UNGA Resolutions* [*A/RES/70/125*](https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/125)*,* [*A/RES/70/1*](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1)*,* [*A/RES/77/150*](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/755/00/pdf/N2275500.pdf?OpenElement)*,* [*A/71/212*](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/212)*,* [*A/70/299*](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/299)*,* [*A/70/684*](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/684)*,* [*A/RES/73/218*](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/218)*; UN ECOSOC* [*Resolution E/RES/2023/3*](https://undocs.org/E/RES/2023/3)*; Resolutions* [*140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf)*,* [*172 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution172-PP10.pdf)*,* [*Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-071-E.pdf) *of the Plenipotentiary Conference; Council Resolutions* [*1332 (Modified 2024)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en)*,* [*1334 (Modified 2023)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en)*; WTDC Resolutions* [*30 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/opb/tdc/D-TDC-WTDC-2022-PDF-E.pdf)*; WTSA Resolutions* [*75 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/pub/publications.aspx?lang=en&parent=T-RES-T.75-2022)*; WRC Resolutions* [*61-2 (Modified 2019)*](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-RES-R.61-2-2019)*; Reports of the CWG WSIS&SDG meeting* [*40th*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*;* [*Final report on the outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG 39th and 40th Meetings*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0017/en)*;* [*Report on the Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG Meetings held since PP-18*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0020/en)*;* [*Report on the Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG Meetings held since Council 21*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0019/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) [*Roadmap for ITU’s Activities to Help Achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0014/en)*;* *[World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 - WSIS+20 Roadmap;](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/22/cl/c/S22-CL-C-0059!!MSW-E.docx)* [*Draft WSIS+20 Report: ITU's Twenty Years Contribution to the Implementation of and Follow-Up to the WSIS Outcomes and Its Role in Achieving the SDGs*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0060/en)*;* [*Summit of the Future Outcome Documents*](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sotf-pact_for_the_future_adopted.pdf)*.* | |

1. **Introduction**
   1. The ITU Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG (CWG-WSIS&SDG) held its 41st meeting on 2-3 October 2024. The work of the CWG-WSIS&SDG is conducted in line with [140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf), and Council Resolutions: [1332 (Modified 2024)](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en),and [1334 (Modified 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en), including the Terms of Reference of the CWG-WSIS&SDG listed in the annex of Resolution 1332.
   2. The meeting was attended physically and virtually by more than 150 delegates, representing ITU Member States and Sector Members. The meeting considered 17 documents and 4 information documents. Mr Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary-General, delivered welcoming remarks at the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Ms Cynthia Lesufi (South Africa). Vice-Chairs, Ms Khayala Pashazade (Azerbaijan), Ms Renata Santoyo (Brazil), Ms Mina Seonmin Jun (Korea (Rep. of)), Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda, remote), and Ms Susanna Mattsson (Sweden), were present.
2. **Opening Remarks**
   1. Mr Tomas Lamanauskas, ITU Deputy Secretary-General, emphasized ITU’s crucial role in the WSIS process, the WSIS+20 Review, and global digital governance. He highlighted ongoing collaboration with key UN partners and the importance of regional consultations leading up to the overall UN General Assembly WSIS+20 review in 2025. He also noted ITU's active participation in regional WSIS review meetings and its upcoming engagements organized by UN ECA in Tanzania, UN ESCWA in Jordan, and UN ECLAC in Chile, all of which are essential for advancing WSIS+20 initiatives and contributing to the overall review process.
   2. He further reaffirmed ITU's readiness to support the implementation of the Pact for the Future and the Global Digital Compact (GDC) adopted at the Summit of the Future. The DSG emphasized the GDC's role in enhancing digital governance and leveraging existing processes emanating from WSIS process, IGF, and UNGIS. WSIS will contribute to the implementation of GDC.
   3. DSG highlighted that the preparation towards the upcoming WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025, to be held on 7-11 July 2025, are ongoing. He invited the group to contribute actively to the open calls for action.
   4. The Chair thanked the Deputy Secretary-General for his remarks and commitment towards the group and the implementation of the WSIS process and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
   5. The Chair acknowledged the valuable contributions from the secretariat and members of the group in advancing the WSIS process and global digital discussions. She underscored the importance of fostering collaboration and consensus while looking forward to the upcoming discussions and collaborations within the CWG-WSIS&SDG.
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
   1. The agenda [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/1(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0001/en) reflecting the distribution of the documents was adopted.
   2. The Russian Federation presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/12](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0012/en) requesting the secretariat to ensure timely availability of the documents for CWG-WSIS&SDG. It was noted that Document 17 [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/17](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0017/en) has been made available as a contribution document.
4. **ITU’s activities related to WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
   1. **Outcomes of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024**
      1. The secretariat presented document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0002/en) about the highlights and outcomes from the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024.
      2. The group appreciated all efforts made towards the success of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024 and its outcomes, and thanked Switzerland for co-hosting the event.
      3. The outcome documents of the event, including the Chair’s Summary, were shared by the ITU’s Secretary-General with the United Nations’s Secretary-General.
      4. The group appreciated all Member States for their active participation, especially acknowledging the presence of numerous ministers. The Ministerial Roundtable concluded that the WSIS Framework should be leveraged in the follow-up and implementation of the Global Digital Compact (GDC). Its established Principles and Action Lines remain central in global digital discussions, as clearly demonstrated in recent declarations. The event reaffirmed the WSIS Forum's importance as a multistakeholder platform for Digital for Development and emerging technologies.
   2. **Preparations towards WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025**
      1. The secretariat provided a briefing on the preparation towards the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 in document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0003/en). The event will take place on 7-11 July 2025 and will be held in conjunction with AI4Good Global Summit.
      2. The group was encouraged to contribute and participate to all 2025 calls, including the WSIS+20 High-Level Event Open Consultation Process, the WSIS Stocktaking and Prizes, as well as the WSIS Fund in Trust 2025.
      3. The secretariat informed the upcoming consultative meetings for the preparation on WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.
      4. The group noted all updates on the calls for action for the preparations of the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.
      5. The group drew attention to the CSTD 28th annual session that will take place in April 2025 before the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025. The group requested the secretariat to explore options with the CSTD secretariat for incorporating the Event’s outcomes to the CSTD’s work on WSIS+20.
      6. The group encouraged the secretariat to continue collaborating with all UN agencies, including GDC and Summit of the Future discussions.
   3. **Comprehensive report detailing the activities, actions, and engagements that the Union is undertaking in the context of the WSIS implementation and 2030 Agenda, including: WSIS Forum, WSIS Action Lines Roadmaps, WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes, Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025, SDG Digital 2024, Partner2Connect**
      1. The secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0004/en) and provided information on the activities, actions, and engagements that the Union is undertaking in the context of the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in their follow-up and review processes.
      2. The group noted the document with appreciation.
      3. The group requested the secretariat to continue reporting on the work of the Broadband Commission, particularly on AI and data governance, to the next meeting of the CWG-WSIS&SDG in February 2025.
      4. The group requested the secretariat to include the 2023 updates on the WSIS Action Line C2 in the *ITU WSIS Action Line Roadmaps for C2, C4, C5, and C6* by 11 October 2024.
      5. The representative of the multi-country contribution presented the document on ITU's Participation to SDG Digital ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/13](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0013/en)). The contribution draws the attention of the secretariat on the views of the contributors to the problematic issue that has already been raised so far, regarding the observed disregard for the WSIS process and the role of ITU in its implementation, as well as the interlinkage between the implementation of WSIS outcomes and the achievement of the SDGs while participating in the organization and holding of events on behalf of ITU related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and, accordingly, the achievement of the SDGs. It invites the group to recommend to the secretariat to take steps to ensure that ITU’s contribution to SDG Digital in any format should be prepared taking into account and duly reflecting the close linkage between the processes of implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the achievement of the SDGs reflected in the WSIS-SDG Matrix, and that the WSIS action lines are crucial for advancing the achievement of the SDGs.
      6. The group commended efforts made by ITU during the Summit of the Future, emphasizing the role of digital technologies in achieving the SDGs. ITU's contributions were also recognized by world leaders and all stakeholders present, who appreciated the successful convening of SDG Digital 2024, the SDG GameChangers Award, and the side events held during the Summit of the Future Action Days.
      7. Some members of the group requested the secretariat to make efforts in highlighting the WSIS process in high-level events related to the SDGs. They also requested for greater involvement of Member States in the preparation process for the SDG Digital.
      8. The group noted the success of the WSIS/UNGIS side event held during the Summit of the Future Action Days, which highlighted the importance of the WSIS framework in digital cooperation, including UNGIS as an effective inter-agency mechanism.
   4. **Interagency coordinating mechanism: United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)**
      1. The secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0005/en) and provided updates on the activities of the UNGIS.
      2. The group appreciated the ongoing support and commitment of UNGIS in harnessing the momentum of the GDC consultations and the WSIS+20 review toward a digital future that is inclusive, sustainable, and beneficial for all.
      3. The group commended ITU for its leadership of the UNGIS’ contribution to the GDC, in collaboration with Chair and Vice-Chairs of UNGIS. The collective effort demonstrated by the UN agencies reinforces WSIS as an effective mechanism for implementing the GDC.
      4. In its role as the current Vice-Chair and permanent secretariat of UNGIS, ITU was encouraged by the group to work with UNGIS members to develop a work plan to support the GDC follow-up.
      5. The group welcomed the information on the preparation of the WSIS&SDG-GDC matrix, highlighting the existing mechanisms for follow-up and implementation of GDC, and looked forward to receiving the matrix.
   5. **Roadmap for ITU’s activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
      1. The secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0006/en) and highlighted ITU’s activities and engagements that are advancing the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
      2. The group noted the document with appreciation.
   6. **ITU-D, ITU-T and ITU-R resolutions on WSIS**
      1. Representatives from ITU sectors delivered an oral presentation on the implementation of activities mandated by the WSIS-related resolutions and Operational Plans of Sectors. The detailed information on the activities of the implementation of the ITU-D, ITU-T, and ITU-R resolutions on WSIS are listed in the [ITU’s Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Contribution.aspx) report. The group requested them to submit their interventions as information documents.
      2. The group noted the progress made by the three Sectors in implementing WSIS Resolutions and emphasized their active involvement in the WSIS+20 Review Process.
      3. The group invited the Chair and the secretariat to organise information sessions on WSIS&SDG at the Regional Development Forums, highlighting the WSIS+20 review and the GDC.
   7. **Regional activities towards alignment of WSIS and SDG processes**
      1. The secretariat provided a briefing on the implementation of the WSIS process at the regional level in 2024 in collaboration with the Regional Offices, UN Regional Commissions, and other regional bodies.
      2. The group encouraged the secretariat to continue working closely with the ITU Regional Offices, UN Regional Commissions, and the regional telecommunication organisations.
      3. The group was invited to participate in the regional events organised by ITU and regional organisations on WSIS and SDGs.
      4. Tanzania provided information about the upcoming Africa WSIS+20 Regional Review Meeting 2024, which will be organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) on 9-11 October 2024, hosted in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and welcomed secretariat’s contribution to the event. The group was invited to attend this event.
   8. **ITU’s activities related to Artificial Intelligence in achieving the SDGs**
      1. The secretariat delivered a presentation highlighting ITU’s activities related to Artificial Intelligence in achieving the SDGs ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0008/en)), in line with the [ITU Resolution 214 (Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-214-E.pdf) on artificial intelligence technologies and telecommunications/information and communication technologies.
      2. China presented a multi-country contribution offering proposals on how ITU can leverage and promote AI for Sustainable Development Goals   
         ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/15](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0015/en) (Rev.1)).
      3. The group recognized AI as a significant topic and acknowledged the contributions from both the secretariat and the multi-country submission.
      4. Some members of the group supported the proposal in the multi-country contribution asking ITU secretariat to draft an overall work plan on promoting AI for SDGs for ITU’s Council’s approval, noting that this would allow them to offer guidance to ITU secretariat on its range of activities, as indicated in Council Resolution [*1332 (Modified 2024)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en)*.*
      5. Some other countries stated that this could put extra burden on secretariat given limited resources, and that combined with the guidance in PP-22 Resolution 214, the current AI activities report to Council and CWG-WSIS&SDGs already offers sufficient information for the members to offer guidance on ITU AI activities.
      6. The group requested the secretariat to provide a more detailed report on AI activities, also taking into consideration the proposals outlined in the multi-country contribution and comments received, to the next CWG-WSIS&SDG meeting. The report is to be made available three weeks prior to the 42nd meeting of CWG-WSIS&SDG.
   9. **Outcomes of G20 Brazil 2024 and plans for G20 South Africa 2025**
      1. Brazil provided an oral briefing highlighting the outcomes of G20 Brazil. The group congratulated Brazil on holding a successful event and invited Brazil to contribute on the calls for inputs for the WSIS+20 review, integrating the outcome of G20 aligning it with the WSIS+20 review and WSIS beyond 2025.
      2. South Africa provided a brief update on preparations for the G20 meeting in 2025. The group appreciated the presentation and requested South Africa to provide further updates at the next CWG-WSIS&SDG meeting.
      3. South Africa and Brazil were invited to organize a joint event during the WSIS+20 High-Level Event in 2025 on G20.
      4. The group invited the future host of G20 meetings to provide regular updates to the CWG-WSIS&SDG.
5. **Update on implementation and follow-up actions to relevant ITU and UN resolutions and processes:**
   1. **ITU PP Resolution 140, ITU Council Resolution 1332**
      1. The Chair provided updates on the implementation of ITU Resolutions; [Resolution 140](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf) (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and [Resolution 1332](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en) (C11, last amended C24).
      2. The group was encouraged to continue implementing the resolutions and invited ITU to maintain its support and provide updates on the implementation of WSIS-related mandates.
   2. **Outcomes of Summit of the Future 2024**
      1. The secretariat presented document on ITU’s contribution to the Summit of the Future [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0009/en).
      2. The secretariat provided an oral presentation on the alignment of WSIS process and WSIS+20 review with the GDC and Pact for the Future, and highlighting the following key points:
6. GDC highlights its commitment to the outcomes of the WSIS reflected in the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.
7. The objectives, principles and commitments and actions outlined in the GDC reinforce the WSIS Outcomes Documents, and they remain the foundations of an inclusive and multistakeholder framework.
8. GDC aims to build on the processes and forums emanating from WSIS, in particular the IGF and its national and regional initiatives, as well as the WSIS Forum, to advance implementation of this Compact.
9. The GDC recognizes the critical role of the CSTD in reviewing WSIS outcomes and requests its further contribution to GDC implementation.
10. The GDC outlines emerging trends, to be considered in the WSIS+20 Review, including Action Lines.
11. The GDC calls on the UN Secretary-General to develop an implementation map and reflect it in the progress report on WSIS outcomes at both regional and international levels ahead of the WSIS+20 Review.
12. The GDC tasks the UN Secretary-General with submitting a progress report for the 2027 high-level GDC review, ensuring the meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders, including the CSTD, IGF, and WSIS Action Line facilitators.
    * 1. The group noted the secretariat’s presentations and activities on the alignment between WSIS and GDC and Pact for the Future and appreciated all efforts.
      2. The group encouraged the ITU to contribute towards implementing the GDC principles, actions, and commitments within its mandate. In this context, the secretariat was also invited to further develop an action plan to follow up on the GDC, align with the WSIS Action Lines and WSIS+20 Review, and consult with the three sectors during its development, through the WSIS&SDG Task Force.
      3. All stakeholders were invited to contribute to this alignment through various processes and events, including the call for input for the WSIS+20 review, the WSIS+20 High-Level Event in 2025, and the Open Consultation Process. Additionally, close collaboration with regional stakeholders in ongoing regional WSIS reviews was encouraged.
    1. **Outcomes from the HLPF 2024**
       1. The secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0010/en) and provided updates on ITU’s contributions to the HLPF 2024.
       2. The group noted the report with appreciation.
    2. **Internet Governance Forum 2024**
       1. The IGF representative informed the group that the IGF 2024 will be held from 15 to 19 December 2024 in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
       2. The group appreciated the updates presented on the preparations for IGF-24.
       3. The group thanked Saudi Arabia for organizing the IGF-24 and for invitation to attend.
       4. The group was invited to participate in the Forum, including the two side-events organised by ITU secretariat: i) consultative meeting of the Open Consultation Process for WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025; and ii) UNGIS side-event.
13. **Preparation to the Overall Review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes:   
    WSIS Beyond 2025**
    1. **ITU SG’s WSIS+20 roadmap (Annex: WSIS Action Lines 20 Years of implementation)**
       1. The secretariat delivered an oral update on the implementation of the ITU’s Secretary-General WSIS+20 roadmap ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0011/en)).
       2. The group appreciated the document and was invited to continue contributing to the implementation of this Roadmap.
    2. **Joint UN preparatory process on WSIS+20. Updates from:**
       1. **UNESCO: Report by the Director-General on implementation of the WSIS outcomes** 
          1. A representative from UNESCO emphasized UNESCO’s commitment to the WSIS process, particularly in its role as the current UNGIS Chair for the 2024-2025 period. The group was invited to attend the upcoming Global Forum on "AI and Digital Transformation in the Public Sector," scheduled for 12-13 February 2025 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
          2. The group thanked the UNESCO representative for the updates and for presenting the ongoing implementation of the WSIS process and the WSIS+20 review.
       2. **CSTD/UNCTAD: CSTD Roadmap on WSIS+20: follow-up and implementation**
          1. A representative from CSTD informed the group on its ongoing work towards the WSIS+20 review. The Group was invited to contribute to the 28th CSTD annual session, which will take place on 7-11 April 2025. The representative informed that the CSTD report on WSIS+20 will be presented at the CSTD inter-sessional meeting.
          2. The group thanked the CSTD representative for the updates and for its efforts in the WSIS+20 review follow-up.
       3. **UNDP: WSIS+20 Preparatory Process**
          1. A representative from UNDP informed the group about its implementation activities on the ground and commitment towards the WSIS process.
          2. The group thanked the UNDP representative for the updates and for its efforts in the WSIS+20 review follow-up.
       4. **UN DESA: WSIS+20 Preparatory and Consultative Process**
          1. A representative from UN DESA highlighted about the preparation towards the WSIS+20 overall review in 2025.
          2. The group thanked the UN DESA representative for the updates and for its efforts in the WSIS+20 review follow-up.
       5. **UN Regional Commissions – WSIS+20 Regional meetings: ECLAC, ESCWA**
          1. Representatives from ECLAC and ESCWA provided updates on its respective regional review meetings on WSIS+20.
          2. The group thanked ECLAC and ESCWA for the updates and encouraged all Member States to participate in these regional review meetings.
    3. **Update on the implementation of ITU Council Resolutions 1334 and 1332 (call for inputs on the work of the ITU in the WSIS+20 review and the review of the WSIS Action Lines)**
       1. The group was invited to actively participate in the call for inputs on WSIS+20 review.
       2. The secretariat was requested to send reminders to ITU’s focal points, including through CRM campaign and the WSIS&SDG Flash, encouraging all stakeholders to contribute to this call.
    4. **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**
       1. The secretariat presented the draft outline of the 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 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/17](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0017/en)).
       2. The Russian Federation presented the comments for the ITU WSIS+20 report ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/14](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0014/en)) with proposals to include in the report information on implementation of each Action line under ITU responsibility, including overview of the detailed implementation and challenges during implementation of ALs and new challenges that have emerges, as well as information on achievements of the 10 targets of the Geneva Plan of Action; and to prepare the WSIS+20 vision for WSIS beyond 2025, including priority areas to be addressed in achievement of the SDGs.
       3. The group was requested to submit comments on the draft Outline for the WSIS+20 Report to [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int) by 16 October 2024. The Draft WSIS+20 Report will be presented at the 42nd CWG-WSIS&SDG in February 2025, not later than four weeks before the meeting.
    5. **Contribution by Lithuania – Messages of the EuroDIG 2024 on Global Processes (GDC, WSIS+20 review)**
       1. Lithuania presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-41/16](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS41-C-0016/en) about the EuroDIG annual meeting in June 2024 (Vilnius, Lithuania) and the thematic messages on Global Processes, including Global Digital Compact and WSIS+20 review.
       2. The group congratulated Lithuania for a successful event, and noted this document.
14. **Approval of the Report:** The group approved the report of the 41st CWG&WSIS&SDG meeting.
15. **Concluding Remarks**
    1. Closing the meeting, the Chair extended her personal thanks to all the ITU membership who participated in the work of the 41*st* meeting of CWG-WSIS&SDG and thanked the Vice-Chairs, Ms Khayala Pashazade (Azerbaijan), Ms Renata Santoyo (Brazil), Ms Mina Seonmin Jun (Korea (Rep. of)), Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda, remote), and Ms Susanna Mattsson (Sweden), and especially all who contributed to the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG and WSIS Process. The Chair also expressed appreciation to Mr Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary-General of ITU, and acknowledged the invaluable support of Ms Nur Sulyna Abdullah, Chief of SPM, the secretariat, Ms Gitanjali Sah, Mr Vladimir Stankovic, Mr Michael Kioy, Ms Ruth Sidabutar, Ms Tala Debs, Ms Ursula Wynhoven, Ms Jeoung Hee Kim, Mr Mario Castro Grande, Ms Esperanza Magpantay, Mr Preetam Maloor, Mr Bilel Jamoussi, Ms Diana Tomimura, Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Mr Noriyuki Araki, Ms Victoria Sukenik, and Ms Anna Polomska.
    2. The Chair extended her personal thanks to the guests: Mr Angel Gonzales Sanz, CSTD; Ms Anja Gengo, IGF Secretariat; Mr Wai Min Kwok, UN DESA; Ms Yu Ping Chan, UNDP; Mr Ayman Elsherbiny, UN ESCWA; Mr Alejandro Patino, UN ECLAC; and Mr Davide Storti, UNESCO.
    3. The Group expressed its thanks to Ms Cynthia Lesufi, Chair of the CWG-WSIS&SDG, for her able chairship and guidance.

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