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Report by the Secretary-General

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE GLOBAL STANDARDS SYMPOSIUM (GSS-24) AND THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY (WTSA-24)

Purpose

To provide additional information to Document C25/24.

Action required by the Council

This document is transmitted to the Council for information.

References

Council document C25/24

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Report on the Global Standards Symposium (GSS-24) and the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-24)

Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB)





WTSA and GSS: Homepage>





GLOBAL STANDARDS SYMPOSIUM



GSS-24 Key figures

1500+

Present participants

119

Member States 63

Sector Members 10

ITU Academia 20+

Ministers/Deputy
Ministers

20+

Heads of Regulatory
Authorities

19

Steering Committee
Members



GSS-24 Key Sessions













GSS-24 Highlights

- Digital Transformation: International standards as the foundation for global progress.
- Global Collaboration: Leaders unite to discuss standards' role in emerging technologies.
- **High-Level Segment**: Ministers and industry leaders discussed how to explore innovation and craft the next digital wave.
- Al & metaverse: Exploring their transformative potential in public services.
- Bridging the Gap: Closing the standards divide between countries.
- Sustainable Development: Standards as key enablers of the UN SDGs.
- Al Governance: Advocating for safe, secure and trustworthy international Al standards.
- Open Source: Highlighted open-source's role in innovation and fostering collaboration.
- **People Centred Smart Cities**: Celebrating the implementation of U4SSC KPIs in 200+ cities.



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WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION ASSEMBLY





WTSA-24: Outline

- Dates
 - GSS-24: 14 October 2024
 - WTSA-24: 15-24 October 2024
 - Leadership training: 25 October 2024
- Place: New Delhi, India (First WTSA held in Asia)
- Opening ceremony with His Excellency, Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi
- 3700 delegates from 164 countries
- High female participation outside Geneva (26%)
- Highest number of member states represented with 37 ministers
- 20+ side events (https://www.itu.int/wtsa/2024/related-events/)

WTSA-24: Outline



WTSA-24 opening ceremony

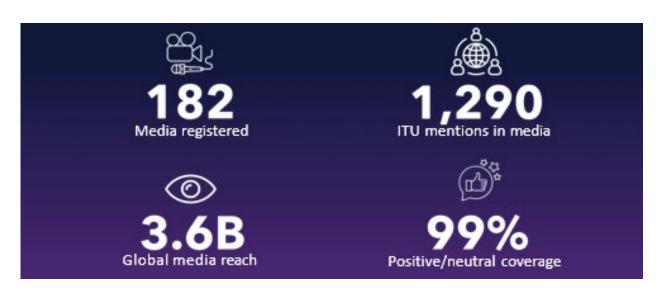




Impact on the press worldwide



Impact on the press and social media worldwide





WTSA-24: Highlights (details in WTSA-24 Proceedings)

- Consolidated ITU-T Study Groups 9 and 16
 - New Study Group 21: Technologies for multimedia, content delivery and cable television
- Appointed chairs and vice-chairs for ten ITU-T study groups, TSAG and SCV
- Approved updated mandate (Resolution 2) and new Questions of ten ITU-T study groups
- 8 new Resolutions
- 44 revised Resolutions
- 1 revised ITU-T Recommendation (A.25)
- WTSA-24 draft Proceedings was published immediately after the closing ceremony (18:00 on 24 Oct.)

WTSA-24: Highlights (details in WTSA-24 Proceedings)



New Resolutions (details in WTSA-24 Proceedings)

Resolution 101 (ex COM4/AI) (New Delhi, 2024): Standardization activities of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector on artificial intelligence technologies in support of telecommunications/information and communication technologies

Resolution 102 (ex COM4/CLI-CL) (New Delhi, 2024): Provision of handset-derived caller location information for emergency communications

Resolution 103 (ex COM4/DPI) (New Delhi, 2024): Enhancing standardization activities on digital public infrastructure

Resolution 104 (ex COM4/VC) (New Delhi, 2024): Promoting and strengthening standardization activities for vehicular communications

Resolution 105 (ex COM4/MV) (New Delhi, 2024): Promoting and strengthening metaverse standardization

Resolution 106 (ex COM4/SDT) (New Delhi, 2024): Enhancing standardization activities on sustainable digital transformation

Resolution 107 (ex COM3/APT-NG) (New Delhi, 2024): Enhancing the engagement of next-generation experts in the standardization activities of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

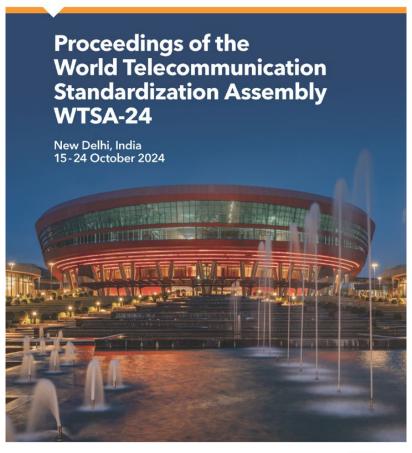
Resolution 108 (ex COM3/SP) (New Delhi, 2024): Strategic planning in ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector

Final WTSA-24 Proceedings



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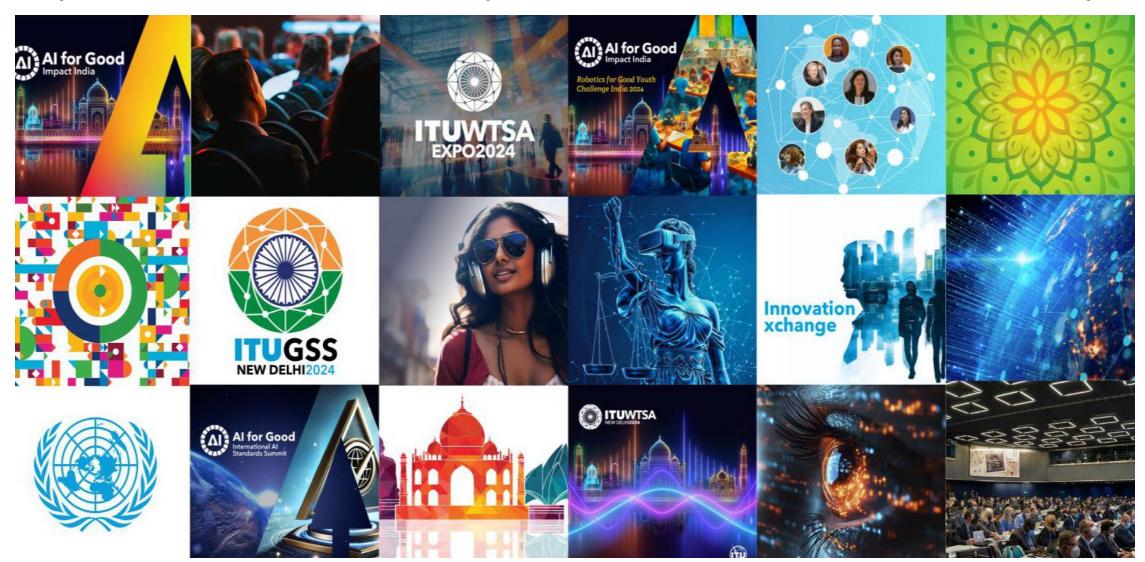


Related information

- WTSA-24 website: https://www.itu.int/wtsa/2024/
- Final proceedings: https://www.itu.int/pub/T-REG-LIV.1-2024
- WTSA-24 brochure: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/wtsa24/Documents/
 WTSA-24 GSS-24 Brochure.pdf
- WTSA-24 related events: https://www.itu.int/wtsa/2024/related-events/

Snapshots from WTSA-24 related events

(see further information is at https://www.itu.int/wtsa/2024/related-events/)



WTSA-24 related events



Network of Women (NoW) for WTSA-24



Robotics for Good Youth Challenge at WTSA-24









ITU team group photo





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