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| COMPREHENSIVE REPORT DETAILING THE ACTIVITIES, ACTIONS, AND ENGAGEMENTS THAT THE UNION IS UNDERTAKING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WSIS IMPLEMENTATION AND 2030 AGENDA | |
| **Purpose**  The objective of this report is to provide 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.  **Action required**  The Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs is invited to **consider** this document.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*CWG-WSIS&SDG website*](http://www.wsis.org/sdg)*; 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)*;* [*WTDC Resolution 30 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/opb/tdc/D-TDC-WTDC-2022-PDF-E.pdf)*;* [*WTSA Resolution 75 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.75-2022)*;* [*Resolution ITU-R 61-3 (Rev. Dubai, 2023)*](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-RES-R.61-3-2023)*; Reports of the CWG-WSIS&SDG meetings* [*33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*,* [*40th*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0008/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)*;* [*Roadmap for ITU’s Activities to Help Achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0014/en)*;* [*ITU Council Contribution to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2024;*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0016/es) [*World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 - WSIS+20 Roadmap*](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0047/en)*,* [*ITU Council Contribution to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2024;*](https://hlpf.un.org/inputs/international-telecommunication-union-0)*[WTDC Declaration (Kigali, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/WTDC21/Documents/Final_508076_WTDC-Declaration_Layout_En.pdf)* | |

1. **ITU’s activities for the implementation of the WSIS outcomes**
   1. In line with [Resolution 1332 (Modified 2024)](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en), the Secretary-General prepares a comprehensive annual report on [ITU’s contribution to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Documents/ITUContribution/2024_ITU_Contribution_to_WSIS-Implementation-DRAFT-20241031.pdf). This report offers a detailed overview of key WSIS-related initiatives and activities undertaken by the Union's three sectors—Standardization, Radiocommunication, and Development—as well as by the General Secretariat. It provides updates on ITU’s operational and policy-level tasks, addressing all assigned mandates in relation to the WSIS Process. Reports of ITU Contribution to the WSIS Implementation are available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Contribution.aspx).
   2. The ITU has published the draft 2024 edition of the [WSIS Action Lines Roadmaps](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Roadmaps.aspx) online. This draft covers Action Lines C2 (Information and Communication Infrastructure), C4 (Capacity Building), C5 (Building Confidence and Security in the Use of ICTs), and C6 (Enabling Environment), where ITU is the sole facilitator. Additionally, the draft highlights ITU's role as co-facilitator for Action Lines C1, C3, C7, C8, C9, and C11.
   3. ITU has spearheaded numerous WSIS-related activities, including, among others the annual [WSIS Forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum), the [WSIS Stocktaking](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/), the [WSIS Prizes](http://www.wsis.org/prizes) and the [WSIS Special Prizes](http://www.wsis.org/forum), and the [WSIS&SDG TalkX](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Home/WSISTalkX). All these activities are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as reflected in the [WSIS-SDG Matrix](http://www.wsis.org/sdg) developed by UN agencies. At its 2016 session, the Council resolved to use the WSIS framework as the foundation for ITU’s contribution to achieving the 2030 Agenda, in line with ITU’s mandate and within the resources allocated in the financial plan and biennial budget.
   4. Since its establishment in 2011 under PP Resolution 140, ITU has coordinated the [WSIS Fund in Trust](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/WSIS-Fund-in-Trust.aspx) to support activities related to the implementation of WSIS outcomes. In line with Council Resolutions 1332 and 1334, all ITU members and stakeholders are encouraged to make voluntary contributions to support the implementation of WSIS outcomes and the achievement of the SDGs, and to ensure effective implementation of the WSIS+20 review process. Partnership packages for 2025 in all six UN languages are available online.
   5. Serving as a permanent secretariat, and a vice-chair of [UNGIS](http://www.ungis.org) for the 2024-2025 period, alongside UNDP, UNCTAD, and UN ECLAC, with UNESCO serving as the chair, ITU has been instrumental in facilitating UNGIS activities and events, emphasizing the importance of interagency coordination. UNGIS contributes annually to various global digital and development processes and events, including the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF). Notable contributions for 2024 are available [here](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/ThematicMeetings). Following the UNGIS inputs towards the Summit of the Future and GDC consultations, as part of the WSIS Process follow-up on the GDC the [WSIS Process and 2030 Agenda– Draft GDC Matrix](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Content/upload/gdc/UNGIS-CompiledMatrixOfLinkages-WSIS-GDC.pdf) was developed.
   6. ITU continues to be an active member of the [Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/intlcoop/partnership/default.aspx) and of its Steering Committee, along with UNCTAD and UNDESA. The Partnership has been monitoring ICT development globally, tracking progress towards the WSIS Targets and raising awareness about the importance of measuring ICT access and use for development.
   7. ITU organizes and supports [Regional Development Forums](https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/rdf/) aligned with WSIS outcomes, providing a platform for multistakeholder exchange of best practices, challenges, and solutions. These forums facilitate regional collaboration and implementation efforts, contributing to the broader WSIS vision. The six upcoming RDFs are listed online.
2. **Preparation for the WSIS+20 Overall Review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes: WSIS Beyond 2025**
   1. Preparations for the WSIS+20 review process are ongoing. The ITU Council has adopted a revised [Resolution 1334](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en) (2023) and a revised [Resolution 1332](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en) (2024) to guide ITU’s work in addressing Member States' requests and following PP [Resolution 140](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf).

2.2. In collaboration with ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, UN CSTD, and UN DESA, a collaborative preparatory process for the WSIS+20 review is in progress. Regular meetings ensure effective coordination, with a strong emphasis on engaging the multistakeholder community in discussions and consultations. This inclusive approach aims to incorporate diverse perspectives towards the UNGA Overall Review in 2025.

2.3. Following the [WSIS+20 Forum High-level Event](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/en) (HLE) 2024 and the forthcoming [WSIS+20 HLE 2025](http://www.wsis.org/forum) will review the progress, achievements, challenges, and opportunities since the Summit phases in Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005). The 2024 HLE, chaired and co-hosted by the Swiss Confederation, presented a [Chair's Summary](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Files/outcomes/draft/WSIS20ForumHighLevelEvent2024-ChairsSummary.pdf) advocating for a strengthened and inclusive framework for digital governance and cooperation, especially in the context of rapid AI and digital developments. The 2024 HLE highlights and documents are available [here](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Home/Outcomes).

2.4. The Ministerial Roundtable at the 2024 HLE recognized the WSIS+20 review in 2025 as a key opportunity to evolve the WSIS Outcomes, integrating new technologies like AI to support inclusive global digital governance and development. ITU continues to actively engage with other global digital governance processes, such as the 2030 Agenda, the GDC, and the Summit of the Future, to ensure synergy and coherence throughout the WSIS+20 review process.

2.5. As part of the preparations for the WSIS+20 overall review, the ITU Secretary-General's WSIS+20 roadmap is being implemented, with stakeholders actively encouraged to contribute. Similarly, UN agencies are advancing their roadmaps and plans, such as UNESCO’s Global Forum on AI and Digital Transformation in June 2025 and CSTD’s 28th annual session in April 2025. UNDP, UN DESA, and UN Regional Commissions continue to assess regional WSIS implementation and follow-up, urging broad and inclusive participation.

2.6. Additionally, as requested by the revised Resolution 1332 (2024), the ITU secretariat was invited to prepare and present during the 42nd meeting of the CWG-WSIS&SDG a draft report on the work of the ITU in the WSIS+20 review, including ideas related to the re​view of the WSIS Action Lines, and a vision for WSIS beyond 2025.

1. **ITU’s activities for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda** 
   1. ITU's commitment to the 2030 Agenda is integrated in the [ITU Strategic Plan 2024-2027](https://www.itu.int/en/council/planning/Pages/default.aspx), which also facilitates progress towards implementing the WSIS Action Lines. With strategic goals that focus on the universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation, ITU has made a concerted effort to highlight the role that digital and emerging technologies play in achieving the SDGs. ITU works on various initiatives and projects that harness the power of digital for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
   2. In accordance with [Resolution 1332 (Modified 2024)](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0141/en), the *Roadmap for ITU’s activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* remains a living document guiding ITU actions to implement the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
   3. The 'Connect 2030 Agenda for Global Telecommunication/ICT Development' focuses on how technological advances will contribute to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by 2030. Further reporting on ITU's contribution to the implementation of the [Connect 2030 Agenda](https://www.itu.int/en/mediacentre/backgrounders/Pages/connect-2030-agenda.aspx) is available on the dedicated website.
   4. ITU engages actively in the annual High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) by providing inputs to its themes, in particular the ITU Council contribution, delivering statements in thematic sessions, and through side events which are available on the [CWG-WSIS&SDG website](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx) and the [UN HLPF website](https://hlpf.un.org/).
   5. The contributions of the three Sectors to implementing the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda are outlined in the respective resolutions: [ITU-R Resolution 61-3](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-RES-R.61) (Rev. Dubai, 2023), [ITU-T Resolution 75](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.75-2024) (Rev. Geneva, 2022), and [ITU-D Resolution 30](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/opb/tdc/D-TDC-WTDC-2022-PDF-E.pdf) (Rev. Kigali, 2022).
   6. Building on the success of the 2023 SDG Digital, ITU and UNDP delivered an impactful program during the [SDG Digital 2024](https://www.itu.int/initiatives/sdgdigital2024/) on 20-21 September 2024 in New York. Organized as part of the enhanced digital support for the 2030 Agenda, the event aligned with this year’s UN General Assembly and the broader framework of the [Summit of the Future](https://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future) and its [Action Days.](https://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future/action-days) The initiative also featured the second edition of the [SDG Digital Gamechangers Award](https://www.itu.int/initiatives/sdgdigital2024/award/about/), celebrating innovative contributions to sustainable development through digital solutions.
   7. [ITU Partner2Connect (P2C) Digital Coalition](https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/partner2connect/), reflecting the ITU's commitment to fostering global digital cooperation and key elements of the Roadmap for ITU's activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda, emphasizes strong public-private partnerships, spanning the focus areas of access, adoption, value creation, and incentivizing investments. The pledges to Partner2Connect, ITU's platform to advance universal meaningful connectivity, with USD 4.8 billion in investment commitments toward global connectivity were announced during the opening day of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024, bringing the total pledges aimed at closing the digital divide to USD 50.96 billion, over half the USD 100 billion goal set for 2026. Among the new commitments announced at the WSIS Forum event are pledges that leverage artificial intelligence to enhance digital access, adoption and inclusion.
   8. In line with the aspiration to have every school connected to the Internet by 2030 and the vast opportunity of connectivity to transform the delivery, access to and quality of education, Giga, a joint initiative by ITU and UNICEF, seeks to catalyse the connection of every school to the Internet. This comprises of providing rich information to facilitate decision making in planning and financing of school connectivity in each country as well as assisting in the financing and contracting of providers. Since its launch in September 2019, Giga has mapped over 2.1 million schools globally leveraging AI technology. From 8-10 July 2024, the Giga Connectivity Forum in Geneva brought 240 participants from 25 countries with representation from the education and ICT sectors to share insights on school connectivity. For more information, visit the website [here](https://giga.global/).
   9. The [ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission](https://www.broadbandcommission.org/) continues to advocate for global broadband expansion to drive development. With its membership of high-level public and industry leaders, the Commission develops practical policy recommendations to accelerate progress towards achieving the UN 2030 Agenda and its [7 Advocacy Targets](https://www.broadbandcommission.org/advocacy-targets/). Published annually in the State of Broadband, these recommendations are critical to realizing universal connectivity. The [2024 State of Broadband report, “Leveraging AI for Universal Connectivity,”](https://www.broadbandcommission.org/publication/state-of-broadband-2024/) offers an initial overview of how AI applications are already shaping development across various fields such as e-government, education, digital health, digital finance, and the environment, while also addressing associated risks and implications for the digital divide. As AI and broadband infrastructure evolve, policy responses are still emerging. In 2024, the Working Group on “Data Governance in the Digital Age” was launched and led by UNESCO, ITU, UNDP and AUC. Two annual meetings are hosted with the spring plenary focused on “Harnessing Emerging Technologies for Universal Access and Connectivity.”
   10. The [World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025](https://www.itu.int/wtisd/), will take place on 17 May 2025 and focus on gender equality in digital transformation. Coinciding with this, the upcoming 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+30) provides a critical opportunity to accelerate the push for gender equality through digital transformation. It will also celebrate ITU’s 160 years of being at the forefront of policy, innovation and collaboration in tech. This anniversary will be an opportunity to collect insights and support to celebrating ITU’s legacy and its future endeavours.

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