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| 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 2024 session of the Council, 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, resolved that the WSIS Forum 2025 should be branded as the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.

The event will be co-hosted by ITU and the Swiss Confederation and co-organized with ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD, in collaboration with WSIS Action Line co-facilitators and other UN organizations. The WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 will take place from **7 to 11 July 2025** at Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland. The event will serve as a key milestone for the 20 years of the implementation of the WSIS Process and its Action Lines, the WSIS+20 Review, taking stock the achievements, key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action.

It will be held in conjunction with the AI for Good Global Summit, leveraging the synergies between these two events to provide complementary perspectives on topics related to emerging technologies and digital for development.

WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 Open Consultation Process (OCP)

The OCP is designed to shape the event’s agenda and program while gathering input from all stakeholders. It also facilitates the collection of views and contributions for the broader WSIS+20 review.

The OCP is structured to ensure inclusivity and active participation, inviting stakeholders to share their perspectives and ideas through an online form and consultative meetings. All relevant information, including invitation letter for contributions, is available at: [https://www.itu.int/go/OCP2025](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile).

**Calls to Actions:**

The calls for contributions are currently ongoing, and we encourage stakeholders to engage in the following opportunities:

1. [Open Consultation Process](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Home/Consultations)

The OCP invites WSIS stakeholders to contribute to shaping the event program, identifying gaps in the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and WSIS Action Lines, and contributing to the WSIS+20 review.

* + Submit your official contribution through the [online form](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/OfficialSubmissions) by 14 March 2025.
  + Engage in our consultative meetings, the schedule is available [here](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Home/Consultations).

1. [WSIS Stocktaking 2025](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/)

The WSIS Stocktaking platform, with over 13,000 entries, serves as a global repository for information and communication technologies (ICTs)-related projects aligned with WSIS outcomes and the Sustainable Development Goals.

* + Update and submit new project entries to the [WSIS Stocktaking repository](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/Project/Projects).

1. [WSIS Prizes 2025](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsis.org%2Fprizes&data=05%7C02%7Cruth.sidabutar%40itu.int%7C02b63266b2af481da11008dce9f6c35e%7C23e464d704e64b87913c24bd89219fd3%7C0%7C0%7C638642493320307875%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ysd%2B%2FitMXmWVZw5o4beZq%2BOHTj2gT1%2BtHJ7CJ4eE%2F6w%3D&reserved=0)

The WSIS Prizes celebrates outstanding projects that leverage digital technologies to accelerate achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

* + Submit your projects through the [online form](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/Prizes/2025/Submit) before 10 February 2025.

1. [WSIS Fund in Trust 2025](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/WSIS-Fund-in-Trust.aspx)
   * Sponsorship packages are available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/WSIS-Fund-in-Trust.aspx).
2. [WSIS Photo Contest 2025](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/PhotoContest)

Showcase how ICTs are enabling SDG achievements by participating in the annual photo contest.

* + Submit your photos [here](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/PhotoContest) by 14 March 2025.

**Registration**

The WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 will take place in a hybrid format. All participants are required to register.

* Registration for on-site participation: [www.wsis.org/forum](https://www.wsis.org/forum)
* Registration for remote participation: [www.wsis.org/forum](https://www.wsis.org/forum)

High-level participation at the Event will include Heads of State, Ministers, Regulators, CEOs, Head of UN Agencies, Civil-Society, Academia and other prominent leaders from different stakeholder types.

**Session Format**

The event will be designed to be engaging, participatory, and consultative. The OCP is ongoing and awaiting suggestions, with several session formats already identified, including Leaders TalkX sessions, a ministerial roundtable, high-level plenary sessions, interactive discussions, partner insights, spotlight sessions, high-level dialogues, exhibitions, WSIS Action Line meetings, knowledge cafés, and social networking events.

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