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| Chair, Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG | |
| SUMMARY OF THE 42nd MEETING | |
| **Purpose**  This report highlights the main outcomes of the 42nd  meeting of the Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG held on 10-11 February 2025 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 42nd meeting on 10-11 February 2025. 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 18 documents and 12 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, welcomed delegates to the first meeting of the year, emphasizing the importance of the WSIS+20 process in shaping the future of digital cooperation. He highlighted the significance of the upcoming WSIS+20 High-Level Event in 2025, co-hosted by ITU and the Swiss Confederation, as an opportunity to assess progress, address challenges, and define the next phase of the WSIS process.
   2. He welcomed Lithuania and Kenya as co-facilitators in finalizing the modalities for the WSIS+20 review and reaffirmed ITU’s full support for their efforts. He noted ITU’s ongoing engagement with key UN partners, including UNESCO, UNDP, UNCTAD, UN DESA, UN CSTD, and the UN Regional Commissions, through regular coordination meetings and consultations.
   3. Mr Lamanauskas informed delegates that a zero draft had been circulated by the UN General Assembly President, with consultations commencing shortly. He encouraged active engagement to ensure alignment between discussions in the Council Working Group and the broader WSIS+20 process.
   4. Further, he informed delegates that the ITU Call for Input on the WSIS+20 review had received strong engagement and that the deadline had been extended to 14 March 2025 to ensure broad participation. He encouraged active participation in ongoing calls for WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025, including the Open Consultation Process, WSIS Prizes, WSIS Stocktaking, the WSIS Fund in Trust, and the WSIS Photo Contest.
   5. He reaffirmed the importance of a multistakeholder approach in the WSIS+20 process and stressed the need to adapt WSIS Action Lines to emerging digital trends. He also highlighted ITU’s role in the Global Digital Compact, ensuring its alignment with WSIS efforts.
   6. The Chair thanked Mr Lamanauskas and acknowledged the valuable contributions from the secretariat and members of the group in advancing the WSIS process and global digital discussions. Ms Lesufi 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 reflecting the distribution of the documents was adopted.
4. **ITU’s activities related to WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
   1. **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, World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025, Giga, Partner2Connect**
      1. The secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0002/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 recognized the activities and actions taken to implement the WSIS Process and the 2030 Agenda, highlighting the crucial role of WSIS Action Lines in advancing the SDGs.
      3. The group was encouraged to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust 2025.
      4. The group took note that the ITU Action Lines Roadmaps 2025 will be made available in due time prior to the Council 2025.
      5. The group noted the success of the P2C annual meeting, commended efforts to strengthen the linkages between WSIS Action Lines and the Partner2Connect pledging platform, acknowledged new pledges submitted by the WSIS community, and encouraged continued mobilization of pledges for the P2C platform. The Group took note of the active collaboration between WSIS and P2C communities, also through organizing sessions at annual WSIS Forum and P2C events.
      6. The group encouraged the BDT, through its work in the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, to work on developing a methodology on a quantitative assessment of the achievements of WSIS Action Line implementation over 20 years, aligned with the targets in the Geneva Plan of Action. It was noted that a similar report had been prepared on [Final WSIS Targets Reviews](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/publications/wsisreview2014/WSIS2014_review.pdf) in 2014.
      7. The group noted the progress made by Giga and recognized the synergies between Giga and WSIS, particularly with WSIS Action Lines C2 (Infrastructure), C4 (Capacity Building), and C7 (e-Learning), as well as the direct connection to WSIS Target 2, which aims to connect universities, colleges, secondary schools, and primary schools with ICTs. The annual Giga events 2025 will take place during the week of 7-11 July 2025 in Geneva, and a high-level session will be organised at the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.
   2. **Interagency coordinating mechanism: United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)**
      1. The secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0003/en) and provided updates on the activities of the UNGIS.
      2. The group appreciated ITU, along with other UN organizations, for its commitment to leveraging WSIS as an existing framework for digital cooperation and recognized that ITU serves as the permanent secretariat to UNGIS.
      3. The group acknowledged the prompt coordination initiated by ITU through UNGIS in developing the WSIS Process and 2030 Agenda – GDC Matrix, following the adoption of the Summit of the Future in September 2024, which maps the GDC objectives to existing WSIS structures, mechanisms, and activities, providing a structured approach for effective follow-up and implementation.
      4. The group noted with appreciation the UNGIS side event at IGF 2024, which highlighted innovative initiatives to foster sustainable growth, promote inclusivity, and address global challenges through digital development. The session underscored the importance of UNGIS in UN coordination and implementation efforts related to digital development and the follow-up of the GDC.
   3. **Roadmap for ITU’s activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
      1. The secretariat presented the update on the *Roadmap for ITU’s activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and highlighted ITU’s activities and engagements that are advancing the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
      2. The group noted the updates with appreciation.
   4. **ITU-D, ITU-T and ITU-R resolutions on WSIS**
      1. Representatives from ITU sectors presented their respective information documents (info docs [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/INF/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0004/en) (TSB), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/INF/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0005/en) (BDT), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/INF/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0008/en) (BR)) 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.
      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.
   5. **Regional activities towards alignment of WSIS and SDG processes**
      1. The secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0005/en) on the implementation of the WSIS process at the regional level 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 recognized the efforts made towards strengthening alignment with activities at the regional level, particularly the outcomes of the WSIS+20 events organized by the UN Regional Commissions.
      4. The group was invited to participate in the regional events organised by ITU and regional organisations on WSIS and SDGs.
      5. The Chair reminded the group of the Chair’s Summary from the 41st CWG-WSIS&SDG, which called for the secretariat to organize information sessions on WSIS&SDGs at the Regional Development Forums, highlighting the WSIS+20 review and the GDC.
      6. The group invited the secretariat to explore ways of informing the RDFs in 2025 on the ongoing WSIS implementation and preparatory process towards the WTDC 2025 and the WSIS+20 review.
   6. **Report on PP Resolution 214 (Bucharest, 2022) - Artificial intelligence technologies and telecommunications/information and communication technologies** 
      1. The secretariat delivered a presentation on the document, which provides a comprehensive report of ITU’s Artificial Intelligence (AI) activities ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0006/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. The group appreciated the ITU’s efforts in implementing [ITU Resolution 214 (Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-214-E.pdf) and encouraged the secretariat to provide updates with detailed information to this Council Working Group.
      3. China presented the multicountry contribution on enhancing the joint efforts on AI capacity-building of ITU ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/14](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0014/en)).
         1. The group appreciated the document and emphasized the importance of focusing efforts on AI capacity-building activities especially to developing countries.
         2. The group agreed that it is important to provide capacity building support for developing countries, noting the disparity between countries in developing and using AI technologies and applications.

Some members supported the proposal outlined in document 14, saying that it was important to draft a work plan for ITU's efforts on AI capacity-building, to better implement Resolution 214 (Bucharest, 2022), with the full involvement of developing countries and to strengthen the cross-sectoral coordination on artificial intelligence capacity building in ITU.

Other members cautioned that ITU Resolution 214 (Bucharest, 2022) already provides a framework for ITU's activities on AI, with a reporting mechanism, and development of further work plans by the CWG could have a disruptive impact on existing ITU overall planning processes based on current mandates. The upcoming WTDC 2025 was also highlighted by some members as a relevant venue for discussion on ITU's AI capacity development activities.

Members were welcomed to continue further discussing this matter.

* + - 1. The secretariat was encouraged to continue and strengthen the detailed reporting on the implementation of ITU Council Resolution 1332 (Geneva, 2024), in particular concerning para (i) of the terms of reference of the CWG-WSIS&SDG. It was agreed that issues beyond capacity building should also continue to be reflected by ITU in its report to CWG WSIS&SDG to further meet the needs of ITU’s membership.
  1. **Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development**
     1. The secretariat presented document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0007/en) on the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development activities.
     2. The group noted with appreciation the activities of the Broadband Commission and commended its 15 years of successful advocacy, thought leadership, and contributions through the annual State of Broadband report.
  2. **G20 Brazil 2024 and G20 South Africa 2025**
     1. A representative from South Africa provided updates on G20 activities. The information document is available [here](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0011/en).
     2. A representative from Brazil reiterated Brazil's full support for the next G20, especially for the high-level side event between Brazil and South Africa in the WSIS+20 Review process.
     3. The group congratulated Brazil for its successful G20 meetings in 2024 in Brazil.
     4. The group appreciated the updates from Brazil and South Africa.
     5. The group noted that a joint event by Brazil and South Africa will be organised at the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.
     6. The group noted the importance of the shared aims between the WSIS Process and the G20 in addressing digital development issues.

1. **WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025**
   1. The secretariat presented document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0009/en) on the preparations towards the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025, which will be held on 7-11 July 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland.
   2. The secretariat appreciated Japan, TakingITGlobal, Internet Society, United Kingdom, and IFIP as confirmed partners (as of 10 February) for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.
   3. The secretariat informed the upcoming consultative meetings for the preparation on WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 and invited the group to participate in the 3rd Open Consultation Process Meeting that will be held on 11 February 2024 at 13:30-14:30 CET.
   4. The group noted all updates and 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, the WSIS Fund in Trust 2025, and to actively contribute to the celebration of 20 years of WSIS Implementation.
2. **Update on implementation and follow-up actions to relevant ITU and UN resolutions and processes:**
   1. **Summit of the Future 2024: Follow-up**
      1. The secretariat provided a briefing on the follow-up to the Summit of the Future.
      2. The group appreciated the updates. Some members sought clarification as to which bureau within the Union serves as the counterpart to the new Office of Digital and Emerging Technologies in the WGDT. The secretariat responded that the General Secretariat (at the highest level) is the counterpart to ODET in the WGDT and they work in collaboration with the three Sectors in this tract of work.
   2. **Alignment of WSIS process and WSIS+20 Review with the Global Digital Compact (GDC) and Pact for the Future**
      1. **WSIS Process and 2030 Agenda-GDC Matrix (coordinated by UNGIS)**
         1. The secretariat presented the [WSIS Process and 2030 Agenda-GDC Matrix](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Articles/View/2239), a living document that reflects contributions from UNGIS members, mapping their activities under the existing WSIS framework to the GDC objectives.
         2. The group recognized the critical role of ITU in aligning the WSIS and GDC process and expressed appreciation for ITU’s efforts in initiating the work on the WSIS Process and the 2030 Agenda-GDC Matrix.
         3. The group appreciated the matrix presented and noted ITU’s active role in strengthening coordination within the United Nations system to foster cross-sector digital cooperation.
         4. The group invited the secretariat to collaborate with UNGIS in exploring the follow up to the matrix, developing the next steps.
      2. **ITU’s Action plan for follow-up on the GDC, aligned with WSIS Action Lines and WSIS+20 review**
         1. The secretariat presented document on ITU’s action plan for implementing the global digital compact ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0010/en)).
         2. The group acknowledged the action plan presented and reiterated the critical role of ITU in the implementation of the GDC, including both the objectives and sub-objectives outlined in the GDC.
         3. The group agreed that the satellite's role in connectivity and the promotion of equitable access to satellite orbits, part of GDC's Objective 1, should be more explored in further versions of the Plan. The secretariat agreed to the suggestion.
         4. The group also called for coherence in the implementation of the GDC, highlighting the alignment between GDC and the WSIS process and encouraged more coordination between Geneva and New York.
         5. The group recognized the experience of the secretariat in the implementation and follow up on the complex multilayered WSIS process involving diverse stakeholders, for more than twenty years, and requested that this expertise is utilized in ITU’s implementation of the GDC. In that context, the group acknowledged the importance of considering additional financial and human resources.
         6. The Chair requested the secretariat to explore, with the organizers of the Workshop on the Strategic Plan on 21 February, to include the topic of the ITU’s role in the implementation of the GDC and its possible implications on the Strategic Plan of the Union.
         7. The group took note of the document and requested the secretariat to update it, taking into consideration the discussion that took place during the CWG, and present it to the Council in 2025.
         8. The group recognized ITU’s active engagement with Geneva-based United Nations entities and international agencies in discussing emerging digital trends and strengthening collaboration in the follow-up on the GDC.
         9. The group expressed appreciation for ITU’s work and activities, particularly through the WSIS Process, in implementing and following up on the GDC objectives, as outlined in annex document 10.
   3. **Draft ITU Council Contribution to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2025**
      1. The secretariat presented the draft input from the ITU Council to the HLPF ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0011/en)).
      2. The group appreciated the document presented by the secretariat.
      3. The secretariat was requested to finalize and submit the ITU’s contribution to the 2025 HLPF, with the following timeline:

* 24 February – Deadline for written comments on the first draft.
* 26 February – Posting of the revised final draft of ITU’s contribution in the CWG website.
* 28 February – Final draft submitted to the Chair of ITU Council.
* 3 March - Transmittal of ITU’s contribution from the Chair of ITU Council  
  to the ECOSOC President.
  1. **Internet Governance Forum 2024 and 2025**
     1. A representative from Saudi Arabia provided a briefing on the outcomes of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2024, which was held from 15 to 19 December 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
     2. The group congratulated Saudi Arabia on the successful hosting of the IGF 2024 and noted with appreciation the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/18](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0018).
     3. The group appreciated ITU's contributions to the IGF 2024 and encourage continued engagement and participation.
     4. The group was informed that the IGF 2025 will be hosted by the Government of Norway in Lillestrøm from 23 to 27 June 2025. Members of the group were invited to participate in the event.
     5. The group noted the plans presented by the secretariat on the WSIS-related sessions, side-events, and exhibition at the IGF-25.

1. **Preparation to the Overall Review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes:   
   WSIS Beyond 2025**
   1. The secretariat presented the [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/12/Rev1](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/25/cwgwsis42/c/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0012!R1!MSW-E.docx), which appreciated by the group.
   2. The group noted the two letters:
      1. [Letter on Appointment of Co-Facilitators for WSIS+20 Modalities Review - 20 January 2025](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0003).
      2. [Letter from President of the General Assembly on the co-facilitators letter on the Zero Draft of the modalities for the overall review](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0009).
      3. The Chair informed the meeting that the co-facilitators had been formally invited for the 42nd CWG-WSIS&SDG meeting. The Chair has scheduled a briefing with the co-facilitators, since they were not available for this meeting.
      4. The group was encouraged to participate in the drafting of the WSIS+20 modalities resolution.
      5. The group proposed that ITU provides support to the co-facilitators and the member states towards the UNGA overall review.
   3. Contribution by multicountry (Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and UAE) on Preparation of the overall review on the WSIS outcomes: WSIS+20 and WSIS Beyond 2025
      1. Saudi Arabia presented the multicountry document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/17](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0017).
      2. The group acknowledged the multicountry contributions, however there was no consensus about certain topics in the document. In conclusion, it was decided that the group works together to ensure WSIS continues to drive digital development efforts beyond 2025.
   4. **Update on the ITU SG’s WSIS+20 roadmap** 
      1. The secretariat presented the update on the ITU SG’s WSIS+20 roadmap ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0004))and highlighted the presentations prepared by the WSIS Action Lines facilitators on WSIS Action Lines 20 Years of WSIS+20 Review Action Lines Milestones, Challenges and Emerging Trends Beyond 2025 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/INF/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0002/en)).
      2. The group appreciated the documents and was invited to continue contributing to the implementation of this Roadmap.
      3. The secretariat was requested to update the roadmap and ensure that the roadmap is made available on the CWG WSIS&SDG website.
   5. **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 the organization's commitment to the WSIS process. The group was informed that the upcoming Global Forum on "AI and Digital Transformation in the Public Sector" has been rescheduled to 4-5 June 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 updated the group on its ongoing efforts towards the WSIS+20 review. The group was invited to contribute to the 28th CSTD annual session, scheduled for 7-11 April 2025. The representative also shared that the CSTD report on WSIS+20 will be made available prior to the annual session.
         2. The Chair informed the Group, that, following up on the previous CWG meeting, the CSTD secretariat has confirmed that a letter will be sent from the CSTD Chair to the President of ECOSOC outlining the outcomes of the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025.
         3. The Chair made a proposal to invite the secretariat to collaborate with the CSTD secretariat to explore the possibility of organizing a formal CSTD session at the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025. This session would gather inputs from key WSIS multistakeholder events in 2025, including the IGF, the UNESCO event, and the WSIS+20 High-Level Event, to contribute to the PGA and UNGA Overall Review.
         4. The CSTD representative noted the Chair’s proposal and confirmed that it would be communicated to the CSTD Chair and its members.
      3. **UN DESA: WSIS+20 Preparatory and Consultative Process**
         1. A representative from UN DESA highlighted the preparations for the WSIS+20 overall review in 2025 and shared that the latest news is also available on the [DESA website](https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/wsis20).
         2. The group thanked the UN DESA representative for the updates and for its efforts in the WSIS+20 review follow-up.
   6. **Update on the implementation of ITU Council Resolutions 1334 and 1332** 
      1. The group was invited to continue contributing to the implementation of WSIS-related mandates, including the Council resolutions, and to refer to the existing WSIS basic texts, such as the Geneva Plan of Action, when discussing and implementing the WSIS+20 review process.
   7. **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 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-42/13](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0013/en)).
      2. The group considered the contribution by the Russian Federation [CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/16](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0016) on Comments on the draft 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 was presented.
      3. The group thanked the secretariat for preparing the draft report, following the outline presented during the 41st CWG meeting.
      4. The group noted the contribution made by Russian Federation.
      5. Some members supported the contribution made by the Russian Federation, while some other members disagreed with certain suggestions in the proposal.
      6. The group proposed that the secretariat is to continue to update the report based on the comments received and invited the CWG to submit any additional comments by 4 March. The report should remain factual and balanced, with the final version to be uploaded to the CWG webpage by 14 March.
      7. The Chair informed the group about opportunity for Member States, Sector Members and other stakeholders to compile a WSIS+20 Report to highlight their achievements, challenges, and trends in implementing the WSIS Outcome documents over the past twenty years. The secretariat was requested to publish the template and the available reports online. The reports can be submitted to the [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int)
   8. **ITU’s call for inputs on WSIS+20 Review**
      1. The Chair presented ITU's ongoing efforts related to the call for inputs on the WSIS+20 review, which include:
         1. a side event on the [*20 Years of Implementation of WSIS and the Vision Beyond 2025*](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Agenda/Session/107), organized by ITU and South Africa (in its capacity as the current Chair of CWG-WSIS&SDG) at the IGF 2024; and
         2. a preliminary presentation of the results (78 submitted contributions as of 10 February) from ITU’s call for inputs on the WSIS+20 review, which was also shared during a side event at the 42nd CWG-WSIS&SDG.
      2. The multicountry and Sector Members contribution on RCC Input to WSIS+20 Review through ITU’s call for inputs ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-42/15](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0015)) was presented.
      3. Poland, on behalf of European Union, presented the EU’s submission to the ITU’s call for inputs on WSIS+20 Review. The information document is available [here](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0010/en).
      4. The group noted the multicountry and Sector Members contribution.
      5. The group was encouraged to continue submitting contributions to the call by the extended deadline of 14 March and to actively promote the call to all stakeholders.
      6. The group requested the ITU secretariat to continue its work on this matter and establish a clear process to ensure that all submissions to the call are made publicly available on the website, while allowing stakeholders to indicate if they do not wish their submissions to be disclosed.
      7. In accordance with Resolution 1332, which requests the Secretary-General to update Council 2025 on the outcomes of the call for inputs, the group emphasized that the report should be made available in a timely manner prior to Council 2025.
2. **Other business:**
   1. The Chair informed that the combined report on the Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG 41st and 42nd Meetings will be published on 14th March, for comments until 21st March.
3. **Approval of the Report:** The group approved the report of the 42nd CWG-WSIS&SDG meeting.
4. **Concluding Remarks**
   1. Closing the meeting, the Chair extended her personal thanks to all the ITU membership who participated in the work of the 42ndmeeting 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 Jeoung Hee Kim, Mr Mario Castro Grande, Ms Esperanza Magpantay, Ms Sadhvi Saran, Ms Sofie Maddens, Ms Susan Teltscher, Ms Carla Licciardello, Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Mr Noriyuki Araki, Mr Andrey Kushev, Mr Antonio Human, Mr Irene Sewankambo Kaggwa.
   2. The Chair extended her personal thanks to the guests: Ms Liping Zhang, CSTD; Mr Deniz Susar, UN DESA; 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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