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| WSIS STOCKTAKING 2025 | |
| **Purpose**  This document provides outcomes of the WSIS Stocktaking 2025.  **Action required**  The Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs is invited to **note** this document.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*CWG-WSIS&SDG website*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*; UNGA Resolutions* [*A/RES/70/125*](https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/70/125)*,* [*A/RES/70/1*](https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/70/1)*,* [*A/RES/77/150*](https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/77/150)*; UN ECOSOC Resolution* [*E/RES/2024/13*](https://docs.un.org/en/E/RES/2024/13) *and Report* [*E/2025/31–E/CN.16/2025/4*](https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ecn162025d4_en.pdf)*; PP Resolutions* [*172 (Guadalajara, 2010)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution172-PP10.pdf) *and* [*140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf)*; 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)*; 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)*; RA 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, 40th, 41st, 42nd*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/Previous-meetings.aspx)*;* [*Final Report on the outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG 41st and 42nd meetings*](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-C-0020/en)*;* [*Roadmap for ITU’s activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CWGWSIS42-INF-0006/en)*;* [*WSIS Stocktaking 2025 Report*](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Files/outcomes/draft/WSISStocktaking2025GlobalReport__DRAFT.pdf)*;* [*WSIS Stocktaking+20 Report*](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Files/outcomes/draft/WSISStocktakingPlus20Report__DRAFT.pdf)*;* [*WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2025*](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/Home/Reporting)*.* | |

As per the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (paragraph 120), the WSIS Stocktaking database has been maintained by ITU since 2004. It is a unique global platform for collecting information and annual reporting on ICT-related initiatives and projects, carried out by governments, international organizations, the business sector, civil society, academia, and other entities. This global repository, currently comprising over 19 000 entries, reflects the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS Process, particularly the WSIS Action Lines on the ground.

In 2015, the UN General Assembly, during the ten-year review of the WSIS (Res. [A/RES/70/125](https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/70/125)), called for a strong alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Res. [A/RES/70/1](https://docs.un.org/en/A/RES/70/1)). In response, the WSIS Stocktaking process highlighted the role of 11 WSIS Action Lines in contributing to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2024/13](https://docs.un.org/en/E/RES/2024/13) reaffirms the significance of sharing best practices globally and encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform, recognizing outstanding efforts in implementing projects that advance the WSIS goals.

In 2025, the [WSIS Stocktaking Global Report 2025](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Files/outcomes/draft/WSISStocktaking2025GlobalReport__DRAFT.pdf), the [WSIS Stocktaking+20 Report](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Files/outcomes/draft/WSISStocktakingPlus20Report__DRAFT.pdf), and the [WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2025](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Files/outcomes/draft/WSISStocktakingSuccessStories2025Report.pdf) were released. The WSIS Stocktaking Report 2025 reflects 1,220 activities relating to digital for development, submitted to the WSIS Stocktaking Platform from October 2024 to February 2025. The Report is based on the multistakeholder approach, including input from stakeholders from all over the world responding to 2025 ITU’s official call for Stocktaking updates and new entries.

The WSIS Stocktaking+20 Report highlights two decades of global efforts to harness digital technologies for sustainable development, showcasing digital projects and initiatives that reflect the spirit and values of the WSIS process. This executive summary presents key insights from the WSIS Stocktaking+20 Report, highlighting the evolution, impact, and future direction of the WSIS Stocktaking process in promoting ICTs for sustainable development. By 2025, the database grew to 19 664 entries, showcasing best practices and digital development trends worldwide since 2004.

The database tracks ICT initiatives across sectors such as education, health, agriculture, and governance. It links the 11 WSIS Action Lines with the 17 SDGs, fostering replication of successful models and promoting digital inclusivity.

Annual global reports (2005-2025) and regional reports for Africa, the Americas, the Arab States, Asia-Pacific, CIS, and Europe provide localized insights into digital innovation and development. Key WSIS Stocktaking elements include:

– Comprehensive global coverage of ICT projects

– Categorization by WSIS action lines, SDGs, stakeholder types, and regions

– Public accessibility for knowledge sharing

– Annual and thematic reports (e.g., AI, COVID-19)

– Visualization through the WSIS Photo Contest.

Government entities account for nearly half of all submissions, with significant contributions from the private sector, civil society, academia, and international organizations. The most represented Action Lines include C3 (Access to Information and Knowledge), C1 (Promotion of ICTs for Development), and C4 (Capacity Building).

Since 2012, the WSIS Prizes—an integral part of WSIS Stocktaking—have recognized nearly 1,000 ICT projects from over 9,000 submissions. In addition, WSIS Stocktaking has launched special categories such as the WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize (2021–2024) and the Digital Service Design Prize (2023–2024). Introduced in 2017, the WSIS Photo Contest has also leveraged the WSIS Stocktaking platform to showcase the implementation of WSIS on the ground through powerful visual storytelling.

WSIS Photo Contest 2025

The [WSIS Photo Contest 2025](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/PhotoContest) attracted 248 submissions, highlighting the visual storytelling of the impact of ICT. This diverse array of submissions underscores the global commitment to harnessing ICT to address critical societal challenges. From the pool of submissions, 43 finalists were selected, and from these, ten exceptional winners emerged.

Summary

The WSIS Stocktaking platform is a cornerstone for digital cooperation and sustainable development. It supports evidence-based policymaking and fosters inclusive digital societies. Stakeholders are encouraged to continue contributing to the platform to advance global development goals.

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