

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

WSIS Process towards 2035

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WSIS Process

Multistakeholder digital cooperation framework driving an inclusive digital future

50+

UN process
Involving more than 50 UN partners advance global digital development

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WSIS Action Lines
Forming the implementation framework of the WSIS Process

All Stakeholders

Multistakeholder digital cooperation
Encompassing multistakeholder digital cooperation within all stakeholders, the governments, private sector, UN agencies, civil society, academia and the technical community.

Core Mission

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Achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented information and knowledge societies where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information through digital and new technologies.

WSIS Process

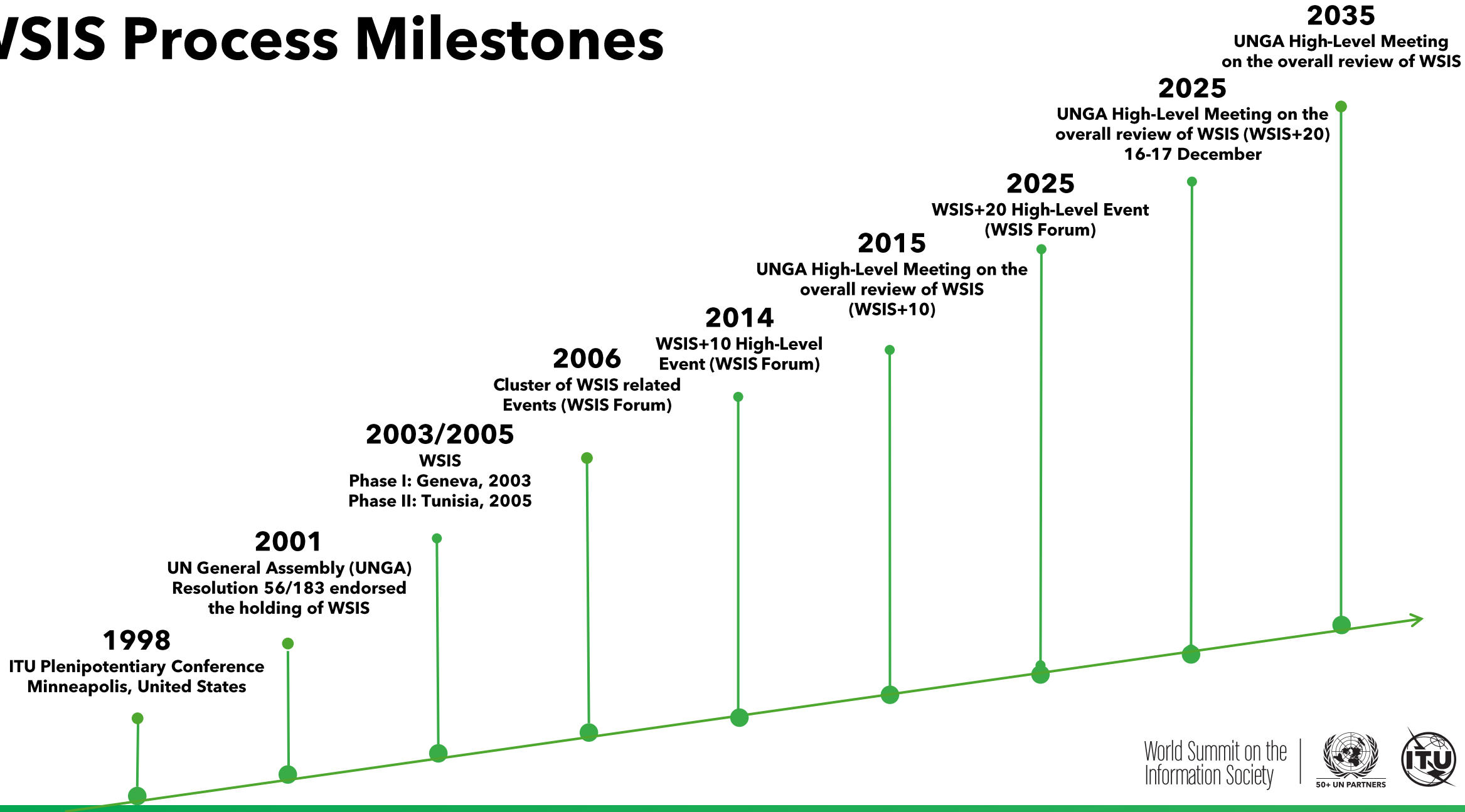
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Timeline

WSIS Process Milestones



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Outcome Document

A/RES/80/173

The outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society **adopted by consensus** on 17 December 2025



Key outcomes of the Resolution

- **WSIS** reaffirmed as the UN's central framework for **inclusive, people-centered digital development**
- Continued relevance of **Geneva Principles, Tunis Agenda, and WSIS Action Lines**
- Coherence with the 2030 Agenda and the Global Digital Compact
- Highlight of **emerging technologies**, including artificial intelligence (AI)
- **IGF** as a **permanent forum** of the UN
- **Digital public goods and digital public infrastructure** recognized as critical for inclusive transformation and innovation
- **WSIS Forum** recognized as a key global multistakeholder platform for dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and advancing WSIS implementation
- **WSIS Stocktaking platform** and **WSIS Prizes** continue to support monitoring, exchange of best practices, and recognition of achievements
- A **renewed mandate for WSIS until 2035**
- UNGA to convene a **High-Level Meeting in 2035** to review progress, assess challenges, and set future priorities

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WSIS Action Lines

Guiding the WSIS Process



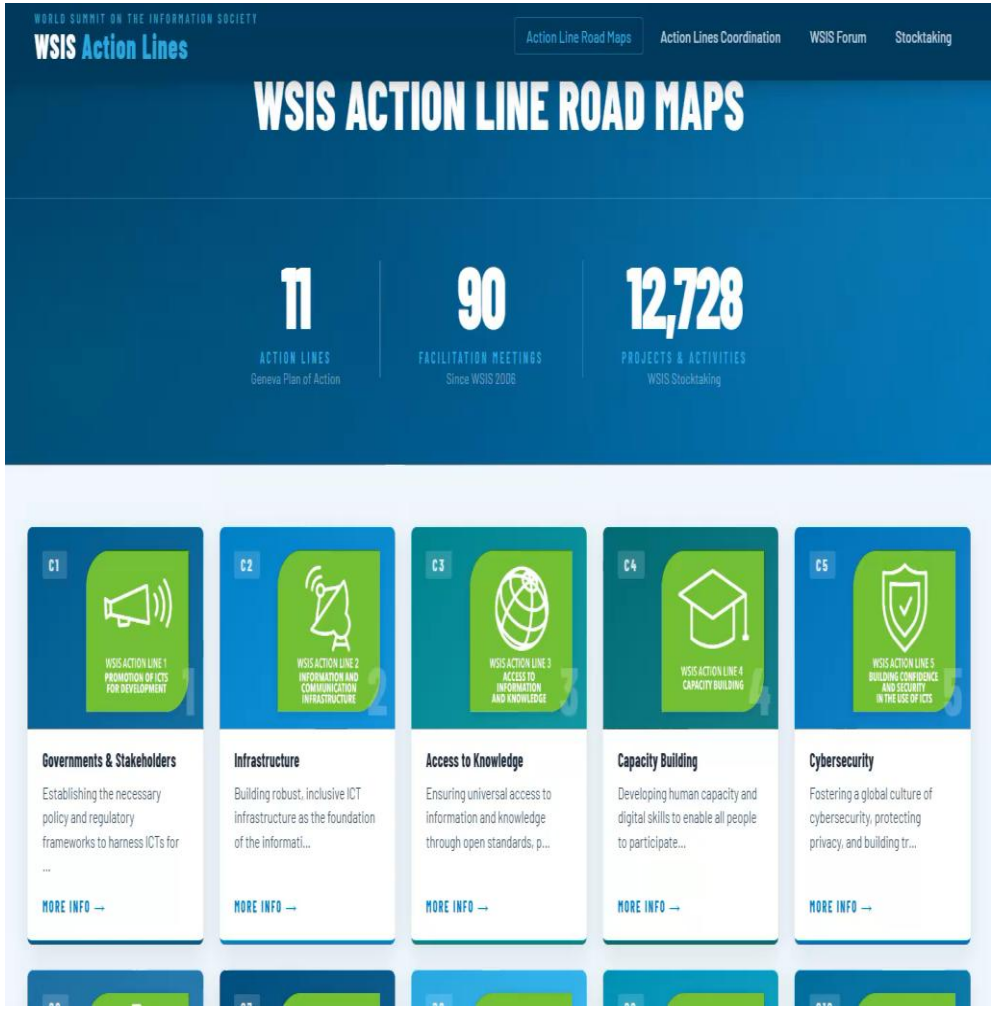
C1	ICTs for development
C2	Infrastructure
C3	Access to info & knowledge
C4	Capacity building
C5	Confidence & security
C6	Enabling environment
C7	eGovernment
C7	eBusiness
C7	eLearning
C7	eHealth
C7	eEmployment
C7	eEnvironment
C7	eAgriculture
C7	eScience
C8	Diversity & local content
C9	Media
C10	Ethical dimensions
C11	Int & regional cooperation

24 000+ digital projects aligned with SDGs

Presentations by UN WSIS Action Lines facilitators on WSIS+20 Review Action Lines Milestones, Challenges and Emerging Trends beyond 2025: https://itu.int/go/wsis20review

WSIS Action Lines implementation

Scaling action together



Mandates	Actions
Address human rights in coordination with OHCHR and Women and Girls in coordination with UN Women within Action Lines (Para 112)	Regular coordination meetings with WSIS Action Line Facilitators (3 meetings held to date) OHCHR and UN Women provided resources materials available online
WSIS Action Lines Facilitators road map to report at 30th session of CSTD (Para 113)	All Action Line facilitators are now developing targeted, results-oriented implementation roadmaps
Reporting at the annual WSIS Forum	WSIS Action Lines facilitators meetings, roundtables, exhibitions, interviews and speed dating, developing road maps in a multistakeholder setting

Learn more https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/ActionLines.aspx
Road maps http://itu.int/go/WSISALroadmaps

WSIS Stocktaking Impact



24 000+ projects documented

Highlighting the significant contributions toward digital development and transformation across various sectors



2.2 million stakeholders engaged worldwide over the past 20 years

Network of individuals and organizations that have participated in WSIS Stocktaking emphasizing the collaborative spirit.



Linkages between WSIS Action Lines, SDGs, and GDC Objectives

WSIS Stocktaking projects and ICT initiatives showcase the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and highlight linkages with SDGs and the GDC objectives.



Evolving WSIS Stocktaking: expanding impact through new Initiatives

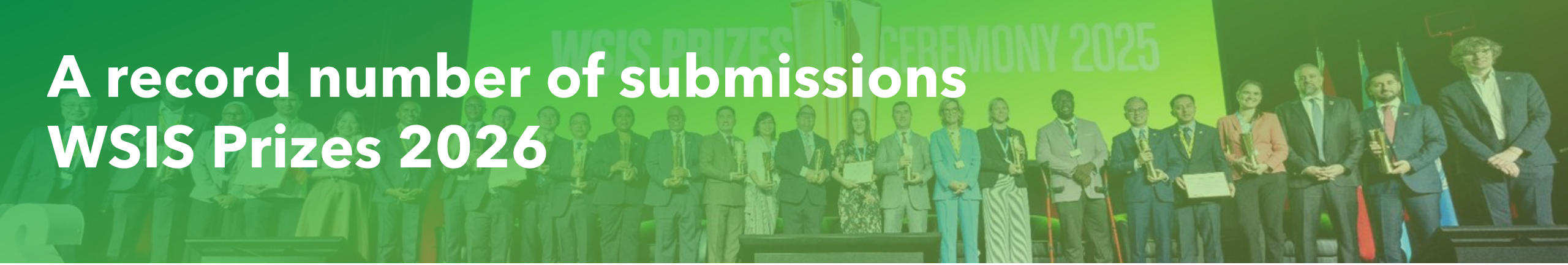
Featuring WSIS Prizes (9,000+ submissions), special contests on ageing well, e-gov, repositories on AI, e-health, and inclusion (women and youth) to highlight global ICT-for-development achievements.



WSIS Stocktaking Global and Regional reports and Calendar of Events for inclusive development

Report on initiatives, progress, and best practices worldwide, showcasing how ICTs are advancing inclusive and sustainable development across all regions.

A record number of submissions
WSIS Prizes 2026



1500+ Submissions

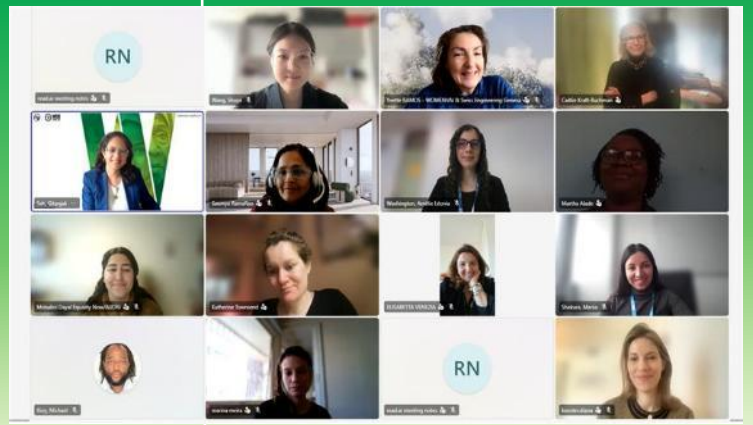
from over **120** countries

showcasing impact of WSIS Action Lines
on the ground



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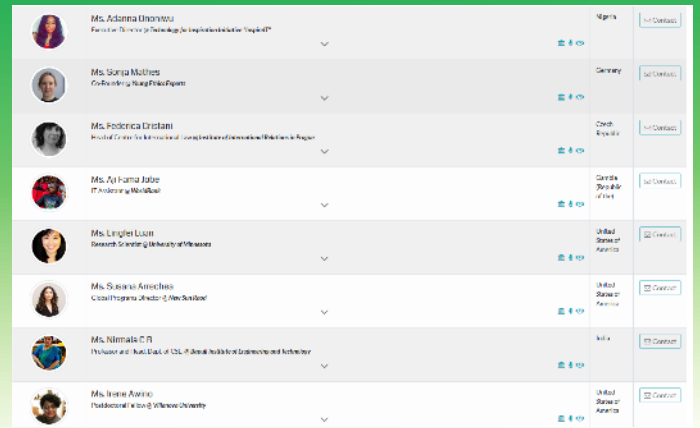
Women and Girls in Digital



Brainstorming sessions on the **WSIS and Girls Action Plan towards 2035**



Call for nominations! Second cohort of the WSIS Women and Girls Digital Trendsetters: global leaders shaping a more inclusive future in technology



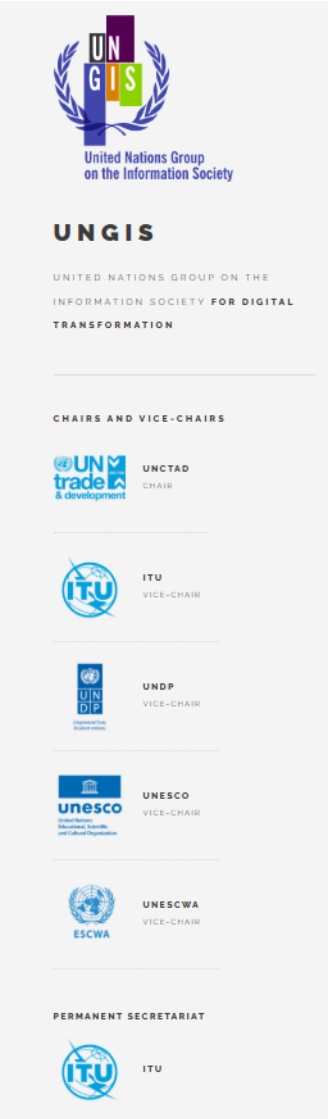
Repository of Women in Tech: repository for mapping and engaging women from every region and across all ICT disciplines

Learn more: https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/womenandgirls.aspx

UNGIS Activities

Inter-agency coordination

Learn more www.ungis.org



Mandates from UNGA Resolution	Actions
Financing mechanisms: UNGIS Secretariat to establish an internal task force (Para 67)	Internal group: UNGIS Task Force on Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development 30 members from 25 UN entities
Strengthen UNGIS; ITU secretariat; fostering multistakeholder dialogue (Para 121)	• Regular meetings implementing the Action Plan • New UNGIS Observer Members : UNICRI, UNODA, UNOHRLLS
Joint implementation road map for WSIS-GDC coherence: request to UNGIS (Para 113)	Road map developed and submitted to 29th session of CSTD 1 month in advance
Fostering multistakeholder dialogue (Para 121)	UNGIS Multistakeholder Consultation Group (UNGIS-MCG): 92 members
Contribution to other UN processes	Organizing side-events (CSW70, ECOSOC Youth Forum, IGF, etc.)

Partnership on measuring ICT for Development

Current Steering Committee: ITU, UNDESA and UNCTAD

Partnership overview

- Composed of 14 regional and international organizations Launched in 2004 following WSIS call to develop ICT indicators Core list of around 80 indicators across infrastructure, households, business, education, government, e-waste, employment

WSIS+20 UNGA requests and timelines

- Ask to conduct a comprehensive assessment of indicators and methodologies, working closely with **WSIS Action Line facilitators and the UN Statistical Commission.**
- Ask to report to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) in 2027;
- further calls on strengthening funding mechanisms and engaging the private sector to improve data availability for monitoring the information society

Recent activities

- March 2026: ICT statistics added to UN Statistical Commission agenda and Partnership reported to directors of national statistics offices UN General Assembly resolution recognized achievements and tasked methodological review
- Ongoing work to **map the core ICT Indicators**, to the Global Digital Compact (GDC), and the Universal and Meaningful Connectivity (UMC) framework. This work was launched in the WSIS Forum thematic session organized by the Partnership in 2025

Inputs from WSIS Action Lines facilitators

- Partnership to **circulate a form with feedback** (relevance, availability, proposals for new indicators) Meeting in May to discuss inputs, including a dedicated session during WSIS Forum 2026, all feeding into the Partnership's report to CSTD in 2027

WSIS+20 Implementation towards 2035

Updates since the adoption of UNGA resolution A/RES/80/173

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WSIS Action Line Road Maps

- 18 Action Lines linked with SDGs and GDC
- Includes human rights emerging technologies, and women and girls
- Target and achieved results, indicators and metrics
- 24,000+ projects and activities

UNGIS

- 52 members and observers
- Permanent Secretariat: ITU
- 2026-2027: Chair ITU, Vice-Chairs UNESCO, UNDP, UNCTAD, UNECE
  - Task Force on Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development: 30 members from 25 UN entities
  - UNGIS Joint Implementation Road Map for WSIS-GDC Coherence
  - UNGIS Multistakeholder Consultation Group: 92 members, with 113 nominations received

WSIS Stocktaking

- Users: 2.2 million active participants
- 24,500+ total submissions
- Linked to WSIS Action Lines and SDGs, and GDC Objectives

Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

- Steering Committee: ITU, UNCTAD, DESA
- Survey: Systematic Review of ICT indicators - open until 30 November 2026

WSIS Forum

- Save the date: 21-25 June 2027
- Registration and open calls launching soon
- Participate in building the agenda and the programme


WSIS
FORUM 2026
6-10 July 2026
Geneva, Switzerland

WSIS FORUM 2026 (6-10 JULY 2026)

ITU HQ (6-7 July) | Palexpo (8-10 July) • Geneva, Switzerland

The WSIS Forum serves as the central multistakeholder convening platform mandated to advance the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines and support global digital cooperation.











250+
SESSIONS
across WSIS Action Lines, high-level dialogues, interactive sessions, Leaders TalkX, knowledge cafés, etc.

~1,000
SPEAKERS
contributing diverse perspectives on key digital priorities

12,000
PARTICIPANTS
in-person and remote across Geneva Digital Week

- 78 Ministers & Deputies
- 46 Regulators
- 29 UN Heads & Deputies
- 500+ High-Level Reps

177
COUNTRIES
represented across all regions

50+
EXHIBITION SPACES
showcasing innovative digital initiatives

1,700+
APP USERS
actively used the WSIS Forum networking app

From Commitments to Implementation
Following the WSIS+20 Review and the Global Digital Compact, a clear mandate to move from dialogue to delivery.

Digital Inclusion Beyond Connectivity
Affordable access, digital skills, relevant content and meaningful use remain central priorities.

AI for Development
Ensuring AI that is safe, trusted, and inclusive. AI must serve development.

Digital Finance for Inclusion
Reaching individuals, small businesses, women, youth and underserved communities.

Youth as Partners
Young people recognized as innovators and leaders, not just beneficiaries.

Closing the Gender Digital Divide
Equal access to connectivity, skills, finance, safe online spaces and leadership.

Measuring Real Impact
Better measure how digital cooperation makes a tangible difference in people's lives – particularly in developing countries and communities most at risk.

Cooperation Across the Digital Divide
Strengthening partnerships, interoperability and coordination to ensure digital progress reaches all.

Co-hosts: ITU and Swiss Confederation
Chair of the WSIS Forum 2026
H.E. Eng. Raafat Hendy, Minister
Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt (Arab Republic of)

WSIS Forum 2026 Partners

- Diamond Partner: United Arab Emirates
- Platinum Partner: Malaysia
- Gold Partner: Saudi Arabia
- Silver Partner: Japan, Nigeria
- Innovation Partner: IEEE
- Supporting Partners: Permanent Mission of Belgium to the UN in Geneva - Wallonia-Brussels in Geneva, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, United Kingdom, Afnic, ICANN, IFIP, ISOC, Global SDGs and Leadership Development Center (GSLDC)

www.wsis.org/forum

Digital Cooperation for Development



United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)

UNGIS - UN system inter-agency mechanism for advancing policy coherence and programme coordination on digital matters.

2026-2027
- Chair: ITU
- Vice-Chairs: UNESCO, UNDP, UNCTAD, and UNECE (UN Regional Commissions)
- Permanent Secretariat: ITU

Meetings at WSIS Forum 2026
- 23rd UNGIS High-Level Meeting, 5 July 2026, 12:00-13:30 CEST
- UNGIS Working Level Meeting, 10 July 2026, 09:00-10:30 CEST



Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

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Partnership, in cooperation with Action Line facilitators and with the support of the Statistical Commission, conducting a systematic review of existing indicators and methodologies, also through a survey on the systematic review of ICT indicators, open to all WSIS stakeholders.

Findings to be reported to the CSTD in 2027, with preliminary findings expected to be presented at WTIS 2026, 7–8 September 2026.



UN-WSIS Regional Commissions

The five UN Regional Commissions—ECA, ECE, ECLAC, ESCAP and ESCWA—continue to play a key role in advancing WSIS implementation at the regional and national levels.

The work is focused on translating the WSIS+20 outcomes into regional priorities, strengthening interregional cooperation, and ensuring that regional perspectives inform the global WSIS process.

UN-WSIS Regional Commissions Chair (2026-2027): UN ECE

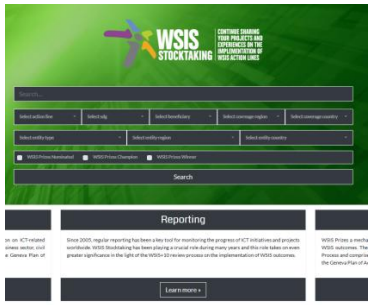


Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

The WSIS Forum 2026 provided a strong multistakeholder platform.

The programme featured dedicated engagement opportunities fostering dialogue, collaboration and inclusive participation in shaping the future of the WSIS process:

- Youth Special Track
- Civil Society Roundtable
- Network of Women Ministers and Leaders in ICT (NoW)
- Business Roundtable



WSIS Stocktaking

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WSIS Prizes 2026

18	72	360	1,595	122	2,2mil
Winners	Champions	Nominees	Submissions	Countries	Votes

Innovate — discuss — share



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