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on the Information Society**
Turning targets into action
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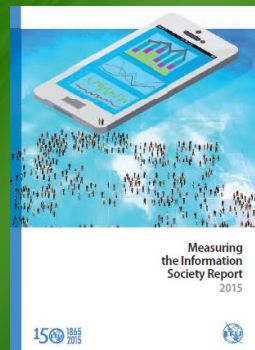
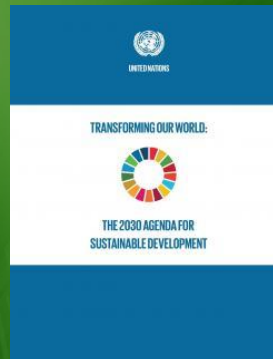
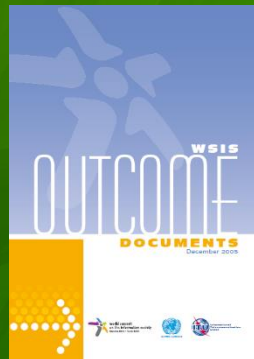
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UNGA Overall Review

WSIS implementation beyond 2015



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Information and communications technologies for development

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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

The General Assembly,

Adopts the following 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 at its seventieth session:

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

We, the Ministers and heads of delegations participating in the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2015,

Recalling the request in paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society¹ that the General Assembly undertake an overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2015, and in this regard reaffirming the role of the General Assembly in this process, and reaffirming also that the Assembly, in its resolution 68/302 of 31 July 2014, decided that the overall review would be concluded by a two-day high-level meeting of the Assembly, preceded by an intergovernmental preparatory process that also meaningfully takes into account inputs from all relevant stakeholders,

Welcoming the constructive and diverse inputs from Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders in taking stock of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the

¹ See A/60/687.

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WSIS Forum beyond 2015

Mr Ban Ki-moon, UN SG
UNGA HLM, 15 Dec 2015



We will strengthen the WSIS Forum as a key platform for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the SDGs and targets.

Beyond 2015, following the multistakeholder approach, the WSIS Forum, will build upon the outcomes of the WSIS+10 Review and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard the WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by UN WSIS Action line Facilitators will serve as the mechanism to map, analyze and coordinate the implementation of ICTs as enablers and accelerators of the SDGs.



Mr Houlin Zhao, ITU
Secretary-General



UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Chief Executives Board Joint Statement to the
United Nations General Assembly on the Overall Review of the
Implementation of World Summit on the Information Society Outcomes

We, the Chief Executives of organizations of the United Nations system, witnessing the momentous events taking place, with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals and the ongoing United Nations General Assembly Overall Review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in two phases in Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005), reaffirm the important role of information and communications technologies (ICTs) as a critical enabler for advancing the globally agreed development goals, in particular in the context of the new development framework in resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", which acknowledges that "the spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress... and to develop knowledge societies" and contains targets on use of ICTs for the empowerment of women, for education and on access to ICTs for least developed countries (LDCs).

Though access to advanced technologies has grown at a fast pace since the celebration of WSIS, the impressive gains observed during the era of the Millennium Development Goals are still hampered by existing gaps in ICT access – between and within countries, between urban and rural settings, among men and women, and boys and girls. A major digital divide is still in place, with more people offline than online and particularly poor access in vulnerable developing nations, which include LDCs, landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS). The WSIS vision remains valid and we therefore commit ourselves collectively to reinvigorate collaborative action to harness the power of new technologies in promoting sustainable development and making the goal of universal and affordable access to ICTs and knowledge a reality. This should include also a new focus on relevant content, skills, capacity building, and an enabling environment, including multilingualism, to empower the implementation of the sustainable development goals, as well as to further freedom of expression and to promote cultural diversity on the basis of human rights.

In the national development process, use of ICTs need to be systematically integrated into development plans. Renewed efforts should be made to ensure that the enabling ICT dimension is adequately reflected in United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks and equivalent documents as well as in poverty reduction strategies.

Coherence across the United Nations system in the implementation of multiple goals and commitments is essential. In this regard, we reaffirm the role of United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)¹ as the inter-agency coordination mechanism for issues related to the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS and call on UNGIS to include in its strategic priority the alignment between WSIS implementation and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

We also recognize the WSIS Forum has evolved as an efficient mechanism for multi-stakeholder implementation of WSIS action lines and cross-cutting commitments on gender equality, information exchange, knowledge creation and the sharing of best practices. Beyond 2015, it can serve as a key forum for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, with due regard to the global mechanism for follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as set out in General Assembly resolution A/70/L.

As Chief Executives of the United Nations system, we look forward to the successful outcomes of United Nations General Assembly's Overall Review of the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and we pledge our collective support for their implementation.



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WSIS Forum 2016: Outcomes

WSIS Action Lines: Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs

- WSIS Forum 2016: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2016: High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Action Lines Supporting Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2016)
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2016
- WSIS Forum 2016 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2016



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WSIS Forum 2016: Outcomes

WSIS Action Lines: Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs



- **WSIS Stakeholder** community represented by Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia, Technical Community and International Organizations
- More than **1800** Participants
- From more than **150** Countries
- Over **85 Ministers and Deputies, Ambassadors**
- **250** high-level representatives
- More than **150** workshops and sessions
- **18** WSIS Prize winners
- **70** WSIS Champions
- Over 25 stands at the **Exhibition**
- Moderated High-Level Policy Sessions of the High-level Track (HLT) took place on the 3rd and 4th of May
- **High-Level Policy Sessions** were divided into sixteen sessions covering fourteen themes
- The **Outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2016** were presented on the last day, 6th May

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Chairman Designate WSIS Forum 2016

**Ambassador Daniel A.
Sepulveda**

Deputy Assistant Secretary

*Bureau of Economic and
Business Affairs*

US Department of State

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/biog/bureau/209063.htm>



High Level Track Facilitators

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 Mr. Klaus Stoll, Executive Director, Global Knowledge Partnership, Germany
 Ms. Iffat Gill, Founder/CEO, ChunriChoupaal, The Code to Change, Netherlands
 Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Executive director of the Association for Progressive Communications , APC, South Africa

Technical Community

Mr. Nigel Hickson, Vice President, International Governmental Organisations (IGO) Engagement, ICANN
 Mr. Pablo Hinojosa, Director, Strategic Engagement, APNIC, Australia
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 Ms. Elizabeth THOMAS-RAYNAUD, Senior Policy Executive and Director, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), France
 Frank McCosker, General Manager, Affordable Access and Smart Financing, Microsoft



WSIS Forum 2017

Digital Inclusion for SDGs

- **Dates:** 12-16 June 2017
- **Venue:** ITU Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Two Tracks:** High level Track and Forum Track
- **Open Consultation Process:** Format and Thematic Aspects
- **Open Call :** Nominate High-level Track Facilitators for Moderated High-Level Policy Sessions



WSIS Forum Building Blocks



Exhibition



Innovation/ Incubation Track

Thematic Tracks, e.g. WSIS-SDG, Gender, Innovation, Cybersecurity

World Cafés

Partnerships Track



Thematic Workshops

Country Workshops

UN Regional Commission meetings



UNGIS (High-level and working level meetings)

Interactive Sessions

Knowledge Exchange

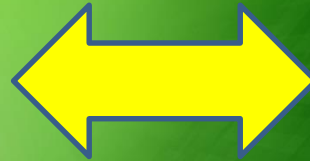
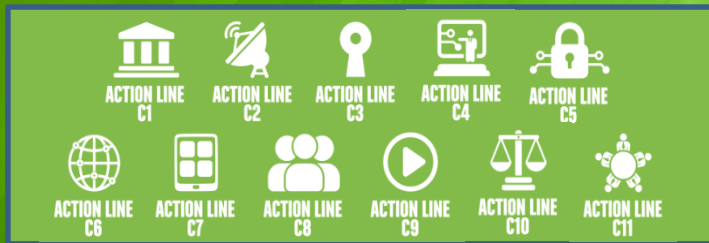


Action Line Facilitation meetings

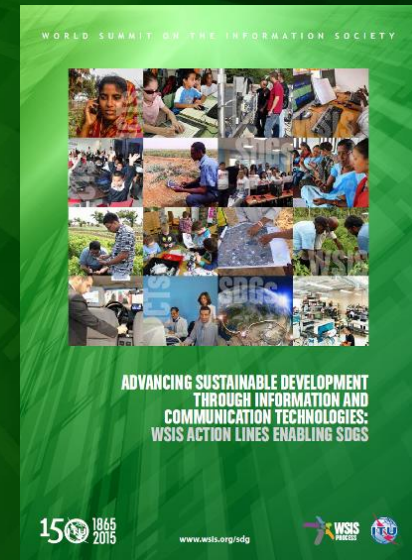


WSIS ALs-SDG Matrix

Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals



- Released during WSIS Forum 2015
- Joint effort of all United Nations Action Line Facilitators
- Aims at drawing **direct linkages between WSIS Action Lines and proposed SDGs**, to continue strengthening the impact of ICTs for sustainable development
- analysis by each **Action Line Facilitator**, of connections and relations between their respective Action Line with the proposed SDGs and their targets.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS \

WSIS ACTION LINES LINKAGES

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	e-gov	e-bus	e-lea	e-hea	e-emp	e-env	e-agr	e-sci	C8	C9	C10	C11
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WSIS ALs-SDG Matrix

Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals: WSIS Forum 2016 Outcomes

- Builds upon the WSIS-SDG Matrix
- Provides guidance on the outcomes of the workshops and other sessions held during the forum
- Emphasizes on the linkages between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs
- Highlights the rationale for each linkage that has been established.
- WSIS Stakeholders identified a clear relation and connection between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs in their respective workshops.



Please read the complete document here www.wsis.org/sdgs



CONTINUE SHARING
YOUR PROJECTS AND
EXPERIENCES ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF
WSIS ACTION LINES



WSIS Stocktaking Process: an efficient mechanism for sharing best practices towards advancing development goals

- **ECOSOC resolution 2015/26** "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of - and follow up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society", reiterates the importance of **sharing best practices** at the global level, and encourages all stakeholders to nominate their projects for the annual **WSIS Prizes**, as an integral part of the **WSIS Stocktaking process**, while noting the report on the **WSIS success stories**.
- The outcome document of the **UNGA High-level Meeting** on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of WSIS **recognized the importance** of reporting and sharing of best practices for the implementation of WSIS outcomes by all stakeholders beyond 2015, recognizing the **WSIS Forum as a key platform** for doing it. **WSIS Stocktaking process plays a strategic role in supporting WSIS Forum in its endeavor.**
- **WSIS Overall Review** called for close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the crosscutting contribution of ICTs to the Sustainable Development Goals. **WSIS Stocktaking** evolves into the **unique global process for collection** of information on actions carried out in context of WSIS, while **underlining their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**



WSIS STOCKTAKING PLATFORM

WSIS STOCKTAKING
CONTINUE SHARING YOUR PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WSIS ACTION LINES

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Latest Entries

GOVERNMENTS
21/01/16 | Parkinson's Disease Management System
31/01/16 | The Better Connections Program

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
27/01/16 | Creation of the Global Industry Council
05/12/15 | Can't Wait to Learn

PRIVATE SECTOR
30/01/16 | Compact Rehabilitation Robot
28/01/16 | GISS e-Agriculture: ICT solutions for sustains

CIVIL SOCIETY
31/01/16 | Ark Earth Foundation e-Governance for the...
31/01/16 | Inclusion and Integration of Disadvantaged...

OTHERS
31/01/16 | The Mobile Solar Computer Classroom
31/01/16 | The Robot Helps!

Database

Since 2005, regular reporting has been a key tool for monitoring the progress of ICT initiatives and projects worldwide. WSIS Stocktaking has been playing a crucial role during many years and this role takes on even greater significance in the light of the WSIS+10 review process on the implementation of WSIS outcomes.

WSIS Prizes

WSIS Prizes a mechanism to evaluate and reward stakeholders for their efforts in the implementation of WSIS outcomes. The contest, open to all wsis stakeholders, is an integral part of the WSIS Stocktaking Process and comprises prizes in 18 categories that are directly linked to the WSIS Action Lines outlined in the Geneva Plan of Action.

- **Unique global platform**, continuously embraced by WSIS multistakeholder community since 2005 with the aim to provide an international register of ICT activities enabling development
- Check out **8,000 entries** on WSIS Stocktaking Platform
- WSIS Stocktaking process has so far involved close to **200,000 stakeholders** worldwide
- Year-around ongoing Call for Updates and New Entries – **Continue Sharing**

WSIS STOCKTAKING PUBLICATIONS

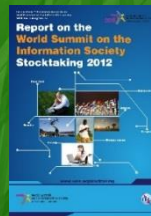
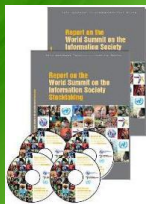
WSIS Stocktaking Report Series: 8 Editions

2005 2008 2010 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 ...

- Since the WSIS Stocktaking Process was established, eight editions of Global WSIS Stocktaking Reports have been published
- The eighth report focuses on contributions by stakeholders worldwide to WSIS and Sustainable Development Goals.
- The reporting is based on the contributions of the stakeholders responding to the WSIS regular calls for update and new entries

NEW in WSIS Stocktaking Report 2016:

WSIS Action Lines Projects advancing Sustainable Development Goals



New Call Coming in Fall 2016!
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WSIS STOCKTAKING PUBLICATIONS

WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories Series: 5 Editions

The reporting is based on the contributions of the stakeholders responding to the WSIS regular calls for update and new entries.

New Call to be Sent in Fall 2016!

NEW in WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2016:

- WSIS Action Lines Projects advancing Sustainable Development Goals
- Winners and Champions projects exposed



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WSIS Prizes contest now reflecting linkages between WSIS Action Lines and SDGs to continue strengthening the impact of ICTs for sustainable development.

WSIS Action Lines



Sustainable Development Goals

Linking WSIS Action Lines with Sustainable Development Goals

WSIS - SDG MATRIX



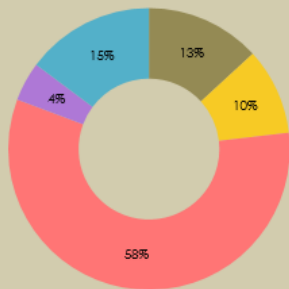


WSIS Prizes 2016

311 projects have been nominated for the WSIS Project Prizes 2016 contest.

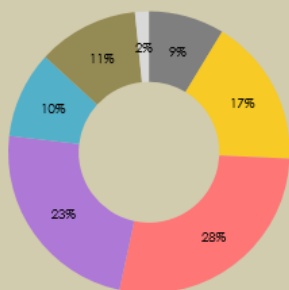
The number of submitted projects keeps growing from year to year

Nominated projects grouped by stakeholders



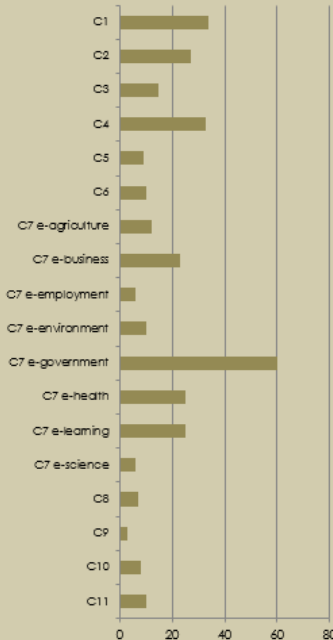
Business Sector Civil Society Governments
International Organizations Others

Nominated projects grouped by regions



Africa The Americas Arab States
Asia & Pacific CIS Europe International

Nominated projects grouped by Action Lines



- More than **400** ICT success stories were submitted for the WSIS Prizes 2016
- Out of **311** nominated projects, based on entity distribution, there are **179** projects from the government sector, **41** from business sector, **31** from civil society, **14** from international organizations, and **46** from other entities (mostly academia). As per the regional distribution, **86** projects are from the Arab region, **73** projects from the Asia and Pacific region, **53** projects from the Americas region, **36** projects from the Europe region, **31** projects from the CIS region, and **27** projects are from the Africa region. **Five** nominated projects come from international organizations.
- **245.000** votes were received for WSIS Prize 2016 contest!



WSIS PRIZES 2016 WINNERS

Action Line C1 The role of government and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development:

ENACOM, ARGENTINA

Action Line C2 Information and communication infrastructure

National Information Technologies JSC, KAZAKHSTAN

Action Line C3 Access to information and knowledge

Presidential Social Council, COSTA RICA

Action Line C4 Capacity building

Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), THAILAND

Action Line C5 Building confidence & security in the use of ICTs

Office of Electronic Communications, POLAND

Action Line C6 Enabling environment

Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, EGYPT

Action Line C7 E-government

Ministry of Justice of Turkey, TURKEY

Action Line C7 E-business

Ataa For helping charity organizations, SAUDI ARABIA

Action Line C7 E-learning

National Digital Strategy, MEXICO

Action Line C7 E-health

SOFTTEL, CUBA

Action Line C7 E-employment

Information and Communications Technology Office, PHILIPPINES

Action Line C7 E-environment

Green Data Center LLP, MALAYSIA

Action Line C7 E-agriculture

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, INDIA

Action Line C7 E-science

Ilia Vekua Institute of Applied Mathematics (VIAM) of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), GEORGIA

Action Line C8 Cultural diversity & identity, linguistic diversity

Bridge Africa, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Action Line C9 Media

Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication, BANGLADESH

Action Line C10 Ethical dimensions of the Information Society

Cibervoluntarios Foundation, SPAIN

Action Line C11 International & regional cooperation

Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



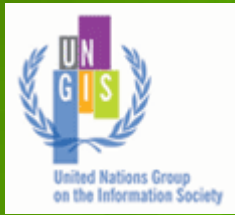
WSIS PRIZES 2016 CHAMPIONS



WSIS PRIZES 2016 CHAMPIONS CEREMONY

Celebrating success of 70 WSIS Prizes runner-up projects!





United Nations Group on the Information Society

30 UN Agencies Members

UNGIS' objective is to develop extensive collaboration and partnerships among the CEB members in order to contribute to the achievement of the WSIS objectives, to help to maintain ICT-related issues as well as science and technology at the top of the UN Agenda and finally to mainstream ICT for Development issues in the mandate of CEB members

Upcoming Activity:
UNGIS joint side event at the High level Political Forum



WSIS Forum 2017: REMOTE PARTICIPATION

In order to facilitate the participation and ensure the inclusion of all WSIS Stakeholders, remote participation has been designed as an integral feature of the WSIS Forum 2017.



WSIS Stakeholders who wish to participate remotely in any of the sessions during the WSIS Forum 2017, can do so via either the **Webcast Service** or the **Adobe Connect** platform.





WSIS Fund in Trust of ITU: 2017

WSIS Forum 2017 Partnership Offers:

- Platinum Partner
- Gold Partner
- Partner for Specific Activities
- Contributing Partner

The WSIS Trust Fund, established in 2011, offers the opportunity to all stakeholders to make a contribution for the year 2017. Your financial contribution will help accelerate the implementation of the WSIS-related activities, with the goal to evolve and adapt to the future needs of the Information and Knowledge Societies and WSIS process beyond 2015.



***Please contact the
WSIS Team for
partnership
opportunities
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WSIS Forum towards 2020

2017: 12-16 June

2018: 21-25 May

2019: 11-15 May

2020: 18-22 May



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