**ITU COUNCIL WORKING GROUP  
ON INTERNATIONAL INTERNET-RELATED PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES   
(CWG-INTERNET)**

# **Online Open Consultation on**

**“The Environmental Impacts and Benefits of the Internet”**

*(October – December 2021)*

## USEFUL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

### Information on the Online Open Consultations

Online Open Consultations are launched by the [ITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/default.aspx) and are held throughout the period between two successive CWG-Internet meetings. This process gives an opportunity to all stakeholders from all nations to express their views with regards to the topic(s) under discussion.

### Information on the Online Open Consultations

This Online Open Consultation will be followed by a Virtual Meeting - Physical Open Consultation**.** [Note: this meeting is conducted in English only. More information to follow.]

Discussions during the Virtual Meeting - Physical Open Consultation will be based on the responses received during the online consultation process, which will be consolidated in a single document ("Compilation Document").

During the Virtual Meeting, respondents to the online consultation will have the opportunity to present their submitted views and to have a fruitful discussion with the other participants, including Members of the CWG-Internet.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Following the instructions of [Council Resolution 1336 (Mod. 2019)](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0140/en), the 16th Session of the [ITU Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/default.aspx), decided on 23 September 2021, **to hold an online open consultation on the following topic**:

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| **“The Environmental Impacts and Benefits of the Internet”**   * **What effects does the Internet have on the environment and vice-versa?** * **How can we improve the impact the Internet has on the environment and take advantage of its potential to help address climate-related issues** * **What role should stakeholders play in shaping the environmental impacts and benefits of the Internet?** * **What are the policy, regulatory and other relevant matters associated with the environmental impacts and benefits of the Internet?**   CWG-Internet invites all stakeholders to submit contributions on the Environmental Impacts and Benefits of the Internet. |

## How to submit your response (accessible format)

You can include your responses to the questions into the space further below and submit it through the [online form](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/form-Oct2021.aspx) **OR** send it to [InternetPublicViews@itu.int](mailto:InternetPublicViews@itu.int) including your Full Name, Title, Country and Organization you are representing.

Your response will then be published on the ITU Website:

<https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet/Pages/consultation-oct2021.aspx>

Please include a **short summary/abstract (1-3 paragraphs) with each submission**. This will form part of the Compilation Document that will be used as the basis of the discussions during the Virtual Meeting - Physical Open Consultation. Kindly note that this will also form a part of the report of the Open C​onsultation that is submitted to CWG-Internet.

## SHORT SUMMARY

[Please provide a short summary (1-3 paragraphs) outlining the main points of your response above]

## CONTACT DETAILS

* First/Last Name:
* Title:
* Country:
* Organization you are representing: