

The Secretary-General

Ref: WSIS Fund in Trust 2026

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To: All WSIS Stakeholders:

- Governments
- Private Sector
- Civil Society
- Academia

- International Organizations

Subject: Invitation to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust - 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

The WSIS Fund in Trust was established in 2011 with the adoption of Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution 140. Building on this mandate, Council Resolution 1332, reaffirms the continuation of the WSIS Fund in Trust to support ITU activities that facilitate the implementation of WSIS outcomes. It calls for partnerships and strategic alliances and invites stakeholders to make voluntary contributions to the fund.

ITU thanks all those who have contributed to the Fund to date for their dedication and commitment to WSIS implementation. Such contributions not only advance the broader objectives of the WSIS process but are instrumental in enabling the planning, organization, and successful convening of the WSIS Forum and other activities, which serve as critical platforms for multistakeholder dialogue and digital cooperation.

Following the adoption of the <u>UNGA Resolution on 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 (A/RES/80/173) on 17 December 2025, which renewed the mandate for the WSIS process until 2035, we are pleased to invite all stakeholders to actively shape the next phase of WSIS implementation in 2026. The resolution calls for the annual WSIS Forum to continue to serve as the primary multistakeholder platform for reviewing WSIS Action Lines, sharing best practices, fostering dialogue and collaboration, and advancing implementation in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</u>

The WSIS Forum 2026 is scheduled to be held 6 to 10 July 2026, in Geneva, Switzerland. I would, therefore, like to encourage all ITU membership and other interested stakeholders to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust for the year 2026, and to invite all stakeholders to partner with the WSIS Forum 2026. You will find enclosed the WSIS Forum 2026 Partnership Packages.

Contributions to the WSIS Fund in Trust in 2026 will play a vital role in supporting WSIS implementation activities and help strengthen ITU's efforts to harness digital technologies for sustainable development.

I look forward to receiving your positive response.

Yours faithfully,

Doreen Bogdan-Martin