

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (WSIS Action Lines for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals)

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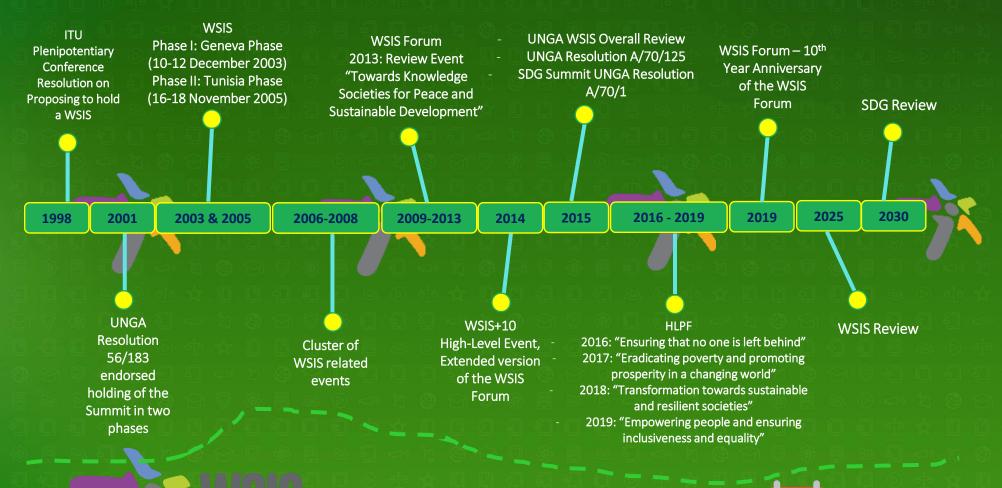




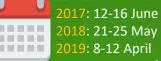




WSIS Process Timeline



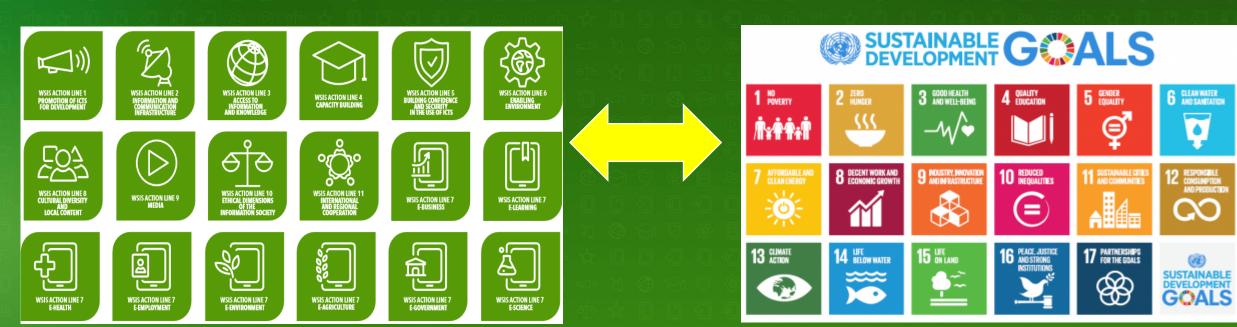
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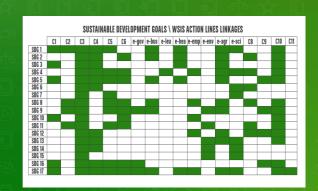


2020: 22 June - final week (7-10 September)
2021: January onwards - final week (17-21 May)



WSIS Action Lines – Sustainable Development Goals Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals





The WSIS implementation mechanism at the international level is organised taking into account the themes and action lines in the Geneva Plan of Action, and moderated or facilitated by UN agencies when appropriate.



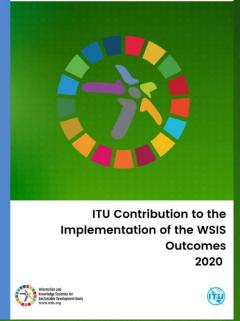
ITU Annual Report on WSIS Implementation

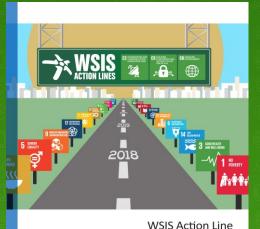
ITU Contribution to the WSIS Implementation of the WSIS outcomes

https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Contribution.aspx

WSIS Action Line Roadmaps

https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Roadmaps.aspx





Roadmaps for C2, C5 and C6





UNITED NATIONS GROUP ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY (UNGIS)



31 Members of UNGIS reiterated commitment to the WSIS Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes.

Digital Transformation Repository

The repository of projects by UNGIS members on digital transformation will be used as a reference guide and repository for UN Agencies on different implemented initiatives/activities showing the direct impact of the WSIS Action Lines on SDGs. (https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Repository)

Dialogue on the Role of Digitalization in the Decade of Action

Accelerating the achievement of the SDGs through better collaboration in the UN System

(https://unctad.org/topic/ecommerce-and-digital-economy/ungis-dialogue)

UNGIS/WSIS Side Event at STI Forum

3 May 2021, 17:00-18:00 CEST

ICTs for Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Societies and Economies (WSIS Action Lines for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals)





Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development



- Launched in 2004 to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries.
- The Partnership work is coordinated by a Steering Committee, which is elected every 3 years. The current Steering Committee is made up of ITU, UNCTAD, and UIS. ITU is the Chair of Steering Committee from January June 2021.
- The Partnership helps developing countries collect ICT statistics, particularly through capacity-building and hands-on training for national statistical offices and collects and disseminates information society statistics. Its membership has grown from originally 11, to today 14 regional and international organisations.



WSIS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COVID-19 RESPONSE

I. WSIS TalkX

In April 2020, at the request of WSIS stakeholders, the WSIS Team hosted regular weekly virtual WSIS TalkX for the WSIS Stakeholders to interact, connect and collaborate. The virtual WSIS TalkX sessions explore an aspect of the global response to COVID-19, providing WSIS Stakeholders with a platform to create partnerships for on-the-ground action. The sessions have been adapted to podcasts and are available to listen and download at WSIS TalkX Podcast.

2. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response – ICT Case Repository

As part of the WSIS Stocktaking ongoing efforts to promote the good use of ICTs in making social impact, and in order to provide useful, replicable and actionable information to all WSIS community and beyond, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response – ICT Case Repository was initiated for collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by this extraordinary pandemic. The Coronavirus Response is now available here: http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes

3. Workshops at WSIS Forum 2021

More than 70 workshops organised by various stakeholders highlighted issues and efforts related to the topic of COVID-19 at the WSIS Forum 2021. Many emphasised the importance of ICTs, in particular internet access and connectivity for all during the COVID-19 pandemic.



WSIS FORUM 2021

- •17-21 May 2021
- Geneva, Switzerland

WSIS Forum 2021 components: Forum Track, High-Level Track, Special Tracks, Hackathon (ICTs and Older Persons), Exhibition Space, WSIS TalkX, etc.

Open Consultation Process

Best Practices

WSIS Prizes

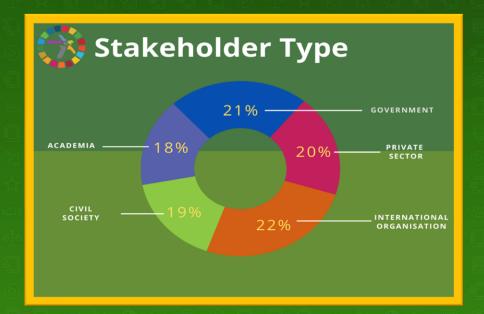
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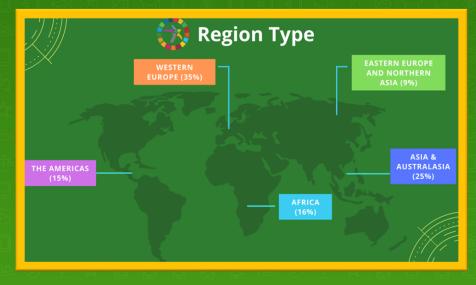




Results of the Open Consultation Process

- More than 500 innovative and constructive submissions received during direct official submissions and virtual discussions
- Agenda and program were designed in collaboration with the multistakeholder community on the basis of the submissions received during the OCP
- Balanced multistakeholder contributions across regions and stakeholder type
- Enhanced stakeholders' participation from the wider community including women, older persons, youth and persons with disabilities
- Stakeholders emphasised the global impact of the COVID-19 crisis around the world
- Enrich the dialogue, networking and partnership





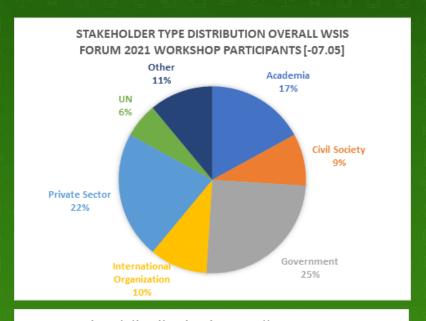


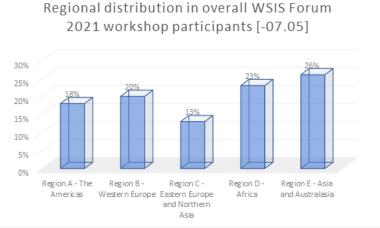
WSIS Forum 2021- Participation

Final week of the WSIS Forum will be on the 17-21 May.

Since the start of the Forum in January we have had a cumulative attendance of over 12 000 and more than 25 000 views on our social media platforms. We have organized more than 200 sessions and workshops

With almost equal participation from the stakeholder groups: governments, industry, academia, civil society and other regional and international organisations. We also continued last year's near gender balance in participation - with 45% women.







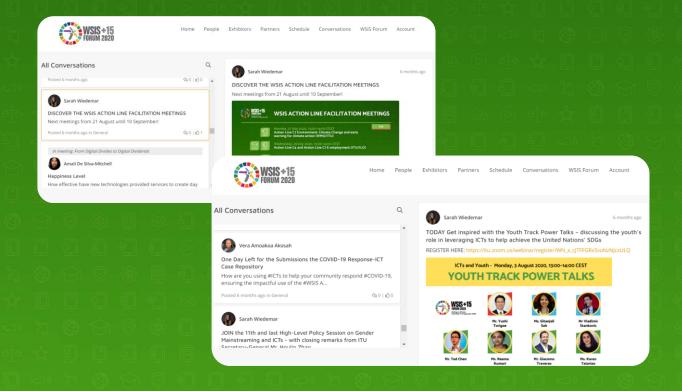
WSIS FORUM 2021 Exhibition Spaces

- The virtual exhibition allows a wide array of stakeholders to showcase their innovative projects and the technology behind it. It provides an opportunity to share their initiatives and solutions that harness the power of ICT-enabled development to advance the achievement of the SDGs
- An inauguration of the WSIS Forum 2021 virtual exhibition took place on 15 March 2021 at 13:00-14:00 CET



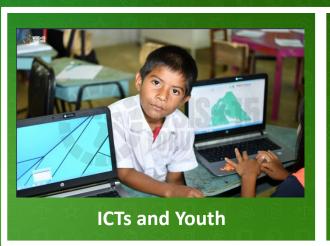
Networking at the WSIS Forum 2021 Imeetyou@WSIS

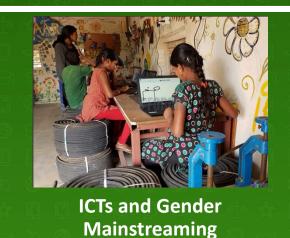
Social and networking elements of the WSIS Forum 2021 can be enjoyed by participants through a dedicated online networking platform that provides opportunities to meet other attendees, start conversations, and engage with stakeholders all over the world.





200+ Workshops and WSIS TalkX interviews to date















WSIS FORUM 2021 High-Level Track

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More than 500 High-Level Speakers

joined #WSIS Forum 2021 including Ministers, Ambassadors, Mayors, CEOs from the Private Sector, International Organizations, Technical Community, Academia and Civil society. They shared their views on how WSIS Action Lines are advancing the SDGs





WSIS FORUM 2021

Special Tracks: Hackathon & Special Prize on Healthy Ageing and ICTs

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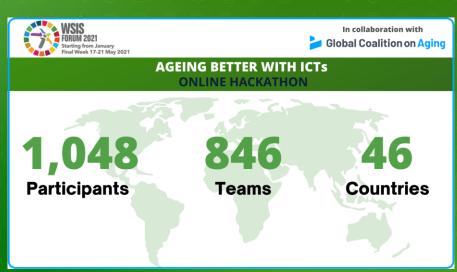


Ageing Better with ICTs

Building a Brighter Future for Older Persons through ICT Innovation

Online Hackathon

This year, the WSIS Forum 2021 is running a **virtual hackathon** and initiating the **WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize** focusing on ICTs and Older Persons.







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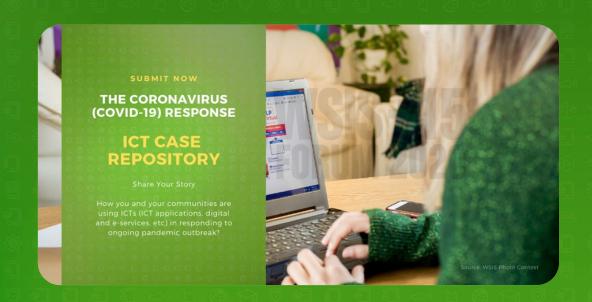
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WSIS Stocktaking 2021

- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2021
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2021
- WSIS Stocktaking: The Coronavirus Response ICT Case Repository
- WSIS Stocktaking Interview Series: COVID-19 Response





https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/



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WSIS Forum 2021 Photo Contest

Following the successful of previous Photo Contests editions, WSIS Forum continues to exercise the Photo Contest in 2021 and invited the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

More than 80 submissions participated this year in building a collage of ICT for Sustainable Development photographs from around the world by promoting the Photo Contest within your networks and communities.

The three winning entries in the WSIS photo contest will be awarded and presented during the final week of the WSIS Forum 2021.







WSIS Forum 2021 Photo Contest Winners



WSIS PRIZES 2021

The 10th jubilee edition of the WSIS Prizes 2021 has received a record number of submissions this year, with over 1270 ICT projects submitted. Following the results of the online voting with 1,3 million votes cast, 90 WSIS Prizes Champions have been announced online, while 18 WSIS Prizes Winners were awarded on 18 May 2021.







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