

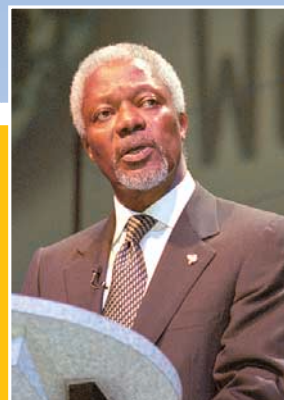
## > The Objectives of the Summit include

- To ESTABLISH a common vision for the Information Society
- To UTILIZE Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to overcome poverty and achieve other Millennium Development Goals
- To WORK towards bridging the digital divide
- To CREATE partnerships and funding mechanisms for universal and affordable access to ICTs
- To CONSIDER the need for new legal and policy frameworks for cyberspace
- To CREATE coordination mechanisms for improved security in cyberspace
- To PROMOTE cultural and linguistic diversity in the Information Society
- To UPHOLD freedom of expression and the right to communicate



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> **Kofi Annan**  
United Nations Secretary-General

*“Information technology is not a magic formula or panacea. But it is a powerful force that can and must be harnessed to our global mission of peace and development. I look forward to working closely with you to make the World Summit, and our wider efforts, a resounding success.”*

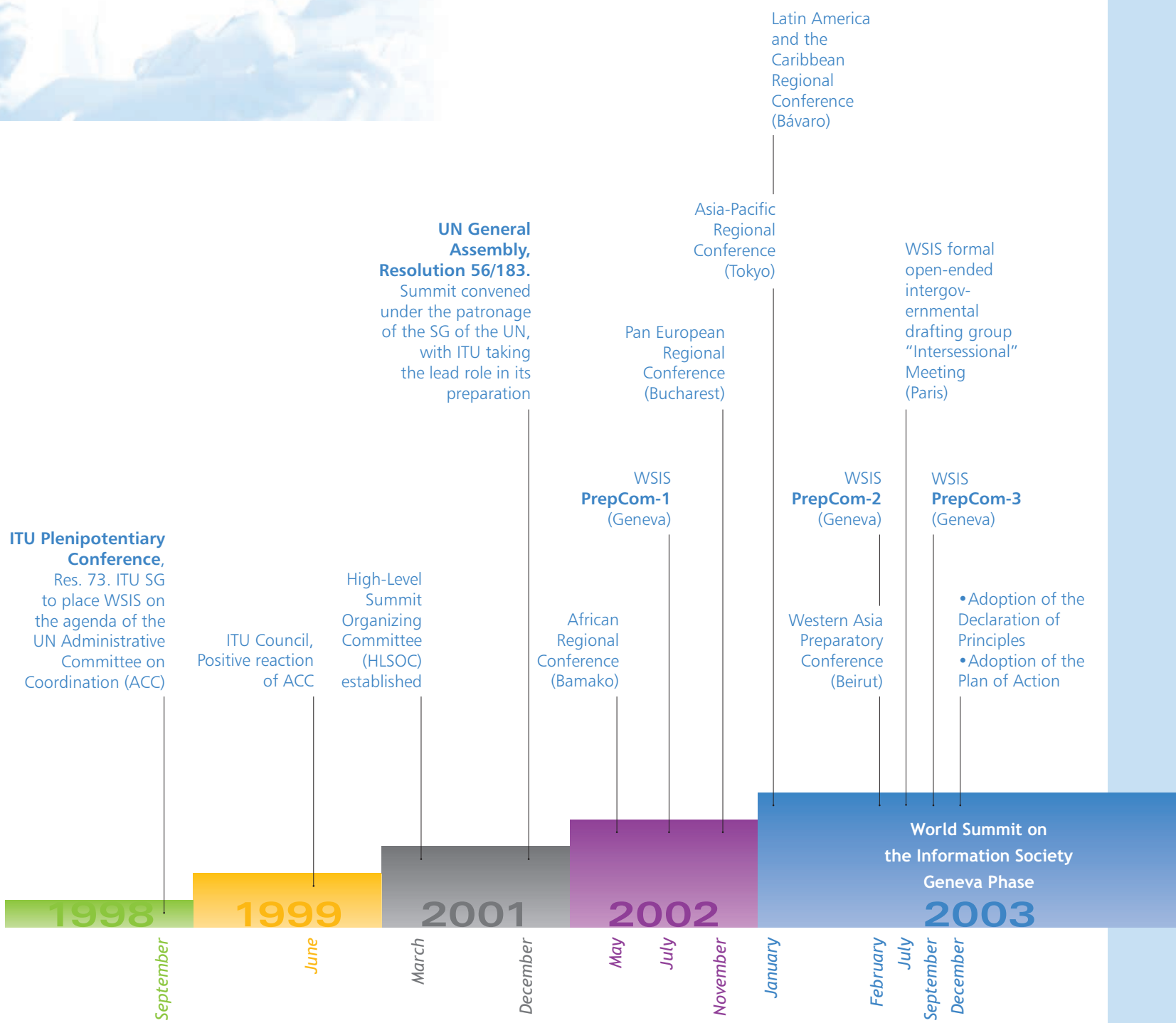


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### PROPOSED SUMMIT STRUCTURE 10-12 December 2003

**KEY PLAYERS/STAKEHOLDERS**

Governments  
Business entities  
Civil Society

UN Family  
International Organizations  
Media



- SIDE EVENTS INCLUDING**
- ITU – Helping the World Communicate
  - ICT4D – A Development Showcase
  - World Electronic Media Forum
  - UNESCO High Level Symposium
  - Gender and ICT Presentation
  - The Role of Science in the Information Society
  - SchoolNet
  - Virtual WSIS
  - ICT and the Practice of Democracy (ICT-PD)
  - Youth Caucus
  - Mobile Contents Award
  - World Forum on Communication Rights
  - InfoDev – a World Bank initiative
  - ICTs for Environmental Democracy

Preparation for Tunis Phase  
**2004**

World Summit on the Information Society Tunis Phase  
**2005**