PRIVACY NOTICE FOR WSIS Forum

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The International Telecommunication Union ("ITU", "we") is the UN specialized agency for information and telecommunication technologies. The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) process is a UN multistakeholder process focusing on building an inclusive, people-centred Information Society. One of the activities of the WSIS process is the organization of the annual WSIS Forum ("the Event"). As the organizer of the Event and data controller, ITU is responsible for the processing of personal data of registered participants, including speakers, moderators, exhibitors, sponsors and media representatives ("you") to the Event in accordance with the ITU Data Protection and Privacy Policy.

Categories of your personal data that are being collected: ITU is collecting and further processing information about you ("Personal Data") in relation to your registration, participation, and overall involvement in the WSIS Forum, whether onsite, online, or in a hybrid format. Such Personal Data include, for example, your name, job title, organization, email address, country, telephone number, that you provide through the ITU registration platform. Such Personal Data also include photographs and videos taken during the WSIS Forum by ITU.

Why is your Personal Data collected and how is it used: ITU collects and further processes your Personal Data for the purpose of (i) *the organization and management of the WSIS Forum*, including registration processing, access control to the Event premises, session management, communications about the Event, badges, online participation, technical support and overall logistics If you do not provide your Personal Data to us for these purposes, we will not be able to process your registration and enable your participation in the WSIS Forum (ii) *communication, outreach, promotion and awareness-raising related to the WSIS process and WSIS Forum activities*, including Event updates, post-Event follow-up communications and dissemination of outcomes. This may include the wide publication of photos and videos, including audio, captured during the event, in which you may appear. We need to use your Personal Data for these purposes in order to promote the objectives of the WSIS process and ensure continuity of engagement with the WSIS community, (iii) *ITU administration requirements*, such as fulfilling compliance obligations/procedures, conducting audits, ensuring protection of ITU's interests, and operating in accordance with ITU's regulations and rules, administrative issuances, policies and procedures. This may concern consulting participants lists for security controls, and internal reporting, for example.

Who has access to your Personal Data: ITU personnel carrying out tasks related to the purposes mentioned under (i)-(iii) has access to and processes your Personal Data for ITU. Such personnel are subject to the obligation of confidentiality. Outside of ITU, some of your Personal Data may be shared with: (1) entities engaged by us as subcontractors providing us with services related to the purposes mentioned under (i)-(iii) above. This includes sharing some of your Personal Data with a service provider providing to ITU a mobile app solution for the Event and with Zoom in case you are participating in online or hybrid sessions of the Event. Such entities typically process Personal Data on our behalf and in accordance with our instructions, (2) your name and organization may also be shared with UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, as co-organizers of the Event for the purpose

[1] ITU may revise this notice from time to time. The date at the top shows when it was last updated.

mentioned under (i) above, where relevant and necessary.

Online and hybrid sessions are managed via ITU's account in Zoom, which has its own policies in place and we encourage you to familiarize yourself with those (see here the Zoom Terms and Zoom Privacy Statement).

Photographs and videos of you taken during WSIS are widely disseminated by ITU for the purpose mentioned above under (ii) and the general public can access them on the ITU website, newsletters, blogs and other media products. ITU disseminates such photographs and videos through social media as well. For example, by posting them on ITU's Flickr or YouTube account, which have their own privacy policies and we encourage you to familiarize yourself with those (see for example the Flickr Privacy Policy and the YouTube Privacy Policy).

How do we keep your Personal Data secure: We take precautions and measures to maintain the security and confidentiality of your Personal Data. These include putting in place appropriate organizational, administrative and physical safeguards and procedures to protect your Personal Data, including against or from unauthorized or accidental access, damage, loss or other risks associated with its processing. We periodically test such safeguards and procedures to validate their effectiveness. Prior to sharing your Personal Data with third parties (as described above), we satisfy ourselves that such parties afford appropriate protection with respect to the processing of personal information.

How long is your Personal Data kept by ITU: ITU will keep your Personal Data for the purposes (i)-(iii) mentioned above for the period which is deemed necessary for those purposes to be fulfilled (e.g. to organize and manage the Event). As soon as your Personal Data are no longer necessary for these purposes, your Personal Data will be deleted, anonymized or archived (provided it is within ITU's control).

What requests can you make in relation to your Personal Data: We do our outmost to ensure that you maintain full access to and control of your Personal Data. You can request for information about the processing of your Personal Data. *You can easily access and modify most of your Personal Data to ensure their accuracy through your ITU User Account*. You can request to access your Personal Data, verify and update them, in case they are reflected in the ITU records as inaccurate or incomplete. You can object to the processing of your Personal Data and you can request for your personal data to be deleted, archived or anonymized. You can also withdraw your consent, in case this was provided to us, for the processing of your data for specific purposes. When you make any request about your Personal Data, we will need to verify your identity and assess your request. A request may be rejected by ITU if it is, for instance, manifestly unfounded, fraudulent or abusive or because of reasons of public interest, safety and security, the discharge of ITU's mandate and functions or ITU's internal, contractual or confidentiality obligations. We will in any case inform you as soon as possible on the outcome of your request.

How to contact us: If you have any questions, requests or concerns about this privacy notice please contact wsis-info@itu.int.

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