



**World Summit
on the Information Society**
Turning targets into action
Geneva 2003 | Tunis 2005 | New York 2015

WSIS Forum 2016

... Open Consultation Process

**First Physical Meeting of the Open Consultation
Process of the WSIS Forum 2016**

20 January 2016

ITU Headquarters, Switzerland



Open Consultation Process

One

- **4 NOVEMBER: Opening of the Open Consultations**
- Online dialogues on the [WSIS Knowledge Communities](#)
- [Official Submissions](#) to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

Two

- **20 JANUARY: First Physical Meeting**

Three

- **30 JANUARY: Deadline for Submission of Official Contributions and Binding Requests for Workshops (www.wsis.org/forum)**

Four

- **26 FEBRUARY: Final Review Meeting**

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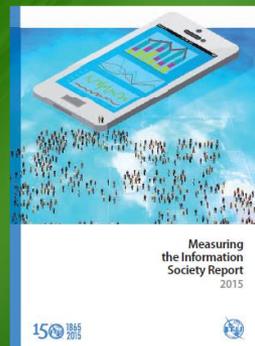
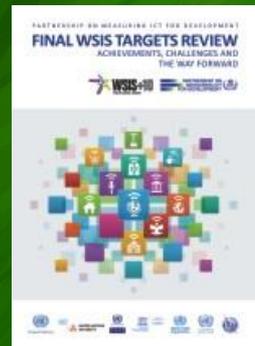
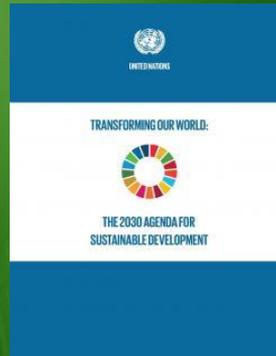
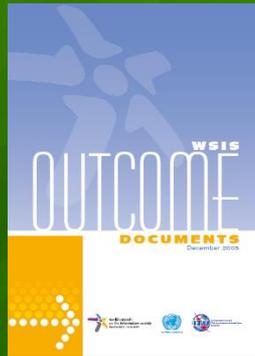
- **1 APRIL: Final Brief**

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- **WSIS Forum: 2-6 May 2016, ITU Headquarters**

UNGA Overall Review

WSIS implementation beyond 2015



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United Nations A/70/L.33

 **General Assembly** Distr.: Limited
13 December 2015
Original: English

Seventieth session
Agenda item 17
Information and communications technologies for development

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

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

The General Assembly,

Adopts the following 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 at its seventieth session:

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

We, the Ministers and heads of delegations participating in the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2015.

Recalling the request in paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society¹ that the General Assembly undertake an overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2015, and in this regard reaffirming the role of the General Assembly in this process, and reaffirming also that the Assembly, in its resolution 68/302 of 31 July 2014, decided that the overall review would be concluded by a two-day high-level meeting of the Assembly, preceded by an intergovernmental preparatory process that also meaningfully takes into account inputs from all relevant stakeholders,

Welcoming the constructive and diverse inputs from Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders in taking stock of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the

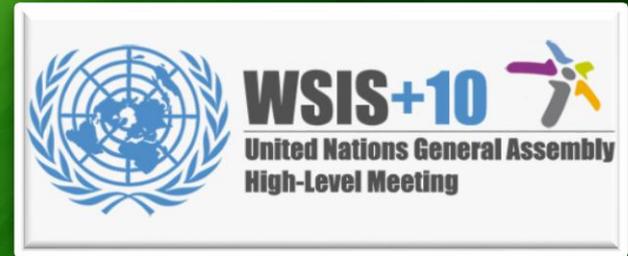
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UNGA Overall Review

Outcome Document



OUTLINE

Preamble

1. ICT for Development

1.1 Bridging the Digital Divide

1.2 Enabling Environment

1.3 Financial Mechanisms

2. Human rights in the Information Society

3. Building Confidence and Security in the Use of ICTs

4. Internet Governance

4.1. Enhanced Cooperation

5. Follow-Up and Review



Outcomes of the Overall Reviews and WSIS implementation beyond 2015

- Call for close **alignment** between the World Summit on the Information Society process and the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** (P.5)
- Call to all stakeholders to integrate ICTs into their approaches to implementing the Goals, and request **UN entities facilitating WSIS Action Lines to review their reporting and work plans to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda.** (P.12)
- we call on all stakeholders, particularly United Nations entities that are facilitating the World Summit on the Information Society action lines, within their mandate and existing resources, to continue working together to **regularly analyse the nature of digital divides, study strategies to bridge them, and make their findings available to the international community.** (P.23)
- We recognize that ending the **gender digital divide** and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender are mutually reinforcing efforts, and we commit to mainstreaming gender in the World Summit on the Information Society process, including through a **new emphasis on gender in the implementation and monitoring of the action lines**, with the support of relevant United Nations entities, including the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). (P.7)

Outcomes of the Overall Reviews and WSIS implementation beyond 2015

- We recognize that certain policies have substantially contributed to bridging digital divides and the value of information and communications technologies for sustainable development, and **we commit to continuing to identify and implement best and emerging practices for the establishment and functioning of education, innovation and investment frameworks for information and communications technologies.** (P.28)
- We also request the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, within its mandate related to the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society, and **all action line facilitators**, within their respective mandates and existing resources, to work with all stakeholders to **regularly identify and promote specific, detailed actions to support the enabling environment for information and communications technologies and development and provide the demand-driven policy advice, technical assistance and capacity-building, as appropriate, to realize them.** (P.33)

Outcomes of the Overall Reviews and WSIS implementation beyond 2015

- We encourage a **prominent profile for information and communications technologies in the new Technology Facilitation Mechanism** established in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and consideration of how it can contribute to implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society action lines. (P.39)
- **regular review of progress of the full set of Summit action lines** will be essential to achieving the vision of the Summit. (P.66)
- We also call for the **continuation of the work of the United Nations Group on the Information Society** in coordinating the work of United Nations agencies, according to their mandates and competencies, and we invite the **regional commissions to continue** their work in implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society action lines and their contribution to the reviews thereof, including through regional reviews. (P.68)
- The activities of the **Partnership on Measuring Information and Communications Technology for Development** have made a valuable contribution to data-gathering and dissemination and should be continued. (P.70)
- We recognize that the **World Summit on the Information Society Forum has been a platform for discussion and sharing of best practices in the implementation of the World Summit outcomes** by all stakeholders, and it should continue to be held annually. (P.69)

UN CEB Joint Statement on WSIS+10



UN Chief Executives Board 2015

On the occasion of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event the Chief Executive Board, composed by all heads of UN System, has endorsed a Joint Statement.

To read full version of the statement see:

www.unsceb.org/content/statements or www.ungis.org



UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Chief Executives Board Joint Statement to the United Nations General Assembly on the Overall Review of the Implementation of World Summit on the Information Society Outcomes

We, the Chief Executives of organizations of the United Nations system, witnessing the momentous events taking place, with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals and the ongoing United Nations General Assembly Overall Review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in two phases in Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005), reaffirm the important role of information and communications technologies (ICTs) as a critical enabler for advancing the globally agreed development goals, in particular in the context of the new development framework in resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", which acknowledges that "the spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress... and to develop knowledge societies" and contains targets on use of ICTs for the empowerment of women, for education and on access to ICTs for least developed countries (LDCs).

Though access to advanced technologies has grown at a fast pace since the celebration of WSIS, the impressive gains observed during the era of the Millennium Development Goals are still hampered by existing gaps in ICT access – between and within countries, between urban and rural settings, among men and women, and boys and girls. A major digital divide is still in place, with more people offline than online and particularly poor access in vulnerable developing nations, which include LDCs, landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS). The WSIS vision remains valid and we therefore commit ourselves collectively to reignite collaborative action to harness the power of new technologies in promoting sustainable development and making the goal of universal and affordable access to ICTs and knowledge a reality. This should include also a new focus on relevant content, skills, capacity building, and an enabling environment, including multilingualism, to empower the implementation of the sustainable development goals, as well as to further freedom of expression and to promote cultural diversity on the basis of human rights.

In the national development process, use of ICTs need to be systematically integrated into development plans. Renewed efforts should be made to ensure that the enabling ICT dimension is adequately reflected in United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks and equivalent instruments, as well as in country-led development strategies.

Coherence across the United Nations system in the implementation of multiple goals and commitments is essential. In this regard, we reaffirm the role of United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)¹ as the inter-agency coordination mechanism for issues related to the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS and call on UNGIS to include in its strategic priority the alignment between WSIS implementation and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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- Reaffirmation of the important role of ICTs as a **critical enabler** for advancing the globally agreed development goals.
- Call for renewed efforts to ensure that the **enabling ICT dimension is adequately reflected in UNDAF** and equivalent documents as well as in **poverty reduction strategies**.
- Reaffirmation of the role of UNGIS as the **inter-agency coordination mechanism** for issues related to the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS.
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Follow up to the UN CEB Joint Statement



United Nations General Assembly WSIS+10 High-Level Meeting on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes



Meeting of the United Nations Group on the Information Society
15 December 2015
UN Headquarters, New York

WSIS Forum beyond 2015

Mr Ban Ki-moon, UN SG
UNGA HLM, 15 Dec 2015



We will strengthen the WSIS Forum as a key platform for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the SDGs and targets.

Beyond 2015, following the multistakeholder approach, the WSIS Forum, will build upon the outcomes of the WSIS+10 Review and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard the WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by UN WSIS Action line Facilitators will serve as the mechanism to map, analyse and coordinate the implementation of ICTs as enablers and accelerators of the SDGs.



Mr Houlin Zhao, ITU
Secretary-General



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ICTs and SDGs

The spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress, to bridge the digital divide and to develop knowledge societies, as does scientific and technological innovation across areas as diverse as medicine and energy.

TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD: THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



ICTs as a **key enabler** and **mean** to **implement** and **achieve** the Sustainable Development Goals and **Targets**

ICT related Goals and Targets

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



- **4.b** By 2030, substantially increase support for scholarships available to developing countries, in particular LDCs, SIDS and African countries, for enrolment in higher education, including vocational training and **information and communications technology**, technical, engineering and scientific programmes, in developed countries and other developing countries.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



- **5.b** Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular **information and communications technology**, to promote the empowerment of women.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



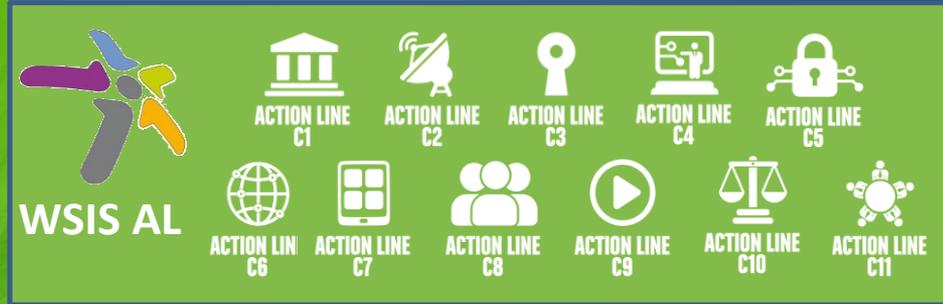
- **9.c** Significantly increase **access to information and communications technology** and strive to provide **universal and affordable access to the Internet** in least developed countries by 2020.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



- **17.8** Fully operationalize the technology bank and science, technology and innovation capacity-building mechanism for least developed countries by 2017 and enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular **information and communications technology**.

WSIS-SDG Matrix Revealed

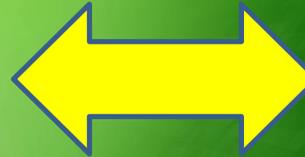
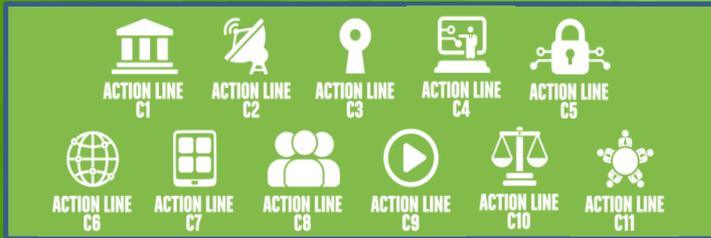


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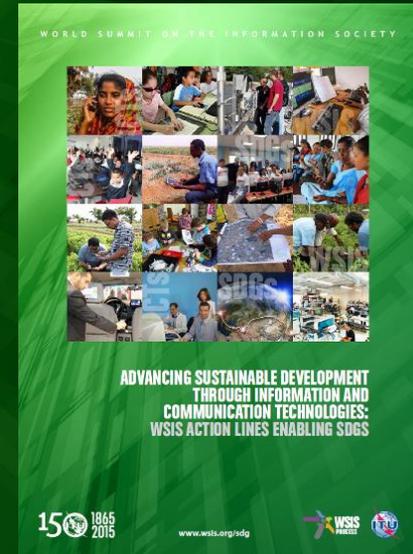
- Two communities (ICT4D and Post 2015)
- Converging objectives (Sustainable Development)
- Parallel review processes (WSIS and MDGs)
- Gradual recognition of ICTs as enabler for sustainable development
- Invite to support through relevant UN processes the creation creation of synergies and institutional linkages between WSIS and Post 2015 Development Agenda to continue strengthening the impact of ICT for sustainable development (Res.140, PP-14)

WSIS ALs-SDG Matrix

Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals



- Released during WSIS Forum 2015
- Joint effort of all United Nations Action Line Facilitators
- Aims at drawing **direct linkages between WSIS Action Lines and proposed SDGs**, to continue strengthening the impact of ICTs for sustainable development
- analysis by each **Action Line Facilitator**, of connections and relations between their respective Action Line with the proposed SDGs and their targets



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS \

WSIS ACTION LINES LINKAGES

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	e-gov	e-bus	e-lea	e-hea	e-emp	e-env	e-agr	e-sci	C8	C9	C10	C11
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WSIS Action Lines and Sustainable Development

2-6 May 2016, 3-4 May HL Track

Geneva, Switzerland

ITU Headquarters



Thematic TRACKS







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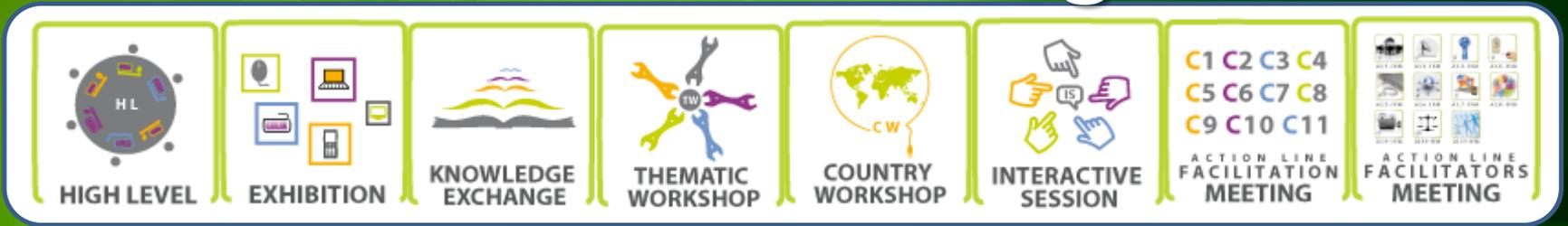


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WSIS Forum building blocks

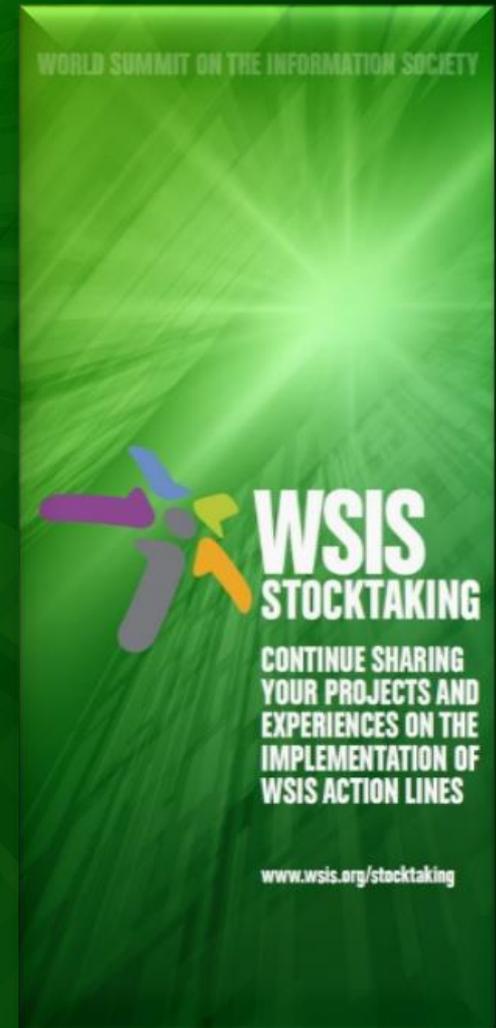


- Exhibition
- Innovation/ Incubation Track
- World Cafés
- Thematic Tracks, e.g. WSIS-SDG, Gender, Innovation, Cybersecurity
- Partnerships Track
- Thematic Workshops
- Country Workshops
- UN Regional Commission meetings
- UNGIS (High-level and working level meetings)
- Interactive Sessions
- Action Line Facilitation meetings
- Action like Facilitators' meeting
- Knowledge Exchange

Towards the **Third Dimension** of the **WSIS-SDG Matrix** Empowered by **WSIS Stocktaking Process**

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- Check out **7,000 entries** on WSIS Stocktaking Platform www.wsis.org/stocktaking
- WSIS Stocktaking process has so far involved close to **140,000 stakeholders** worldwide.
- Year-around ongoing Call for Updates and New Entries – **Continue Sharing**

NEW WSIS Forum 2015 proposed inclusion of **Reporting on ICT Projects Enabling SDGs**



WSIS STOCKTAKING PLATFORM

WSIS STOCKTAKING

CONTINUE SHARING YOUR PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WSIS ACTION LINES

133683 members
6568 entries
2551 entities

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SDG Sidebar:

- 1 Poverty
- 2 Zero hunger
- 3 Good health and well-being
- 4 Quality education
- 5 Gender equality
- 6 Clean water and sanitation
- 7 Affordable and clean energy
- 8 Decent work and economic growth
- 9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- 10 Reduced inequalities
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WSIS STOCKTAKING 2015 PUBLICATIONS

WSIS Stocktaking Report Series:

2005 2008 2010 2012 2013 2014 2015 ...

The reporting is based on the contributions of the stakeholders responding to the WSIS regular calls for update and new entries.

New Call Sent in October 2015!

Coming up in WSIS Stocktaking Report 2016:

WSIS Action Lines Projects advancing Sustainable Development Goals

www.wsis.org/stocktaking





SUBMIT Your Projects by 31 January 2016

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PHASE II

NOMINATION PHASE

1 FEBRUARY 2016 - 5 FEBRUARY 2016

The Revision of submitted projects by Expert Group that will result with a list of nominated projects.

PHASE IV

SELECTION PHASE

14 MARCH 2016 - 18 MARCH 2016

Selection of winning projects by the Expert Group that will result with a list of winning projects.

PHASE III

VOTING PHASE

6 FEBRUARY 2016 - 10 MARCH 2016

Public online voting. Deadline for casting last vote: 23:00 Geneva time.

PHASE V

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

2 MAY 2016 – 6 MAY 2016

Announcement of winners to the public during WSIS Prizes 2016 Ceremony at WSIS Forum 2016, and the release of publication "WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2016", which is a compilation of extended descriptions of the 18 winning projects.

WSIS PRIZES 2016

New Objective: reporting on ICT success stories to best showcase the possible achievement of **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** Through the implementation of **WSIS Action Lines related projects**



LINKING WSIS ACTION LINES WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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WSIS PRIZES 2016: REMOTE PARTICIPATION

In order to facilitate the participation and ensure the inclusion of all WSIS Stakeholders, remote participation has been designed as an integral feature of the WSIS Forum 2016.



WSIS Stakeholders who wish to participate remotely in any of the sessions during the WSIS Forum 2016, can do so via either the **Webcast Service** or the **Adobe Connect** platform.

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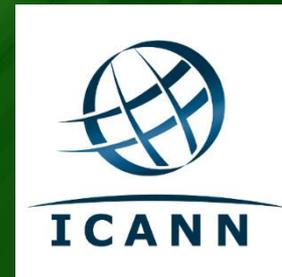
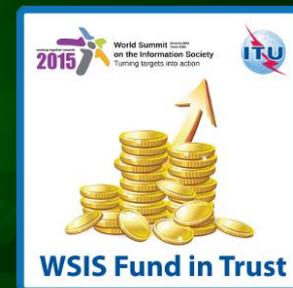
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WSIS Fund in Trust of ITU: 2016 Partners

Strategic Partner: Platinum



The WSIS Trust Fund, established in 2011, offers the opportunity to all stakeholders to make a contribution for the year 2016. Your financial contribution will help accelerate the implementation of the WSIS-related activities, with the goal to evolve and adapt to the future needs of the Information and Knowledge Societies and WSIS process beyond 2015.



Thank You

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