

WSIS Action Lines / Sustainable Development Goals Matrix – WSIS Forum 2016 Outcomes

Title	Organizer	WSIS ALs	Sustainable Development Goals																
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Empowering Communities	UNDP Egypt	C1,C3,C4,C6,C7	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
ALFM C7	UNESCO	C4,C7	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Plug and Play	ITU / CTA	C7	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Agriculture Entrepreneurship	ITU / CTA	C1,C2,C3,C4,C6,C7,e-Agr	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Global Connect Initiative	US Dept. of State	C2	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Cyberlaw, Bitcoins, Blockchains, Cybercrimes & Darknet	Cyberlaws. Net and others	All	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Crowdsourcing Data	University of Geneva	C3,C4,C7,C8,C10,C11	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
IGFSA	IGFSA	C1,C2,C3,C4,C5,C6,C11	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
IGF 2016	IGF	C1,C4,C11	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Internet and Sustainable Development	ISOC	C2,C3,C4,C6	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
UNICEF's Partnership on ICT	UNICEF India	All	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	



World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) is a unique two-phase United Nations (UN) summit that was initiated in order to create an evolving multi-stakeholder platform aimed at addressing the issues raised by information and communication technologies (ICTs) through a structured and inclusive approach at the national, regional and international levels. The goal of WSIS is to achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information. The UN General Assembly Resolution 56/183 (21 December 2001) endorsed the holding of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in two phases. The first phase took place in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003 and the second phase took place in Tunis, from 16 to 18 November 2005. In 2003, the number of participants was 11,000 representing 175 countries and in 2005 the number of participants was more than 19,000 representing 174 countries.

The Overall Review of the Implementation of the Outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society was held by UN General Assembly in 2015 that adopted Resolution A/70/125 calling for close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the crosscutting contribution of information and communications technology (ICT) to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and poverty eradication, and noting that access to information and communications technologies has also become a development indicator and aspiration in and of itself.

WSIS-SDG Matrix

The WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by UN WSIS Action Line Facilitators serves as the mechanism to map, analyse and coordinate the implementation of WSIS Action Lines, and more specifically, ICTs as enablers and accelerators of the SDGs. This Matrix builds upon the WSIS-SDG Matrix and provides guidance on the outcomes of the workshops and other sessions held during the forum, emphasizing linkages between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs as well as highlighting rationale for each linkage that has been established. WSIS Stakeholders identified a clear relation and connection between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs in their respective workshops. Please read the complete document here [www.wsis.org/sdgs](http://www.wsis.org/sdgs).

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“WSIS Action Lines: Supporting the Implementation of SDGs” Outcomes

The WSIS Forum has proven to be an efficient mechanism for multi-stakeholder implementation of WSIS Action Lines and cross-cutting commitments on gender equality, information exchange, knowledge creation, the sharing of best practices and continues to provide assistance in developing multi-stakeholder and public/private partnerships to achieve the sustainable development goals WSIS Forums are organized each year, hosted by the ITU, co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line Facilitators/Co-Facilitators (UNDESA, FAO, UNEP, WHO, UN Women, WIPO, WFP, ILO, WMO, UN, ITC, UPU, UNODC and UN Regional Commissions).

In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Overall Review resolved to hold the WSIS Forum on the annual basis till 2025. UNGA also called for close alignment between WSIS and SDG process. Moreover on the occasion of the UNGA review heads of the UN Agencies decided that beyond 2015 WSIS Forum can serve as a key forum for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, with due regard to the global mechanism for follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as set out in General Assembly resolution A/70/1.

Following the UN General Assembly Resolution A/70/125, calling for close alignment of the WSIS and SDG process as well as holding the WSIS Forum on the annual basis, the WSIS Forum 2016 was held from the 2-6 May 2016 at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva and the overall theme of the WSIS Forum 2016 was “WSIS Action Lines: Supporting the Implementation of SDGs”.

The Agenda and Program of the WSIS Forum 2016 was designed in collaboration with the multi-stakeholders on the basis of official submissions received during the Open Consultation Process on the thematic aspects and innovations of the format of the WSIS Forum 2016. Involving all WSIS Stakeholders (governments, civil society, private sector entities, academia and international organizations), this process aims to ensure an active participation of different players during the event. The process began in November 2015 and is structured in five phases that includes online submissions and physical meetings. The WSIS Forum is the only event of its kind where the Agenda is completely crowdsourced. All stakeholders were invited to contribute their formal inputs towards shaping the themes and format of the WSIS Forum 2016 through the online official submission form and physical meetings. The ITU-WSIS Secretariat received more than 150 submissions containing proposals on the thematic aspects and innovations on the format of the WSIS Forum 2016, including binding requests for partnerships, workshops, exhibition spaces and so on.

This year the Forum attracted more than 1800 WSIS Stakeholders from more than 150 countries. Several high-level representatives of the wider WSIS Stakeholder community graced the Forum with more than 85 ministers and deputies, several ambassadors, CEOs and Civil Society leaders contributing passionately towards the programme of the Forum. On-site and remote participation increased tremendously during the WSIS Forum 2016. At the WSIS Forum 2016, moderated High-Level Policy Sessions of the High-level Track (HLT) took place on the 3rd and 4th of May. During these sessions, moderated Policy Sessions with high-ranking officials of the WSIS Stakeholder community, representing the Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and International Organizations were held. High-Level Policy Sessions were divided into sixteen sessions covering fourteen themes. The themes, based on the Geneva Plan of Action with particular focus on the WSIS Action Lines, build on the outcomes of the United Nations Overall Review and the submissions received during the open consultation process. The high-level track was moderated by High-level Track Facilitators who were nominated by different stakeholder types to represent their respective communities.

All WSIS Forum 2016 Outcomes, photo and video documentation and highlights are available at [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum).



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Matrix table with columns: Title, Organizer, WSIS ALs, Sustainable Development Goals (1-17), Title, Organizer, WSIS ALs, Sustainable Development Goals (1-17). Rows include various projects like Consumer Policy, Cost and Burden Reduction, Estonian E-Residency, etc.