

# World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Implementation Process



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on the Information Society  
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Sustainable Development Goals  
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## **WSIS FORUM 2018**

**19-23 MARCH 2018, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

**Second Physical Meeting of the Open Consultation Process**

**24 January, 18:00-19:00**

**Room H, ITU Headquarters**

# Agenda

- Welcome Remarks
- WSIS Forum 2018 Open Consultation Process- Leveraging ICTs to Build Information and Knowledge Societies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Update and preliminary results
- Thematic focus and format of event
  - Registration, venue and other details
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  - High-Level Track (Moderated Policy Session, High-Level Track Facilitators, High-Level Dialogues, WSIS Prize 2018, Ministerial Round Table)
  - Forum Track (Thematic and Country Workshops, Interactive Sessions, Action Line Facilitation Meetings, UNGIS, Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, WSIS Stocktaking, Knowledge Cafés, Hackathons, Exhibition)
- Special Tracks:
- Hackathon: Hack against hunger – Organized by ITU and FAO
- Virtual Reality for Development
- Tedx Talks Geneva
- Innovation for SDGs
- ICT Solutions for SDGs
- Youth Engagement in ICTs for SDGs
- Remote participation at WSIS Forum 2018
- Media outreach and partners
  - ImeetyouatWSIS [www.wsis.org/imeet](http://www.wsis.org/imeet)
  - Iwrite4WSIS [www.wsis.org/iwrite](http://www.wsis.org/iwrite) #WSIS Campaign
- Other business



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# WSIS Forum 2018: KPIs

Leveraging ICTs to Build Information and Knowledge Societies for  
Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals



- **2500+** Physical participants at Forum
- **150+** Countries represented
- **100+** Ministers and Deputies
- **20+** Ministers and Deputies other than ICT
- **500+** high-level representatives
- **150+** workshops and sessions
- **18** WSIS Prize winners
- **70** WSIS Champions
- **25+** stands at the **Exhibition**
- Balanced multistakeholder participation
  - **41% Civil Society and Academia**
  - **22% Governments**
  - **20% Private Sector**
  - **17% International Organizations**





# WSIS Forum 2018: Programmed Outcomes

Leveraging ICTs to Build Information and Knowledge Societies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

- WSIS Forum 2018: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2018: High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Action Lines Supporting Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2018)
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2018
- WSIS Forum 2018 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2018



# Celebration: 15 Years since the Geneva Phase

- 15 years of Implementation of Geneva Plan of Action
- Celebration: High Level Track and Forum Track



# WSIS FORUM 2018: REGISTRATION

- Registration is available online at <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2018/Pages/Register#intro>
- Stakeholders are invited to block these dates on time as this is busy time in Geneva
- The e-confirmation will be the sole document provided for **visa support**
- Badging will be located at ITU Headquarters, **Montbrillant building**





# WSIS FORUM 2018: REGISTRATION

- Registration for all entities is facilitated if done by **focal point** (DFP) of the respective entities. Therefore, we strongly encourage accredited entities to designate a DFP who will be responsible for handling registration of participants via username and password
- Your organization needs to have been duly **accredited** before a **Focal Point may be designated**
- **Blue/Diplomatic** badge holders are also requested to register
- Each accredited participant will receive an **e-confirmation** to the email address provided in the registration form
- The e-confirmation will be the sole document provided for **visa support**





# WSIS FORUM 2018: BADGING

- Badging will be located at ITU Headquarters, **Montbrillant building** (2, rue de Varembe – CH-1220 GENEVA)
- **NO** registration desk at CiCG premises; badges have to be collected at the ITU **Montbrillant building**
- Badges should be picked up personally as these are photo badges and picture is compulsory

## Badges may be picked-up on:

Friday, 16 March:

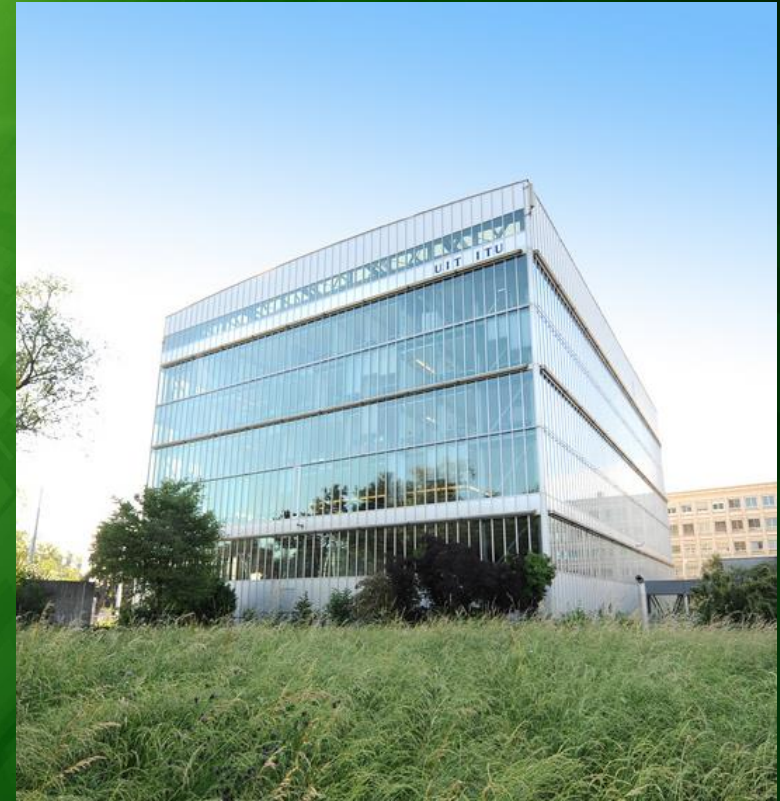
1400-1700 hours

Sunday, 18 March (for Hackathon participants only):

0700-1200 hours

Monday, 19 March to Friday, 23 March:

0800-1200 and 1330-1700 hours



# WSIS Forum 2018: Chairman Designate

H.E Eng. Majed Sultan Al Mesmar

*Deputy-Director General,  
TRA Telecommunication Sector,  
United Arab Emirates*





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## High-Level Track at the WSIS Forum 2018

### 20-21 March 2018

- Policy Statements will be delivered by high-ranking officials of the WSIS Stakeholder community representing Governments, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and International Organizations
- The high-level track will consist of the opening segment, interactive policy dialogues, ministerial round table, and a high-level networking program
- High-level Speaking requests for Ministers, CEOs and Heads of Organizations can be made online here: [www.itu.int/go/wsispolycystatements](http://www.itu.int/go/wsispolycystatements)

**Deadline EXTENDED: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**





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## Open call for Nominations for WSIS Forum 2018 Multi-stakeholder High-Level Track Facilitators



High level policy statement sessions will be moderated by high-level track facilitators and will be grouped around different themes identified as important by the WSIS Stakeholders during the Open Consultation Process.

Nominations by Stakeholders (Civil Society, Private Sector, Academia and Technical Community) should be submitted to the WSIS Secretariat at: [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int)

**Deadline: 30 January 2018**





# WSIS FORUM 2018: Venues in Focus



## CICG and CCV

- TEDx
- High Level Track
- Ministerial Roundtable

## ITU

- Forum Track (19, 22 and 23 March)
- Hackathon (18 and 19 March)



## Four Seasons

- Gala Dinner

## Polish Mission

- Briefing for Chairman and HLTFs
- Donors dinner



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The Agenda and Program are built through an **Open Consultation Process (OCP)**

**OCP Submission:** To contribute to the agenda and the programme and request for workshop and exhibition space, **SUBMIT OCP Form** at

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2018/Pages/OpenConsultations#submit>

**Deadline: 30 January 2018**

Launch of the OCP  
19 September 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Physical Meeting  
20 December 2017

**2<sup>nd</sup> Physical Meeting**  
**24 January 2018**

Deadline for Submissions  
30 January 2018

Final Brief  
19 February 2018



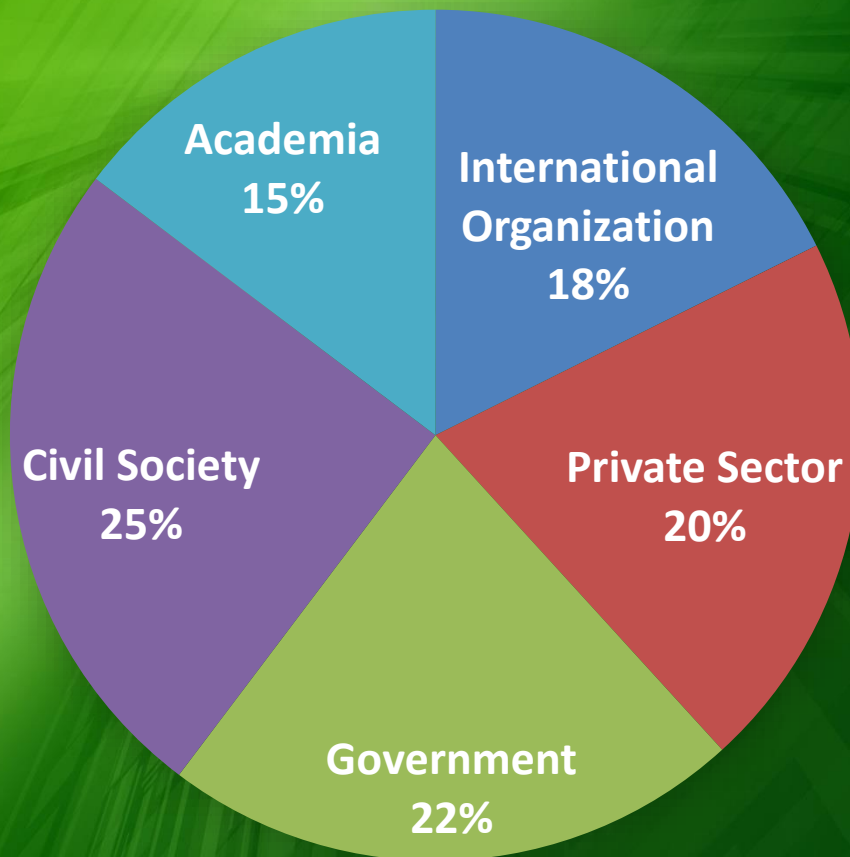
# Preliminary Results of the OCP

- Innovative and informative submissions received during online and physical phases
- Agenda and program are being designed in collaboration with the multi-stakeholder community and based on the submissions received
- Highest number of submissions received from civil society organizations (25%) followed by governments (22%), private sector (20%), international organizations (17%), and academia (15%)
- Good distribution across regions and stakeholders
- Increased engagement of the private sector
- Innovative and detailed suggestions



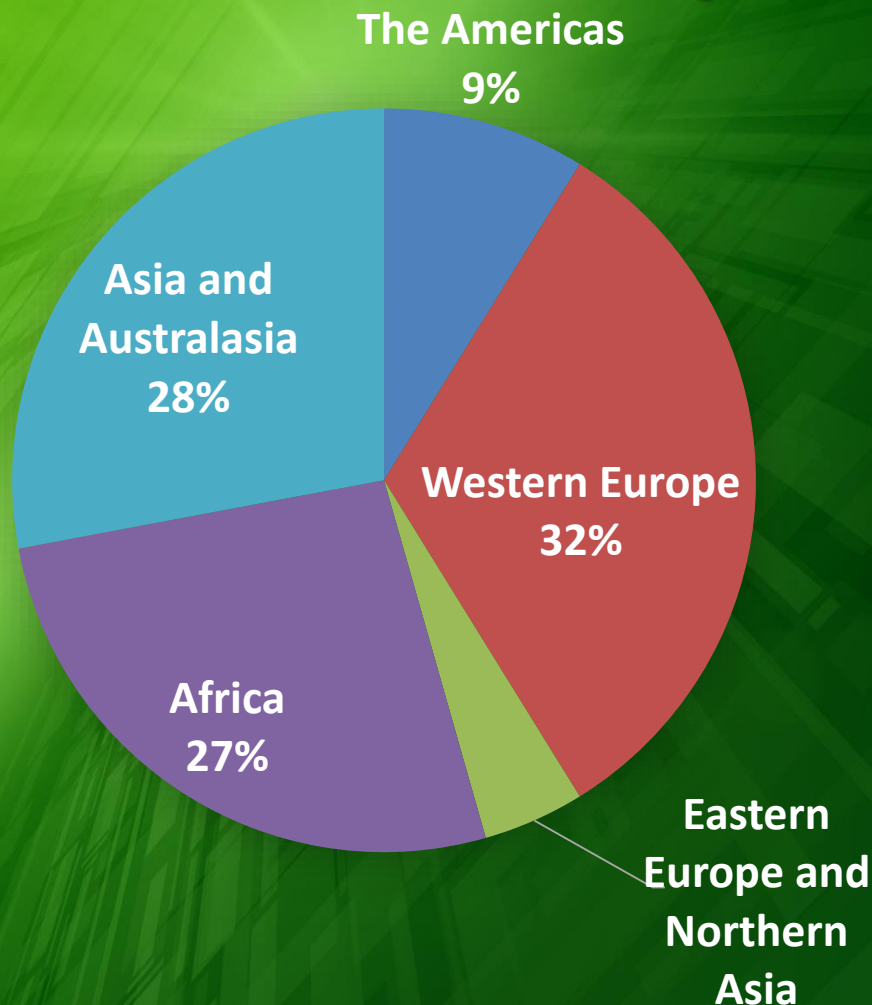


# By Stakeholder Type as of 23 January



# By Region

as of 23 January





# High Level Track: Themes

## Themes for Policy Statements

- WSIS Action Lines and the 2030 agenda
- Bridging digital divides
- Enabling environment
- Capacity building
- Financing for development and role of ICT
- Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- Inclusiveness - access to information and knowledge for all
- Gender mainstreaming
- ICT applications and services
- Digital economy and trade
- Climate change
- Media
- Ethical dimensions of Information Society
- Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

- **Number of Speakers: 120**
- **Total Length of HL Panels: 8 hours**
- **Services:**  
Interpretation and captioning
- **Length of intervention:**  
3-4 minutes
- **Structure of Intervention**
  - General
  - Theme-related
  - Recommendations
- **Outcome of each session to be reported by HL Track Facilitator**





# FORMAT





# THEMES TITLES





# Forum OUTCOMES





# Suggestions on Strengthening the Outcomes

- Each Annual Forum should continue producing a **consolidated document containing the outcomes**, as well as the meetings' agendas, workshops, ministerial roundtables, dialogue tables, etc. to provide a summary of the findings.
- **Result-focused approach** for each session and workshop should be applied: Each session should generate a concrete outcome for future reference.
- **WSIS Action Lines** should present a concise **annual progress report** consisting of emerging trends, statistics and supplemented by case studies if necessary, to be presented during the WSIS Action Line Facilitation Meetings and WSIS Action Line Facilitators Meeting, and forwarded to the UN follow ups of WSIS and SDG processes.
- **Annual progress review of WSIS process and its contribution to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** should be prepared as an outcome of the WSIS Forum.
- Annual **report and sharing of examples of global best practices through the WSIS Stocktaking**
- Annual review by **Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development** might enrich monitoring of implementation of the WSIS outcomes
- Further collaboration and implementation of the **WSIS Action lines and SDGs Matrix**



# WSIS Forum 2018



| Sunday    | Monday                                                                   | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                     | Thursday                    | Friday                                    |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Hackathon | Exhibition<br>Inauguration /<br>Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW<br>Hackathon | HLM UNGIS /<br>Opening Segment | HL Statements/<br>Dialogue    | Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW | WL UNGIS /<br>Forum Track TW /<br>AL / CW |
| Hackathon | Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW<br>Hackathon                                 | Opening Segment                | HL Statements/<br>Dialogue    | Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW | AL Facilitators<br>Meeting                |
| Hackathon | Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW                                              | WSIS Prizes /<br>Exhibition    | Knowledge Café                | Knowledge Café              |                                           |
| Hackathon | Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW                                              | HL Statements/<br>Dialogue     | Ministerial RT/HL<br>Dialogue | Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW | Forum Track TW /<br>AL / CW               |
| Hackathon | Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW                                              | HL Statements/<br>Dialogue     | Closing of HL Segment         | Forum Track TW / AL /<br>CW | Closing                                   |
| Hackathon | Donors Dinner                                                            | Reception /<br>Certificates    | Gala Dinner                   | TEDx Talks                  |                                           |



# WSIS Forum Building Blocks



**Virtual Reality  
for SDGs**

**TEDx  
Geneva**

**Hackathon**

**ICT Centric  
Innovation**

**ICT Solutions  
for SDGs**



# WSIS Forum 2018: Exhibition

- 25 Stalls in the ITU Tower (-2 Floor)
- Focus: ICT4SDG
- Branded for partners
- Simple set up for regular stakeholders



## EXHIBITION



 #ICT4SDG



# United Nations Group on the Information Society

- *UN Chief Executives Group consisting of 32 UN Agencies*
- *UNGIS' objective is to develop extensive collaboration and partnerships among the CEB members in order to contribute to the achievement of the WSIS objectives, to help to maintain ICT-related issues as well as science and technology at the top of the UN Agenda and finally to mainstream ICT for Development issues in the mandate of CEB members*

Currently following up on the Para 12

*"... United Nations entities facilitating the World Summit on the Information Society action lines requested to review their reporting and work plans to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda."*

- **UNGIS High level Meeting**
- **UNGIS Working Level Meeting**





# Annual Regional Commissions Meeting at WSIS Forum



- Annual meetings held at the WSIS Forum
- Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the Regional Level and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes
- Coordination of regional approaches and harmonization
- Engagement of stakeholders into the regional implementation
- Strengthening of the regional perspective at the global level of the WSIS Process



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## Virtual Reality for SDGs

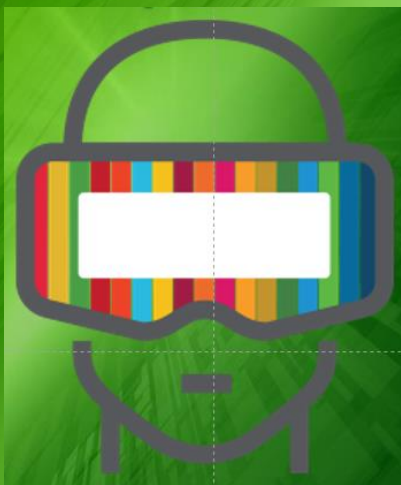
Pursuing a first partnership in 2016, WSIS and World VR Forum join forces to be at the forefront of Virtual Reality for advancing development. A shiny new Virtual Reality Track will be held at the WSIS Forum 2018 bringing together high-level personalities, world class VR experience and a very special focus on education.

## TEDxGeneva

After a successful debut at WSIS Forum 2016 AND 2017 TEDxGeneva and the WSIS Forum bring you to the crossroads of our fast-changing society- the crossroads of technology acceleration, human tradition, artificial intelligence, and an interconnected world.

## Hackathon

As a continuation of the discussions initiated at the 2016 WSIS Forum, first ever Hackathon was held successfully in 2017 on e-Health. Next year a Hackathon on ICTs for SDGs focusing on End Hunger will be held at the WSIS Forum 2018. We invite all interested coders to participate in the WSIS Hack Against End Hunger.



**TED<sup>x</sup>Geneva**  
x = independently organized TED event



# Ministerial Round Table

- **Objective:** This Ministerial Round Table will provide a platform for an interactive debate, in a high-level setup, on strategies and policies towards the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines, with the aim of strengthening the impact of ICTs on sustainable development and achieving SDGs.
- **Chairmanship:** ITU Secretary General and Chairman of WSIS Forum
- **Participation:** Restricted to the ministers only (no replacements / no observers)
- **When:** 21 March 2018, 14:00 – 16:30
- **Where:** CCV Geneva Room
- **Outcome:** Brief summary on issues raised.





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## Youth Engagement at 2018 WSIS Forum

Youth engagement is particularly important, given the fact that over 70% of people ages 15-24 use the internet, compared with just 48% of the population overall.

"Skills Mismatch" session will help young people learn about the technical skills that employers in the field seek. (Co-organized with ILO)

## "Hack against Hunger" (Co-organized with FAO)



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## WSIS Forum 2018 Hackathon Hack Against Hunger

WSIS Forum 2018 Hackathon on ICTs for SDGs, focusing on End Hunger,

- organized by ITU and FAO
- details on recruitment criteria and participation will be available soon.

<http://www.itu.int/go/wsishackathon>

Please contact [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int) for further information



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## WSIS Forum 2018 Photo Contest: Call for New Entries

WSIS Forum Photo Contest 2018 invites the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and submit photos at [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum)

**Deadline: 9 February 2018**



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## WSIS Prizes 2018

### Share and Promote



Stakeholders are encouraged to start preparing voting campaigns in their communities and networks. Nominated projects available online from 26<sup>th</sup> January.

[www.wsis.org/prizes](http://www.wsis.org/prizes) Submission Phase ended on 1 March with

record high number of submitted projects – 676!

Phase I  
Submission phase

1 November 2017 – 2 January 2018

Phase II  
Nomination Phase

10 January – 26 January 2018

Phase III  
Public Online Voting

26 January – 12 February 2018

Phase IV  
Announcement of Winning Projects  
by the Expert Group

12 February – 16 February 2018

Phase V  
Public announcement of  
winners during  
**WSIS Prize 2018 Ceremony**



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Please find all necessary information, including WSIS Forum 2018 Partnership Packages at the WSIS Fund in Trust website

<https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/WSIS-Fund-in-Trust.aspx>

For additional information please visit the WSIS Forum 2018 website [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum) and contact [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int)



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## WSIS Forum 2018 Partners (as of today)

### Platinum Partner

United Arab Emirates

### Partners for Specific Activities

- Rwanda (RURA)
- Switzerland
- Japan
- IEEE

### Contributing Partners

- Poland
- ICANN

### Supporting Partner

- INWES/SWISS Engineering

# WSIS Forums till 2020

- 2018: 19-23 March
- 2019: 8-12 April
- 2020: 30 March – 3 April





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