

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Implementation Process



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Information and
Knowledge Societies for
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WSIS FORUM 2019

8-12 April 2019, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Final Brief: Open Consultation Process

8 March 2019

Room A, ITU Headquarters



WSIS Forum 2019

8-12 April

Geneva, Switzerland

Open Consultation
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WSIS
FORUM 2019
8-12 APRIL
Geneva, Switzerland

10
YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

10th Year Anniversary of the WSIS Forum

- In 2019, WSIS Forum will celebrate its **10th anniversary of the establishment of WSIS Forum** from April 8 to 12, under the theme **“Information and Communication Technologies for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”**.
- WSIS Forum thereby continues to provide a platform for a **“just and equal information society”** for all WSIS Stakeholders as set by the Geneva Plan of Action.

WSIS Forum 2019: KPIs

Information and Communication Technologies for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals



- **3000+** Physical participants at Forum
- **150+** Countries represented
- **100+** Ministers and Deputies
- **20+** Ministers and Deputies other than ICT
- **500+** High-Level representatives
- **250+** workshops and sessions
- **18** WSIS Prize Winners
- **72** WSIS Prize Champions
- **35+** Stands at the **Exhibition**
- **50/50** Balanced participation



WSIS Forum 2019: Programmed Outcomes

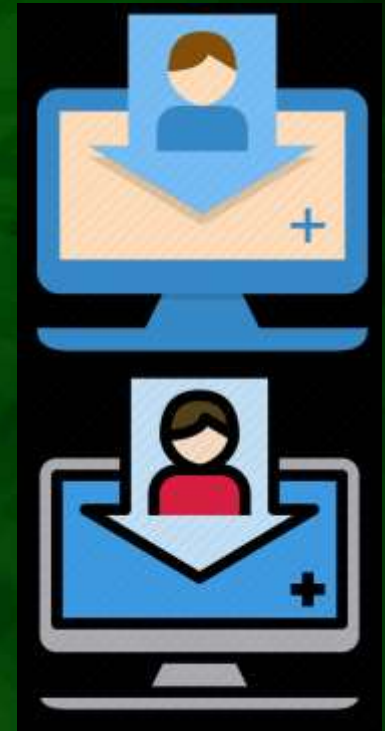
Information and Communication Technologies for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

- WSIS Forum 2019: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2019: High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Action Lines Supporting Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2019)
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019
- WSIS Forum 2019 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2019



WSIS FORUM 2019: REGISTRATION

- Registration is available online at WSIS Forum 2019 website <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2019/Home/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**
- 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**
- **Blue/Diplomatic** badge holders are also requested to register



WSIS FORUM 2019: BADGING



- Badging will be located at ITU Headquarters, **Montbrillant building**
(2, rue de Varembé – 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



WSIS FORUM 2019: Venues in Focus



CICG and CCV

- High Level Track
- Ministerial Roundtable

ITU HQ

- Forum Track (8,11 and 12 April)
- Hackathon (7th and 8th April)

Polish Mission

- Briefing for Chairman and HLTFs
- Donors dinner

Venues to be confirmed

- Gala Dinner
- Tech Sparks Development



High-Level Track at the WSIS Forum 2019: 9-10 April 2019

- 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



Open call for Nominations for WSIS Forum 2019 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.

Phases of Open Consultation Process

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Process

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- The Agenda and Program of the WSIS Forum are built through an **Open Consultation Process (OCP)**; a multistakeholder preparatory process where entities are actively engaged to ensure broad ownership and further improvements of the Forum. The Open Consultation Process will include a collection of **inputs from regional and national** WSIS related events. The physical meetings of the Open Consultation Process will benefit from **remote participation**.
- The Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2019 is structured in five phases as follows:**

Phase I

Launch of the OCP
2 July 2018

Phase II

1st Physical Meeting
12 November 2018

Phase III

2nd Physical Meeting
31 January 2019

Phase IV

Deadline for Submissions
10 February 2019

Phase V

Final Brief
8 March 2019

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 approximately.**
- **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**

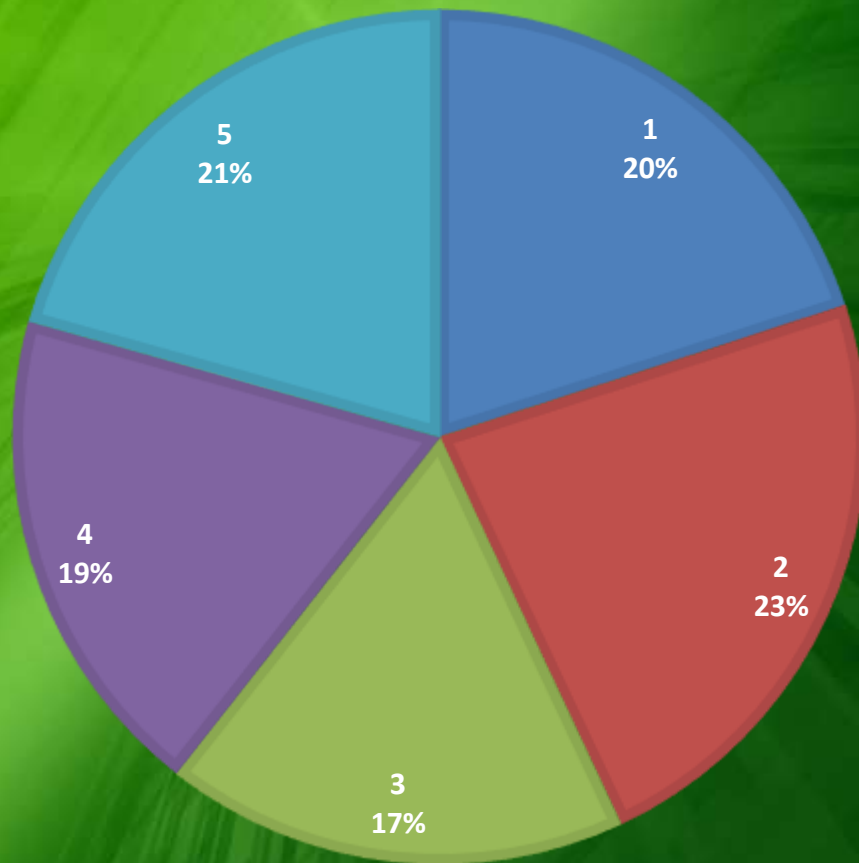


Preliminary Results of the OCP

- 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 Private Sector (23%), Academia (21%), International Organizations (20%), Civil Society (19%), and Government (17%)
- Good distribution across regions and stakeholders
- Increased participation of women, youth and differently abled
- Innovative and detailed suggestions



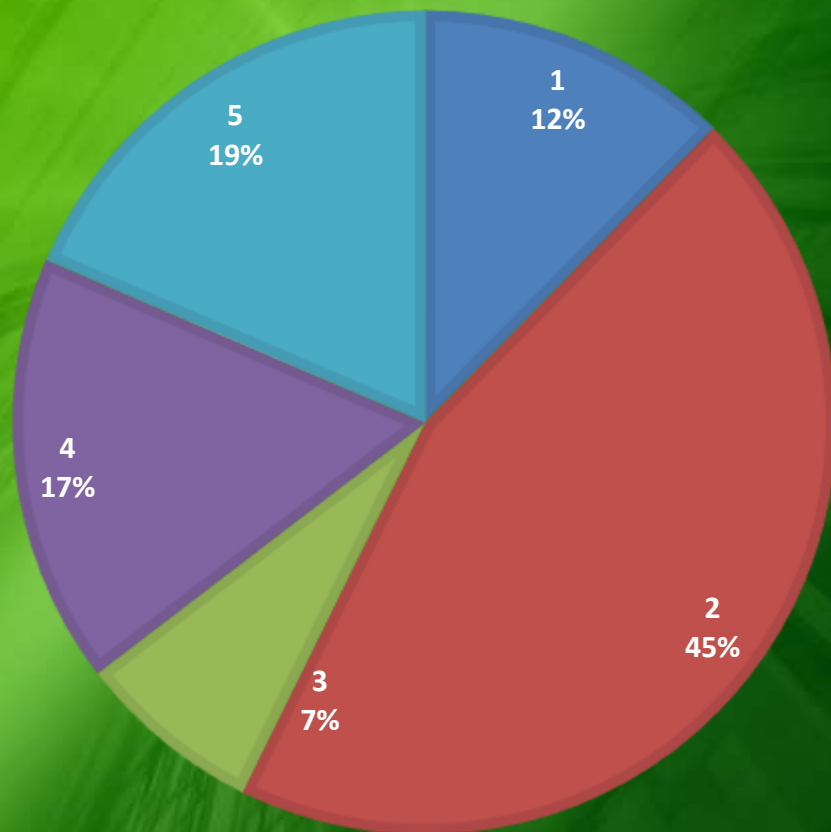
By Stakeholder Type



*Please note that there is an increased number of submissions from the Private Sector due to an increased interest from start-ups



By Region



*Please note that about half of submissions from Western Europe came from the headquarters of International Organizations





FORMAT



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- Balance Participation
- Speed Dating
- Pitches from Start-ups and NGOs
- Accessibility and Inclusion
- Links with other policy processes
- Link with the SDGs process
- Link between the High-level Segment and the Forum Component
- Regional Focus
- Interactive sessions
- Innovative panel formats
- Participatory panels
- Dynamic and interactive
- Soliciting real-time questions via social media or other methods
- Maximize audience engagement
- presence of more experts from a diversity of disciplines
- Increase remote participation
- Involve all parties i.e the Civil society, the Media, Social Media practitioners (bloggers), Indigenous People from all communities et all
- Attract more senior leaders from the private sector, including from developing countries
- To improve SME sector's participation
- Strengthen the participation of government officials past and present
- Ensure a broader UN Agency participation
- To decentralize WSIS participation into regions
- Utilize social media to allow stakeholders, including youth and off-site participants to livestream and participate in live real-time Q&A
- Create Roundtables where case studies presenting best practices and challenges are shared
- extended interaction time with speakers
- Allow participant to take part in problem solving by question being raised to the audience
- Use of short videos and visuals to keep the attention of receptors
- Speeches can be recorded in advance, displayed in continual running loops throughout the conference location, and made available online
- Dialogue sessions between Start-ups and strengthened authorities



THEMES TITLES



Main Themes and Title

- WSIS Action lines for SDGs.
- Youth in ICT for SDGs.
- Bridging the Digital Divide.
- ICTs for food, water, education and employment.
- E-Environment, Climate Change and e-Waste.
- Capacity Building.
- Blockchain.
- Strengthening ICT Connectivity and Digital Inclusion
- Internet of Things.
- ICT Success Stories
- Role of the private sector in implementing SDGs.
- Using data effectively to inform ICT policy
- Cybersecurity.
- Digital Transformation.
- Emerging technologies.
- ICTs for the agriculture.
- Artificial Intelligence and Ethics.
- Innovative 4.0 technologies.
- E-learning for Refugees.
- ICTs for e-government.
- Towards Gender equity.
- Connecting the next billion.
- ICTs and Sports.
- Data protection.
- Smart Cities.
- Access to the digital economy.
- The role of science and innovation in building the information and knowledge societies.
- ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities.
- Big data and social change.



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
- Pre-WSIS Forum **national and regional meetings** that then feed into the annual WSIS Forum in Geneva.
- Further collaboration and implementation of the **WSIS Action lines and SDGs Matrix**

WSIS Forum: Strengthening linkages with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- WSIS Forum should **continue to build useful links with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** that complement from ICTs perspective the work done on SDGs in other fora while remaining in line with the original WSIS principles and goals.
- As countries begin the implementation of their action plans for SDGs achievement, the WSIS Forum can provide opportunities for ICT stakeholders to present successful case studies of already implemented solutions, and for policymakers and civil society groups to **bring attention to country-specific needs**.
- Create **online platform to record the performance** of Countries in achieving the SDGs and the role of the WSIS Action Lines.
- To make a table of **Action Plan versus the Action Performed**, which could be published every year.
- To showcase initiatives at **global level and to link them with local offices** of specific UN agencies.
- To create specific **knowledge sharing events**, directly linked to specific SDGs, clearly integrated into the WSIS process.
- Annual submission of **WSIS Country Reports** by Communications Regulators to track implementation of WSIS Action Lines and SDGs.
- To identify **top 3 priority SDGs** for each year to be driven by each country and monitor implementation through Champions and annual country reports.
- WSIS should develop an Open Source Application Development Platform that gives developers in different countries access to reusable source code for development of solutions in line with WSIS mandate and 2030 Agenda.



WSIS Forum 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hackathon	Exhibition Inauguration / Forum Track TW / AL / CW Hackathon/ Accessibility Day/ Youth Track/ Innovation Track (IT)	HLM UNGIS / Opening Segment	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	WL UNGIS / Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Youth Track
Hackathon	Forum Track TW / AL / CW Hackathon/Accessibilit y Day/ Youth Track	Opening Segment	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	AL Facilitators Meeting
Hackathon	Forum Track TW / AL / CW/Accessibility Day/ Youth Track	WSIS Prizes / Exhibition	Knowledge Café	Knowledge Café	
Hackathon	Forum Track TW / AL / CW/Accessibility Day/ Youth Track	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Ministerial RT/HL Dialogue	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	Forum Track TW / AL / CW/Youth Track
Hackathon	Forum Track TW / AL / CW/Accessibility Day/ Youth Track	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Closing of HL Segment	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	Closing
Hackathon	Donors Dinner	Reception / Certificates	Gala Dinner	TechSparks Development	





WSIS Forum Building Blocks



**POLICY
STATEMENTS**



**WSIS
PRIZES**



**ACTION LINE
FACILITATORS
MEETING**



**MINISTERIAL
ROUND TABLE**



**ACTION LINE
FACILITATION
MEETINGS**



**INTERACTIVE
SESSIONS**



**COUNTRY
WORKSHOPS**



**THEMATIC
WORKSHOPS**



**KNOWLEDGE
EXCHANGE**



EXHIBITION



UNGIS



**UN REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS**



INNOVATIONS



**ICTS AND
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**



PARTNERSHIPS



WSIS Forum 2019: Exhibition

- Sustainable Development Goals
- VR & education
- E-Business
- E-Agriculture
- ICTs and health
- Development through crowdfunding
- Information Accessibility
- Social network and entrepreneurship
- Internet of Things (IoT) for development
- Mobile remote presence devices (MRPs)
- Cybersecurity
- Tech Start – ups



30+ Exhibition Spaces
in the ITU Tower (-2 Floor)



WSIS Forum 2019 / Partnership Announcements



United Arab Emirates

GOLD PLUS PARTNER



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Saudi Arabia

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Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
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Swiss Confederation

Federal Office of Communications OFCOM



Information
Technology
Authority (ITA)
Sultanate of Oman

OFCOM
Switzerland

The Institute of Electrical
and Electronics
Engineers (IEEE)

Ministry of Internal Affairs
and Communications
(Japan)

PARTNERS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES



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CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS



UKE
Poland

RURA Rwanda

ICANN

Internet Society (ISOC)

SUPPORTING PARTNER





United Nations Group on the Information Society

- UN Chief Executives Group consisting of 31 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 Leaders Breakfast**
- **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



Special Tracks

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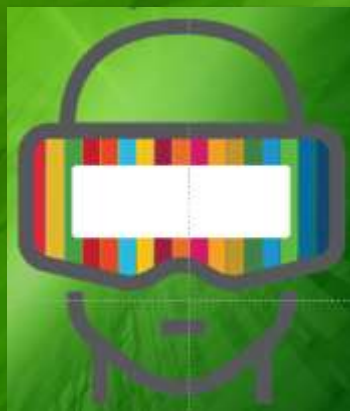
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Extended Reality for SDGs



Hackathon



ICT solutions for SDGs



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Accessibility Day

Innovation Track

Youth Track

ICTs and Sports

WSIS Accessibility Day will be held and at the WSIS Forum 2019 with objective to further discuss how ICTs are enabling accessibility, focusing around 5 key issues:

- Security
- Communication
- Mobility
- Education
- Emergency

The vital role of ICTs as a catalyst for development is acknowledged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, stating “the spread of ICTs and global interconnectedness has great potential to **accelerate human progress, to bridge the digital divide and develop knowledge societies.**”

Young people can play an important role in leveraging ICTs to help achieve the United Nations SDGs. Continuing a successful track in 2018, the WSIS Forum 2019 will feature a **special track on youth engagement**, which include hundreds of students and young professional participants.

The impact that technology has had on sports is vast. No matter the use, **technology is taking sports to new heights.** From the Video Assistant Referee (VAR), Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems (EPTS), Virtual Reality (VR), to the realization of 5G. Take part in **ICTs and Sports track to discover and learn about new developments in this field.**

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:** Wednesday, 10 April 2019, 14:00 – 16:30
- **Where:** CCV Geneva Room
- **Outcome:** Brief summary on issues raised.



WSIS Forum 2019 Hackathon

Hacking Solutions for Lifelong Learning and Livelihoods

What is the 2019 theme?

- WSIS Forum 2019 Hackathon on ICTs for SDGs, focusing on WSIS Action Line eLearning will be organized by ITU and UNESCO

Who is it for?

- For those passionate about technology and innovation for positive social impact
- For those who have an idea or an existing project related to good education available to all



WSIS Stocktaking Process: An Opportunity for Global Promotion

ICT-related projects and initiatives implementing WSIS Action Lines and enabling the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals



WSIS Stocktaking Publications: WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019 and WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2019 to be launched during the WSIS Forum 2019

- The new WSIS Stocktaking call for update and new entries 2018-2019 was launched on 2 July 2018 with the deadline for submission reached on 12 December 2018
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019 will be displaying 1,061 nominated projects
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2019 will be displaying 18 winner projects and 72 champion projects
- Both publications will be released at WSIS Forum 2019 (8-12 April 2019)
- WSIS Stocktaking database reached new records with 11.000+ entries and a growing community of 350,000 stakeholders (2004-2019)

www.wsis.org/stocktaking

WSIS Prizes: An Integral Part of the WSIS Stocktaking

Most globally recognized contest awarding best ICT practices for SDGs

New Record High: 1000+ nominated projects

- On 2 July 2018, ITU has launched the WSIS Prizes 2019 Call, 8th edition of this major global exercise in recognizing best ICT practices that are implementing the WSIS Action Lines and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. All bureaus and General Secretariat were encouraged to promote the nominations for WSIS Prizes 2019. The deadline for submission was 12 December 2018.
- The list of 1,062 nominated projects is available at WSIS Prizes 2019 website www.wsis.org/prizes
- Public Online Voting (identification of five projects per category with the highest number of votes) took place from 21 December 2018 till 10 February 2019 collecting more than 2 million votes from more than 100,000 registered stakeholders
- Five projects in each of 18 categories were selected within the most voted projects to represent 2019 WSIS Prize Champions and the list of all 90 Champions is available at the WSIS Prizes 2019 website www.wsis.org/prizes
- WSIS Prize 2019 Winners will be announced only during the WSIS Forum 2019 (8-12 April, Geneva)

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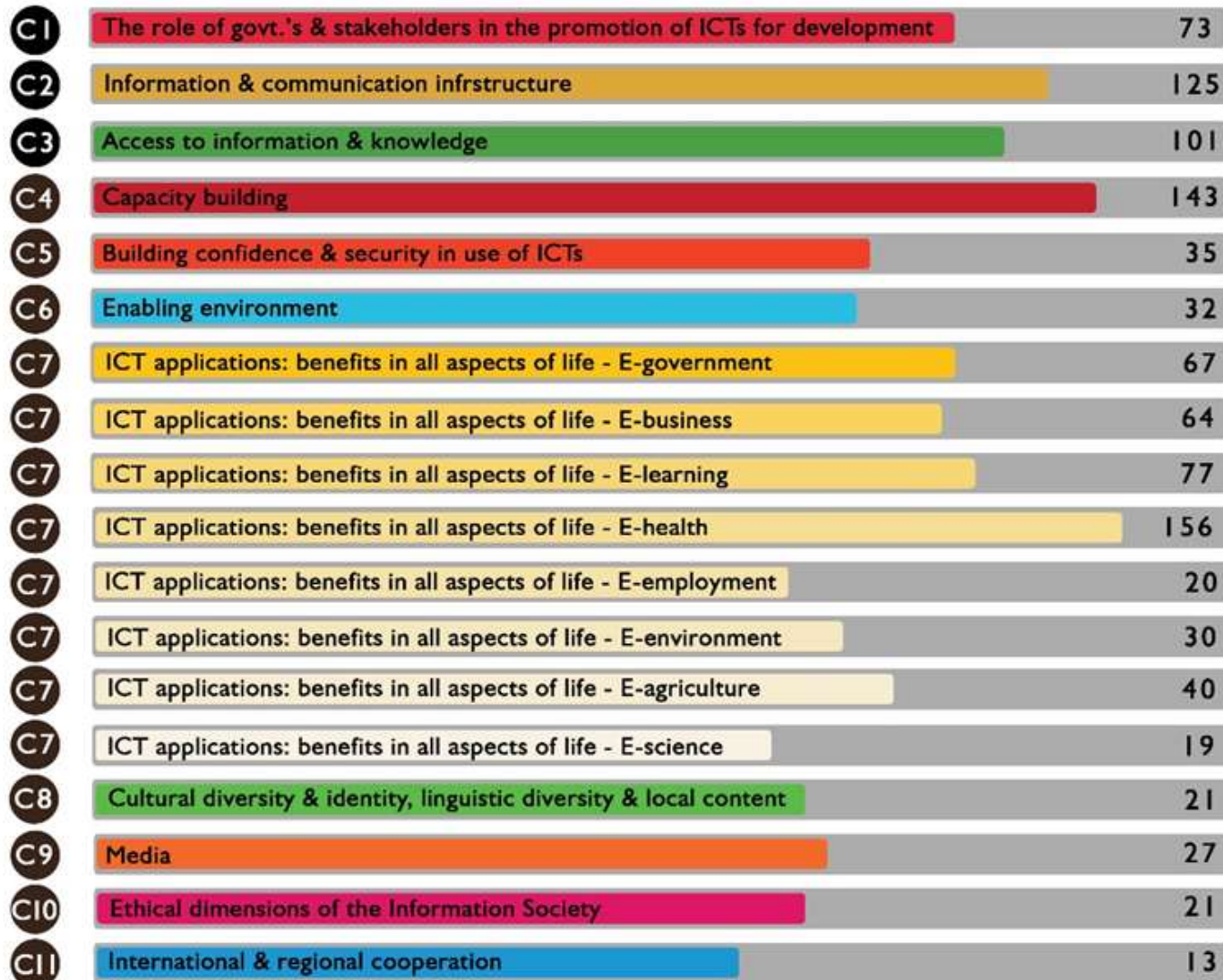
#WSIS PRIZES 2019

#ICT4SDG PROJECTS IN FIGURES



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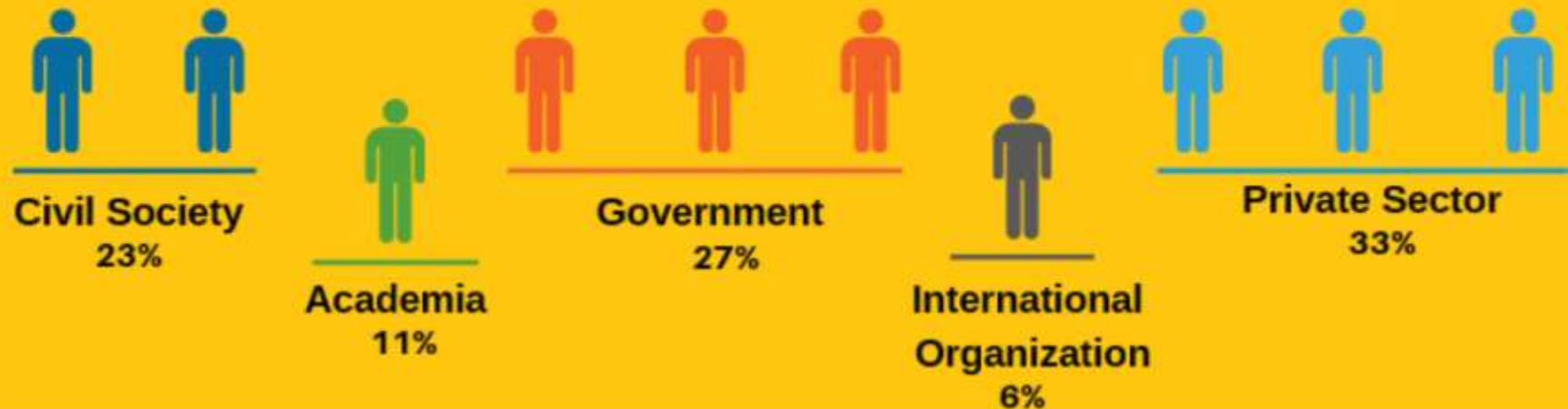
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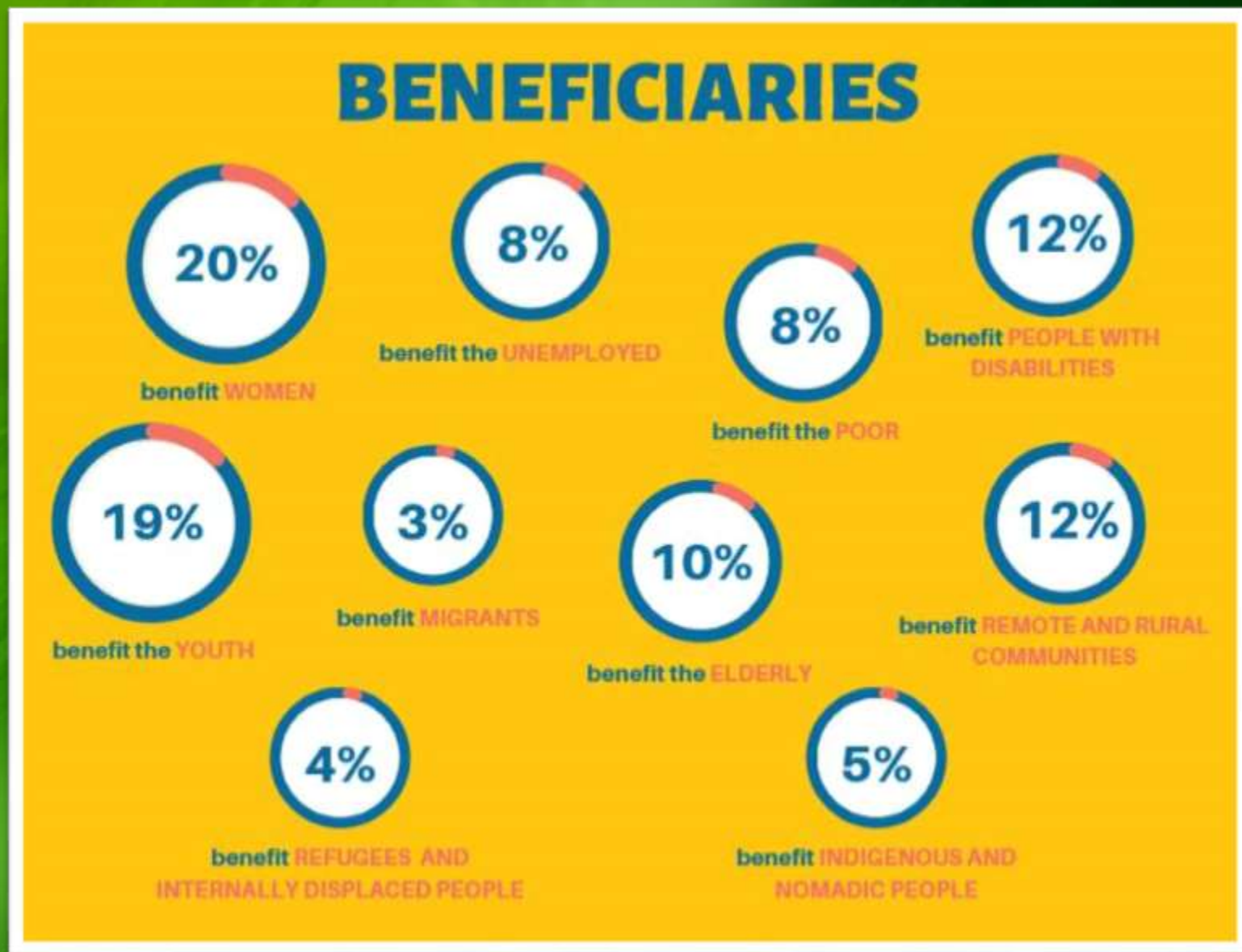
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ENTITIES



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WSIS Forum 2019 Photo Contest: Call for New Entries



WSIS Forum Photo Contest 2019 invites the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. **SUBMIT** your photos at www.wsis.org/forum



WSIS Social Media Analysis



6,698 Likes



5,352 followers



1,236 Followers





I meet you at WSIS

Onsite networking platform

The platform gives the possibility to

- View the profiles and interests of the other attendees
- Discover which of your Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook contacts are also attending
- Build a personalized schedule of talks to attend
- Download hand-outs and materials for sessions
- Schedule one-on-one meetings with other attendees
- Join the discussions about WSIS related topics and issues



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For even more opportunities to **engage with the WSIS**, be sure to check out our social media channels. Learn more about the WSIS Process, experience WSIS Forum events through videos, follow our stories, raise questions, and meet other stakeholders .



Thank You



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