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Information and Knowledge Societies for Sustainable Development Goals
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WSIS FORUM 2019

8-12 April 2019, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

WSIS&SDGs Taskforce



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



I meet you @WSIS : Online 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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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)
- WSIS Talks

Polish Mission

- Briefing for Chairman and HLTFs
- Donors dinner

Intercontinental Geneva

- Gala Dinner

WSIS Forum 2019: Chairman Designate

H.E. Mr. Mustafa Jabbar

*Minister, Ministry of Posts,
Telecommunications and Information
Technology, **Bangladesh***



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.



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

Sessions practical Information

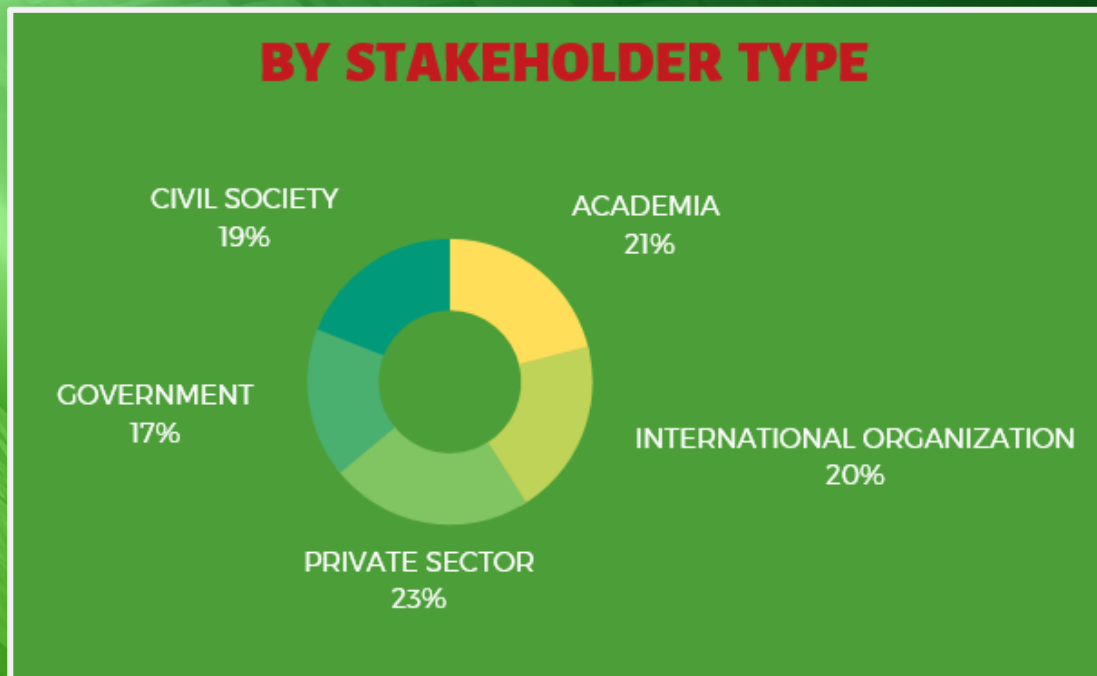
- Number of Speakers: 120
- Total Length of HL Panels: 8 hours approximately
- Services: Interpretation and captioning
- Length of intervention: 3-4 minutes
- Structure of Intervention
 - General
 - Theme-related
 - Recommendations
- Outcome of each session to be reported by HL Track Facilitator



Preliminary Results of OCP

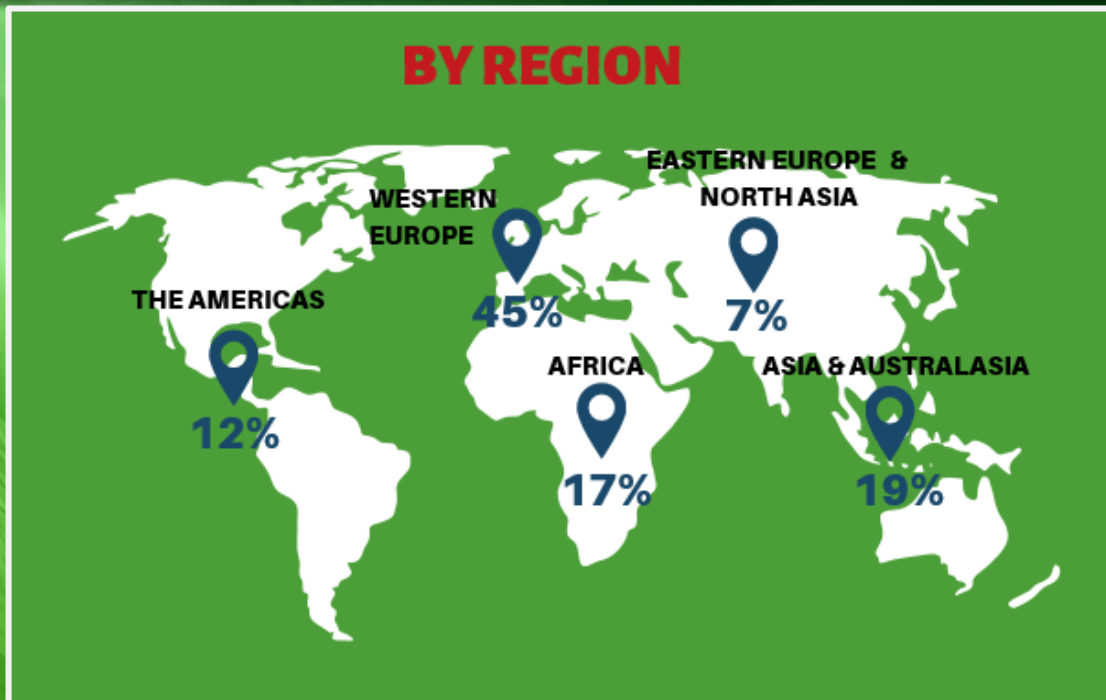
- Innovative and informative submissions received during online and physical phases
- Agenda and program are being designed in collaboration with the multi-stakeholder community and based on the submissions received
- Highest number of submissions received from Private Sector (23%), Academia (21%), International 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

OCP Submissions: 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

OCP Submissions: by Region



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

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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



THEME TITLES

Main Themes and Titles

- 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.



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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

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/Accessibility 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	WSIS Talks	

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



EXHIBITION

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



WSIS Forum: Partnership Announcements



United Arab Emirates

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Information
Technology
Authority (ITA)
Sultanate of Oman



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
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Swiss Confederation

Federal Office of Communications OFCOM

OF
COM
Switzerland



The Institute of
Electrical and
Electronics Engineers
(IEEE)



MIC

Ministry of Internal
Affairs and
Communications
(Japan)

PARTNERS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES



World Summit
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Turning targets into action
Geneva 2003 | Tunis 2005 | New York 2015



WSIS Forum: Partnership Announcements



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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**



WSIS Forum 2019 Hackathon

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 have an idea or an existing project related to good education available to all

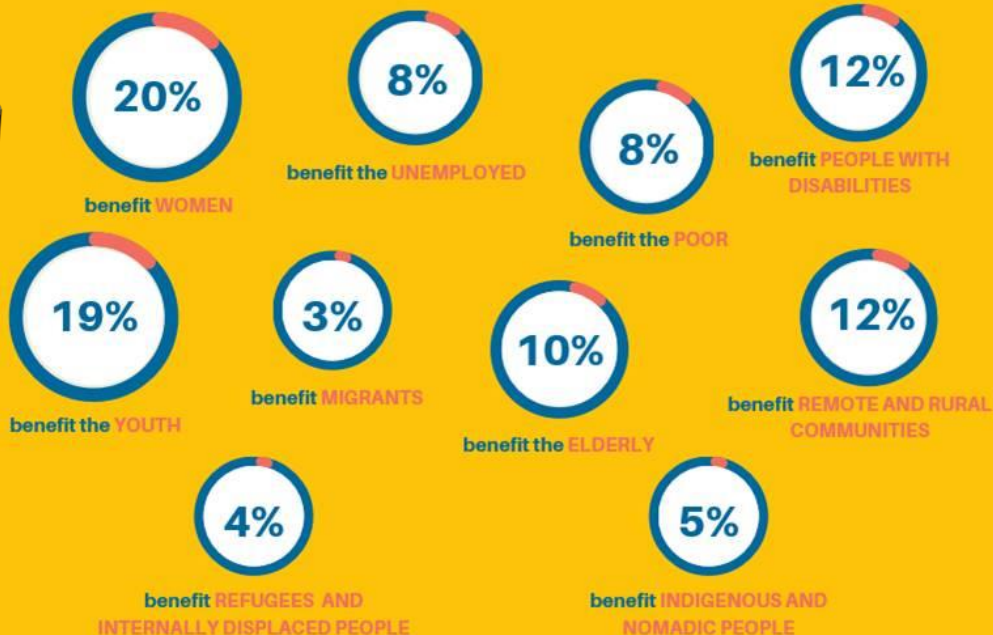
Hacking Solutions for Lifelong Learning and Livelihoods



WSIS Prizes: An Integral Part of the WSIS Stocktaking

Most globally recognized contest awarding best ICT practices for SDGs

BENEFICIARIES

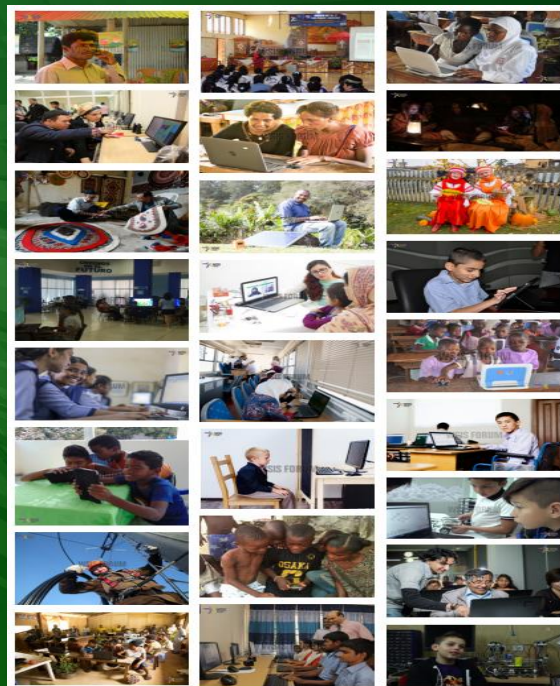


WSIS Forum 2019 Photo Contest: Call for New Entries



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



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Open
Consultation
Process

Best Practices

WSIS Prizes

Special Tracks

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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 .



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