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WSIS Forum 2019

First Physical Meeting of the Open Consultation Process

12 November, 12:20 - 13:20

Room III, UNESCO Headquarters

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Information and Communication Technologies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Open Consultation Process

Best Practices

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What is WSIS Forum?

The annual WSIS Forum is a global multi-stakeholder platform facilitating the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for advancing sustainable development.

The Forum provides an opportunity for information exchange, knowledge creation and sharing of best practices, while identifying emerging trends and fostering partnerships, taking into account the evolving Information and Knowledge Societies.

Who can participate?

Any stakeholder working on ICTs for SDGs including Governments, Private Sector, Civil Society/Technical Communities, International Organisations.

Heads of state/government and Vice-Presidents, Ministers, Vice-Ministers and Heads of delegation and other high-level representatives from more than 170 countries.

What is the purpose?

The WSIS Forum is constantly evolving and strengthening the alignment between the WSIS Action Lines and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Forum serves as a key platform for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the SDGs and targets.

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WSIS Forum 2019: KPIs

Information and Communication Technologies 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
- **72** WSIS Champions
- **25+** stands at the **Exhibition**
- **Balanced** multistakeholder participation

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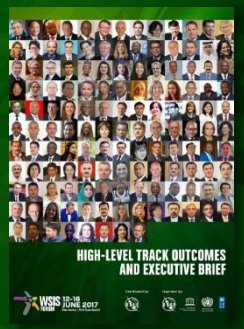
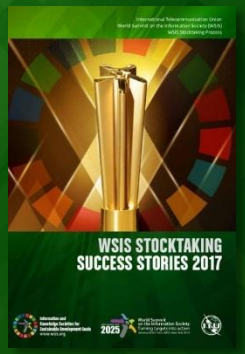
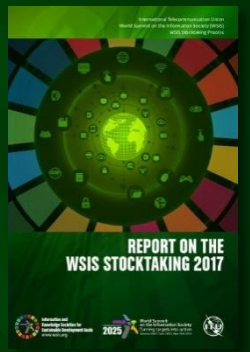
WSIS Forum 2019: Programmed Outcomes

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 2018 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2019







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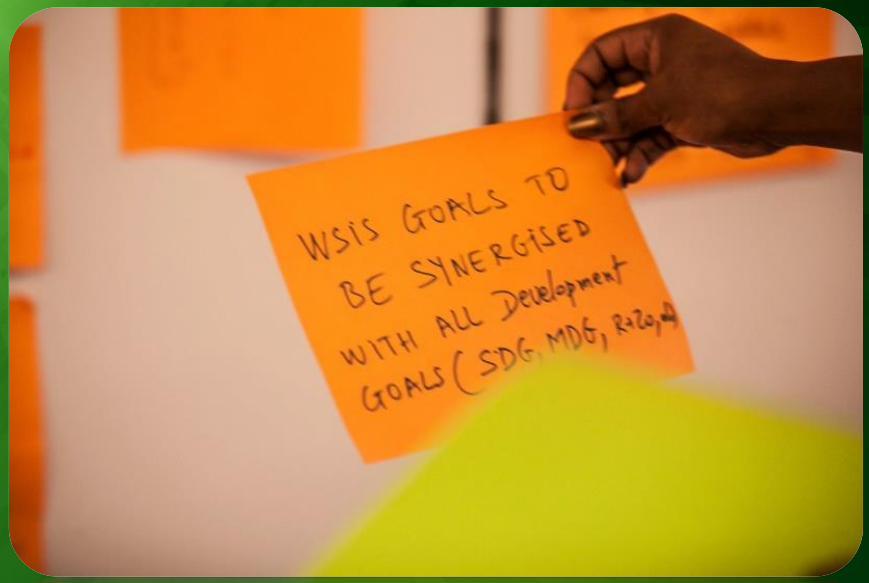
WSIS Forum 2009-2019
A Decade Since the First WSIS Forum

- First gathering of WSIS community took place in 2009 in ITU HQ
- Let us celebrate together the implementation of WSIS Process
- Special event to mark the anniversary at the WSIS Forum 2019



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Accessibility Day at WSIS Forum 2019

Following the WSIS stakeholders call to celebrate ICTs in advancing accessibility, WSIS Forum 2019 will explore special events dedicated to this important matter and success stories – join us!

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Reminder of Open Calls

- WSIS Forum 2019:
  - 8-12 April 2019 : Registration will be open 1 month in advance
  - High level Track on 9-10 April: Speaker requests for Ministers, CEOs and Head of Organizations will be available soon
  - Open Consultation Process Formal Submission: Deadline 10 February 2019
  - Call for High level Track Facilitators: Deadline 10 February 2019
  - Photo Contest : 10 February 2019
- WSIS Prizes 2018: Deadline for Nomination: **30 November 2018!**
- WSIS Stocktaking 2019: **30 November 2018!**

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The Open Consultation process (OCP) aims at ensuring a **participatory and inclusive** spirit of the Forum. This process actively engages multistakeholders in the preparatory process 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:

- Launch of the OCP
  2 July 2018
- 1st Physical Meeting/ during IGF 2018
  2 November 2018
- 2nd Physical Meeting
  January/February 2019
  (To be confirmed)
- Deadline for Submissions
  10 February 2019
- Final Brief
  8 March 2019

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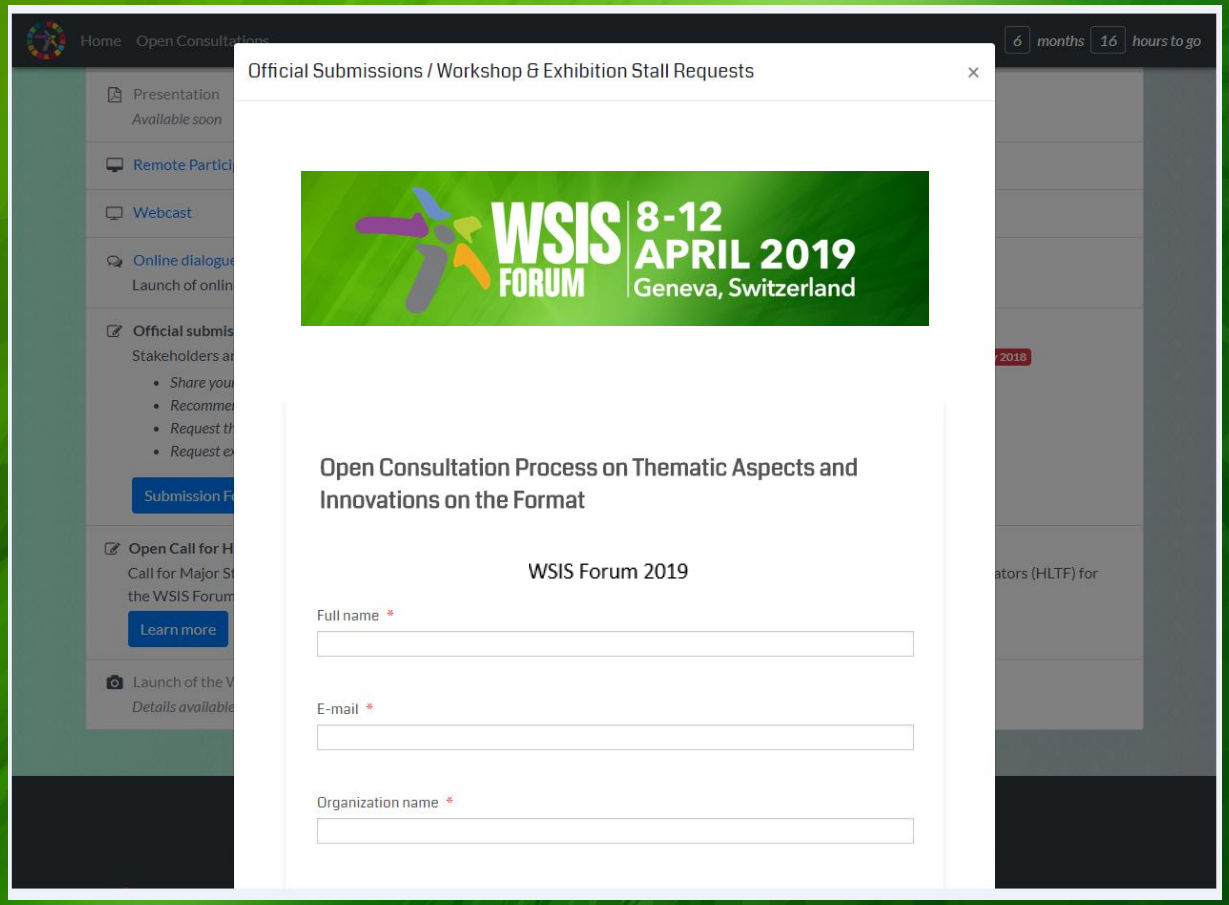

Official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format to be made via

www.wsis.org/forum

by 10 February 2019

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WSIS Stocktaking Process: An Opportunity for Global Promotion

The Call for the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019 is Ongoing

- **Submit your ICT-related projects and initiatives and share best practices of implementing WSIS Action Lines and advancing SDGs!**
- Submitted activities will be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019 which will be released at **WSIS Forum 2019 (8-12 April 2019).**
- WSIS Stocktaking database reached new records **with 10.000+ entries** and a growing **community of 350,000** stakeholders.

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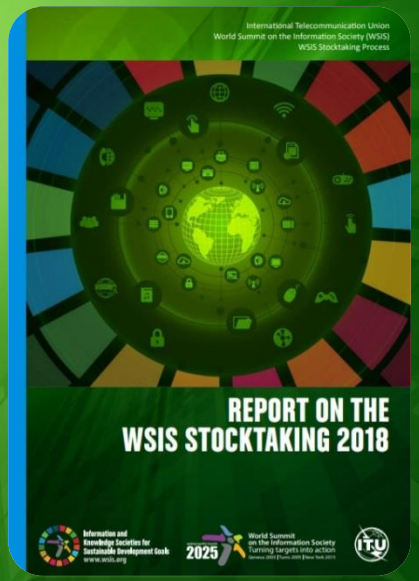

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WSIS Prizes: An Integral Part of the WSIS Stocktaking

Most global recognized contest awarding best ICT practices for SDGs

SUBMIT your ICT projects for WSIS Prizes 2019
By 30 November 2018

- Each year, WSIS Prizes is recognizing 18 winners and 72 champions. In **2018 another record-breaking contest was implemented with 685 submitted projects, out of which 492 were nominated** with 45% increase since 2017
- **New Call for WSIS Prizes 2019 has been launched –** WSIS Community is invited to submit ICT-related projects and promote this process within their communities and networks
- Since 2016, WSIS Prizes reflects close linkages with achieving SDGs, becoming one of the most globally appreciated efforts for collecting and promoting ICT-related projects and initiatives that also enable progress towards achieving SDGs on local, regional and global level

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OPEN CALL: WSIS Forum 2019 High-Level Track Facilitators

- Open Call for Major Stakeholder Coordination Mechanisms following the WSIS Process to Identify and Nominate High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) for the WSIS Forum 2019;
- At the WSIS Forum 2019, the High-Level Policy Sessions of the High-level Track (HLT) will take place on the 9 and 10 April. The main task of the HLTF is to capture the vision, Identify emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the leaders of their session.
- The Policy Sessions will be moderated by High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) nominated and identified by each stakeholder type i.e Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Technical/ Academic community and International Organization.
- Each stakeholder type is invited to launch an **Open Call** to identify HLTF to represent their respective communities.

Nominations should be submitted to the WSIS Secretariat
at wsis-info@itu.int by 10 February 2019

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WSIS Forum 2019 Photo Contest: Call for New Entries

- Following the successful second edition in 2018, **WSIS Forum continues to exercise the Photo Contest in 2019** and invite the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Participate in building a collage of ICT for Sustainable Development photographs from around the world by promoting the Photo Contest within your networks and communities. The three winning entries in the WSIS photo contest will be awarded and presented at the WSIS Forum 2019.
- The contest will collect photos until **10 February 2019**.

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WSIS Forum Building Blocks

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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 2019 bringing together high-level personalities, world class VR experience and a very special focus on education.

TEDxGeneva

After a successful edition last year, TEDxGeneva and the WSIS Forum are back to bring you to the crossroads of our fast-changing society--the crossroads of technology acceleration, human tradition, artificial intelligence, and an interconnected world.

TEDx Geneva
x = independently organized TED event

Hackathon

As a continuation of the discussions initiated at the 2016 WSIS Forum, first ever Hackathon was held successfully in 2017 on e-Health, and in 2018 the main topic was e-Agriculture. Next year a Hackathon on Hacking Solutions for Lifelong Learning and Livelihoods will be held at the WSIS Forum 2019. We invite all interested coders to participate in the WSIS Hackathon.

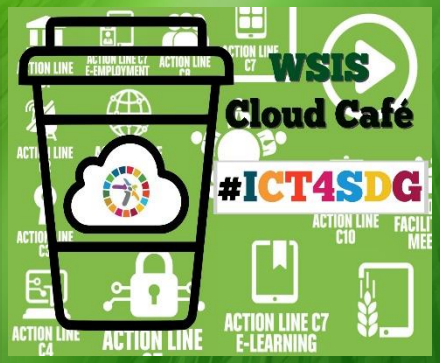
Other tracks : ICT Solutions for SDGs, Innovation Track, Youth Track, Accessibility Track

Youth Engagement at the WSIS Forum 2019

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. WSIS Forum 2018 experienced a successful launch of the Youth Track and we are looking forward to another youth engagement at the upcoming Forum

Vloggers for SDGs

Cloud Café



UN Model

Young Entrepreneurs

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WSIS Forum 2019 Hackathon

Coding for eLearning

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

Why should you participate?

- Because YOUR idea can make a difference in building a sustainable learning for all

How to apply?

As team (ideally between 3 to 8 participants; gender balance would be ideal)

NOTE that you can also apply individually (to get matched with an existing team that wishes your support over the course of the Hackathon)

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"The annual WSIS Forum has become a global multistakeholder platform for coordination of the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes, information exchange amongst the different WSIS Stakeholders, knowledge creation and the sharing of best practices. With the goal to evolve and adapt to the future needs of the Information and Knowledge Societies and WSIS process beyond 2015, I invite all Stakeholders to Partner with the WSIS Forum 2019 and look forward to working together towards an impactful Forum."

Mr Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, ITU

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WSIS Forum 2019 Announced Partnerships

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Saudi Arabia as the Gold partner

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Swiss Confederation

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Republic of Poland, Confederation of Switzerland and ICANN as the Contributing partners

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