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Second Physical Meeting of the Open Consultation Process

31 January, 16:00-18:00

Room C, ITU Headquarters

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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.

Phases of Open Consultation Process

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 with three remaining as follows:

Phase III	Phase IV	Phase V
2nd Physical Meeting	*Deadline for Submissions*	*Final Brief*
31 January 2019	*10 February 2019*	*8 March 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 / IT
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Hackathon	Forum Track TW / AL / CW/Accessibility Day/ Youth Track/IT	WSIS Prizes / Exhibition	Knowledge Café	Knowledge Café	
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Hackathon	Forum Track TW / AL / CW/Accessibility Day/ Youth Track/IT	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Closing of HL Segment	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	Closing
Hackathon	Donors Dinner	Reception / Certificates	Gala Dinner	TEDx Talks	

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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)

Polish Mission

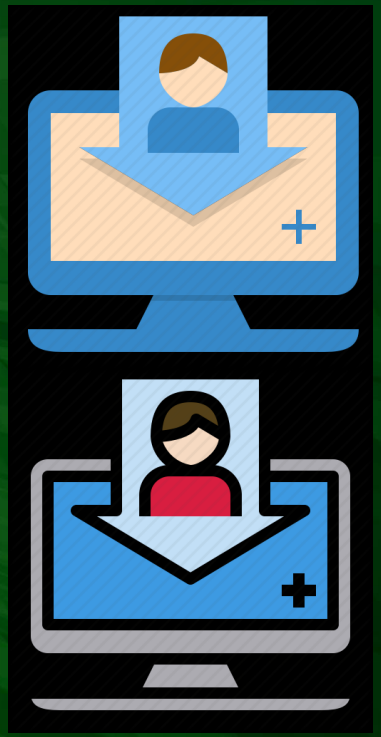
- Briefing for Chairman and HLTFs
- Donors dinner

Venues to be confirmed

- Gala Dinner
- TEDxGeneva Talks

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

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

Deadline EXTENDED: 18th February 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
- High-level Speaking requests for Ministers, CEOs and Heads of Organizations can be made online here: https://www.itu.int/go/wsispolicystatements

WSIS Forum 2019: KPIs

- **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

- 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

Special Session on ICTs (WSIS Action Lines) for SDGs

HLPF 2019 will address the theme: Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality

The ability to empower people through digital learning. ICTs have the potential to connect those who are marginalized and those in remote areas and conflict zones to education opportunities, increase literacy rates through mobile technology based literacy programs, improve quality through appropriate pedagogical approaches supported by ICTs, and facilitate lifelong learning for all through ICTs supported non-formal education and informal learning.

ICTs can be a powerful catalyst for political and social empowerment of women, and the promotion of gender equality.

Provide universal and affordable access to the Internet. ICTs are essential for a resilient 21st century infrastructure and access to services and applications. (ICTs) are an important driver and are essential for the fourth industrial revolution to be fully realized.

ICTs are catalysts that accelerate all three pillars of sustainable development – economic growth, social inclusion and environmental sustainability.

Launch of the WSIS&SDGs Talks

TechSparks promises to be a new series of talks to be launched in the marks of the WSIS Forum 2019 to discuss how **ICTs are use to advance sustainable development and accelerate the SDGs**.

The theme of **TechSparks** is not on a single subject, but leaves room for a wide variety of topics revolving around technology such as: education, sports, the environment, architecture amongst others.

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.

Nominate High level Track Facilitators at:
wsis-info@itu.int
Deadline 10 February 2019

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

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 **special focus** on education.

TEDxGeneva

Following three successful editions since 2016, TEDxGeneva and the WSIS Forum are back together to bring you to the **crossroads of technology acceleration, human tradition, artificial intelligence, and an interconnected world**. Inspirational talks on Technology, Entertainment and Design will take place on 11 April.

Hackathon

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

Accessibility Day

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**

Innovation Track

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**."

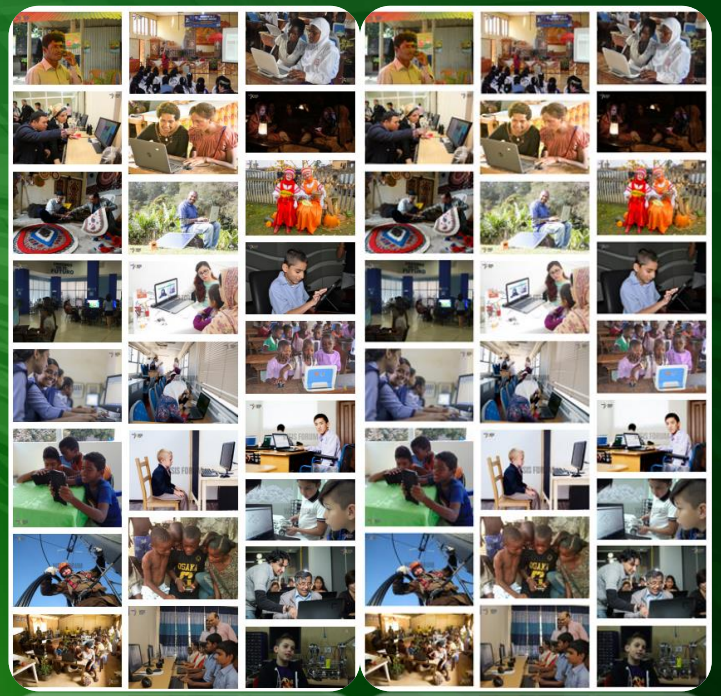
Youth Track

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.

ICTs and Sports

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.**

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**

Deadline: 10 February 2019

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

The Call for the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019: finished on 12 December 2018

- The new WSIS Stocktaking call for update and new entries 2018-2019 was launched on 2 July 2018 with the deadline reached on 5 December 2018
- 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 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.
- Public Online Voting (identification of five projects per category with the highest number of votes) 21 December 2018 – 10 February 2019 (Deadline for casting last vote: 23:00 Geneva time)
- Stakeholders are invited to participate and cast their vote for one project in each of 18 categories
- The list of nominated projects is available at WSIS Prizes 2019 website www.wsis.org/prizes
- All nominees are invited to run strong and fair campaign during the Online Voting phase
- Five most voted projects in each of 18 categories will move to next phase for selection process
- On 18 February, we plan to announce all WSIS Prizes 2019 Champions, while the Winners will be announced only during the WSIS Forum 2019 (8-12 April, Geneva)

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WSIS Forum 2019: Reminder of Open Calls

- 8-12 April 2019 : **Registration is now open!**
  - **Deadline for accreditation for newcomers is 22 March 2019**
- **High level Track on 9-10 April**: Speaker requests for Ministers, CEOs and Head of Organizations
  - **It is now open**
- Open Consultation Process Formal Submission though the form available **at www.wsis.org/forum**
  - **Deadline 10 February 2019**
- Nominate High level Track Facilitators at wsis-info@itu.int
  - **Deadline 10 February 2019**
- WSIS Photo Contest 2019
  - **Deadline 10 February 2019**

WSIS Prizes 2019: Deadline for Voting: **10 February 2019**

Contact WSIS Team at wsis-info@itu.int

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