World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

WSIS FORUM 2020

Open Consultation Process – Launch

4 June 2019
WSIS Forum 2019: KEY FIGURES

- 3000+ ICT experts and implementation actors attended
- 300+ content-rich sessions organized
- 150+ countries engaged
- 500+ high-level representatives participated

#WSIS 3rd most trending Worldwide @High-Level opening
WSIS Forum 2019: PARTICIPATION

Representation of Participation by Stakeholder Type

- International Organization: 17%
- Private Sector: 18%
- Government: 20%
- Civil Society: 30%
- Academia: 15%

Representation of Participation by Region

- The Americas: 43%
- Western Europe: 17%
- Eastern Europe and Northern Asia: 7%
- Africa: 10%
- Asia and Australasia: 23%

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WSIS Forum 2019: PARTICIPATION

Gender Participation in the WSIS Forum 2019

Female: 41%
Male: 59%
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 2020 is structured in six phases as follows:

- **Launch of the OCP**
  - 4 June 2019

- **1st Physical Meeting**
  - 20 June 2019

- **3rd Physical Meeting**
  - January/February 2020

- **Deadline for Submissions**
  - 3 February 2020

- **2nd Physical Meeting**
  - 25-29 November 2019 (during IGF)

- **Final Brief**
  - 28 February 2020
Official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format to be made via

www.wsis.org/forum

- **STEP 1** Create your account:—this step has been added in response to the demand by several stakeholders. With this account you will be able to save your form and also save it and complete it in stages.
- **Step 2:** Once your account is created you can fill up the official form and submit it well in advance—before the deadline **by 3 February 2020**
OPEN CALL: WSIS Forum 2020 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 2020;

At the WSIS Forum 2020, the High-Level Policy Sessions of the High-level Track (HLT) will take place on 31 March and 1 April 2020. 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 3 February 2020
WSIS Stocktaking: 2019-2020 Call for Update and New Entries

Contribute to the publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database www.wsis.org/stocktaking currently with 12,000+ entries and a growing community of more than 350,000 stakeholders.

Note the UN General Assembly call for a close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as WSIS Stocktaking is highlighting the contribution of 11 WSIS Action Lines to the achievement of 17 SDGs.

Promote the ECOSOC resolution 2018/28 reiterating the importance of sharing best practices at the global level, and encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform.

NEW CALL for Submissions will be released in June 2019, and the newly submitted activities will be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2020, which will be released at the WSIS Forum 2020.

SUBMIT by 3 February 2020 and be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2020!
New Call for WSIS Prizes 2020 contest will be launched soon 2019 – inviting WSIS Community to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives that also help advance SDGs.

All WSIS Stakeholders are encouraged to **SUBMIT** their project descriptions to the WSIS Prizes contest from **June 2019 until 1 December 2019**

[www.wsis.org/prizes](http://www.wsis.org/prizes)

**Champions** will be announced in February 2019 while the **Winners** will be announced during the **WSIS Prizes Ceremony** at the WSIS Forum 2020 (30 March – 3 April 2020).
Following the successful third edition in 2019, **WSIS Forum continues to exercise the Photo Contest in 2020** 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 contest will be launched in June 2019 and will collect photos until 3 February 2020.**

The three winning entries in the WSIS photo contest will be awarded and presented at the WSIS Forum 2020.
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 2020 bringing together high-level personalities, world class VR experience and a very special focus on education.

WSIS TalkX

Open Space Talk platform dedicated to share experience and inspirational stories from determined ICT practitioners from around the world. Experiences of both daily podcasts and the evening event of WSIS TalkX will be presented.

Hackathon

As a continuation of the discussions initiated at the 2016 WSIS Forum, first ever Hackathon was held successfully in 2017 on e-Health, in 2018 on e-Agriculture, and the recent one on education. We invite all interested coders to participate in the next year’s hackathon at the WSIS Forum 2020.
ICT and Sport
Encourage the international community to promote Sport as an Enabler of Sustainable Development, highlighting the aspects of youth empowerment and innovative Technologies in the form of vibrant multi-stakeholder discussions, workshops, and showcasing sport technology products.

Youth and ICT
WSIS aims to include youth perspectives and engage young people in discussions about how technology can provide a platform where youth can offer their insights and understanding of the information society, its challenges and opportunities, and where they can raise questions but also propose solutions to harvesting the power of ICTs towards equally distributed social impact.

ICT Accessibility
The Accessibility Day aims to inform and observe how ICTs can help people living with disabilities whilst focusing on progressing towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. At the recent WSIS Forum 2019, the Accessibility Day focused on 5 key issues; Security, Communication, Mobility, Education and Emergency.

Other tracks:
- Ageing and ICT
- Gender
- ICT-Startups
Call for WSIS Fund in Trust 2020

Member states, sector members and associates (and WSIS Stakeholders) are invited to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust in 2020 to accelerate the implementation of the WSIS related activities undertaken by ITU.

Learn more about WSIS Process, experience WSIS Forum events through videos, follow our stories, raise questions, meet other stakeholders via our social media channels.
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