WSIS Forum 2020 – Final Brief

Fostering digital transformation and global partnerships: WSIS Action Lines for achieving SDGs
WSIS Forum 2020: Key Figures

- 3000+ ICT experts and implementation actors attended
- 500+ high-level representatives
  - 100+ Ministers and Deputies
  - 20+ Ministers and Deputies other than ICT
- 18 WSIS Prize winners
- 72 WSIS Champions
- 35+ Stands at the Exhibition

Balanced Multistakeholder participation

#WSIS
WSIS FORUM 2020

UN multistakeholder platform facilitating the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line Facilitators/Co-Facilitators and UN Agencies

WSIS Forum 2020 will be held on 6-9 April 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland

The Forum provides an opportunity for information exchange, knowledge creation and sharing best practices of ICTs for development
WSIS+15

The WSIS Forum 2020 (WSIS+15) will provide an opportunity to serve as a platform to track the achievements of WSIS Action Lines in collaboration with the UN Agencies involved and provide information and analyses of the implementation of WSIS Action Lines since 2005.

WSIS Forum 2020 components: Forum Track, High-Level Track, Special Tracks, Hackathon, Exhibition Space, WSIS TalkX, etc.
WSIS Forum 2020: Programmed Outcomes

- WSIS Forum 2020: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2020: High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Action Lines Supporting Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2020)
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2020
- WSIS Forum 2020 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2020
WSIS Forum 2020: Registration

• Registration is available online at WSIS Forum 2020 website: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2020/Home/Registration

• Accreditation is required in order to attend ITU WSIS Forums. New accreditation requests should be submitted as early as possible, and no later than 20 March 2020, to ensure timely administrative processing of the requests.

• Participants who require a visa are advised to complete the accreditation procedures as early as possible before starting their visa process.

• 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 2020: 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 2020: Venues in Focus

**ITU HQ**
- Hackathon
- Forum Track

**CICG and CCV**
- High-Level Track
- Ministerial Roundtable

**Polish Mission**
- Briefing for Chairman and HLTFs
- Donor’s dinner

**Fairmont Grand Hotel**
- Gala Dinner
Open Consultation Process Phases

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.

- **Launch of the OCP**: 4 June 2019
- **1st Physical Meeting**: 20 June 2019
- **2nd Physical Meeting**: 27 November 2019
- **3rd Physical Meeting**: 7 February 2020
- **Deadline for Submissions**: 7 February 2020 (extended)
- **Final Brief**: 28 February 2020

**Final Brief**
- **28 February 2020**
WSIS Forum 2020 – Draft Agenda

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- TW: Thematic Workshop
- AL: Action Lines
- CW: Country Workshop
- HLM: High-level Meeting
- HL: High-level
- RT: Round Table
- WL: Working-level
Chairman Designate at the WSIS Forum 2020

• H.E. Mr. Gustavo Montalvo

• Minister, Ministry of the Presidency, Dominican Republic
High-Level Track at the WSIS Forum 2020

• 7-8 April 2020

• 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 Track: Practical Information**

**Place**

The High-Level Track will take place on the 7th and 8th of April in the International Conference Center Geneva (CICG).

**Badging Info**

All High-Level participants will need to pick-up their badges from the ITU Montbrillant Building before coming to CICG.

All High-Level participants will receive a VIP Lanyard and a Golden PIN to be able to access Special High-Level Events.

**High-Level Policy Sessions**

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

**HL Policy Session Topics**

- Bridging Digital Divides
- Building Confidence and Security in the use of ICTs
- Climate Change
- Cultural Diversity and Heritage, Linguistic diversity and local content
- Digital economy and trade
- Enabling Environment
- Ethical dimensions of information and knowledge societies
- Financing for development and role of ICT
- Gender Mainstreaming
- ICT applications and Services Inclusiveness – access to information and knowledge for all
- Knowledge societies, capacity Building and e-Learning
- Media
- WSIS action lines and the 2030 agenda
High-Level Track: Ministerial Roundtable

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 2020

Participation
Restricted to the Ministers and Deputy Ministers ONLY (no replacements / no observers)

When
Wednesday, 8 April 2020, 14:00 – 16:15

Where
CCV Geneva Room

Outcome
Summary on issues raised and follow up suggested
High-Level Track : High-Level Dialogues

**ITU**

A matter of life or death? When information counts

Ensuring Trustworthy Healthcare in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) World

**UNESCO**

Capacity building for AI literacy, policy, and strategy development: opportunities and challenges

Open Educational Resources: From Recommendations to Action
Results of the OCP

• More than 350 innovative and constructive submissions received during direct official submissions, online discussions and physical meetings

• Agenda and program were designed in collaboration with the multistakeholder community on the basis of the submissions received during the OCP

• Highest number of submissions received from Civil Society (25%), Government (22%), Private Sector (20%), Academia (18%), International Organizations (15%)

• Balanced multistakeholder contributions across regions

• Enhanced stakeholders’ participation from the wider community including women, older persons, youth and persons with disabilities

• Enrich the dialogue, networking and partnership
Results of the OCP – Contributions by Region

Western Europe: 35%
The Americas: 15%
Africa: 19%
Eastern Europe & North Asia: 22%
Asia and Australasia: 9%

*Please note that about half of submissions from Western Europe came from the headquarters of International Organizations*
Results of the OCP — Contributions by Stakeholder type

- Civil Society: 25%
- Private Sector: 20%
- Academia: 18%
- Governments: 22%
- International Organization: 15%
Innovative Format

- Workshops: enhance dialogue, Q&A sessions, participatory and problem based approaches
- Interactive sessions: fishbowls, world cafés, thinktanks, etc.
- Round table & Expert sessions
- Design workshops including Regional, national and local perspectives
- Cross Sectoral issues: increase the participation of the youth, private sector, experts, women, and Ministers and Parliamentarians
- Platform for Global Surveys & Interviews
- Open spaces: have a space where attendees can observe users with disabilities
- Communication app
- Dynamic & Interactive
- Linked with the SDGs process
- Ideathons and Hackathons
- Daily outcomes of WSIS FORUM to be encouraged, presented and promoted

Appreciation for ensuring an inclusive and open format since the inception
Suggested Themes and Titles

- WSIS Action Lines for SDGs
- Youth in ICT for SDGs
- Education
- Innovation
- Virtual Reality
- 5G
- ICTs and Older Persons
- Media
- Bridging the Digital Divide
- E-Environment and Climate Change
- Cultural diversity
- Sustainable Health
- Capacity Building
- Blockchain
- Strengthening ICT Connectivity and Digital Inclusion
- Gender Mainstreaming
- Cybersecurity
- Digital Transformation
- Emerging technologies
- Artificial Intelligence and Ethics
- ICTs for e-government
- ICTs and Sports
- Data protection
- Smart Cities
- Access to the digital economy
- ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities
- Big data and social change
- Accessibility
- ICT Success Stories
- Role of the private sector in implementing SDGs
- Using data effectively to inform ICT policy
- Vision, impact and role of the WSIS Process in Development Issues
Suggestions - 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 on the evolution of the Action Line in 15 years** 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-up 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**.

• **Follow up and documentation of the implementation of the WSIS Forum Outcomes announced by Stakeholders**.
WSIS Forum - Strengthening linkages with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

• The WSIS forum is an annual opportunity to benchmark progress, share success stories and learning experiences and incentivize further action for SDGs
• The importance to increase the efforts on a bottom-up approach in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda using ICTs
• To add best practice projects or country cases that focus on achievement of specific Action Lines and/or SDGs
• To formulate a more comprehensive strategy to connect with and substantively involve communities of practice including technology developers such as entrepreneurs, start-ups, innovations hubs etc.
• To develop an open ICT base system to monitor and follow up every WSIS actions to achieve SDG implementation
• The need for private-public collaborations to foster innovation and projects related to ICTs
• Increase the focus on action and progress. Enhance the monitoring and measuring of the SDGs and the WSIS Action Lines
Forum Track at the WSIS Forum 2020

- Country and Thematic Workshops
- WSIS Action Line Facilitators Meetings
- Special Tracks
- WSIS TalkX
- Hackathon on Smart and Sustainable Cities
- Exhibition
- Open Space Talks
- Prizes Café
- Youth Speak
- UNGIS
Special Tracks – WSIS Forum 2020

- ICTs and Youth
- ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs
- ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming
- ICTs and Older Persons
- ICTs and Sports
- Innovation for SDG
- Extended Reality
Hackathon – Smart and Sustainable Cities at the WSIS Forum 2020

When?

- 5-6 April 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland

What?

- Develop your ideas into tech solutions to help ensure Smart and Sustainable cities!
- #Hack4SmartSustainableCities is part of collaborative effort to organize an annual hackathon at WSIS Forum, which this year aims to identify and support innovative solutions to address cities' challenges globally.

Who?

- No age limit
- Passionate about technology and innovation for positive social/environmental impact

How?

- Link to apply: https://form.jotformeu.com/form/93373750487366
Connecting Dots at the Regional Level

- ITU, UNESCO and UNDP continue playing leading facilitating roles in the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and organize a meeting of UN Regional Commissions at the WSIS Forum

- Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group: **UNESCAP (2019-2020)**
- Permanent Secretariat: **ITU**
- Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the Regional Level and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes
- Strengthening of the regional perspective at the global level of the WSIS Process

- **UN Regional Commissions in collaboration with other working towards regional WSIS UN Agencies implementation reviews.**

- WSIS Regional Review Asia-Pacific was recently held on 28 August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting was jointly organized by ITU and UN ESCAP.
- Regional review of the WSIS action lines implementation in accordance with ESCAP resolution 72/10.
- Contributing as the regional formal submission to the WSIS Forum 2020 Open Consultation Process by bringing the regional trends, challenges and opportunities to the global dialogue on the WSIS implementation
United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)

31 Members of UNGIS reiterated commitment to the WSIS Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes.

**Current co-chairs: ITU and UNDP**

**Vice-Chairs: UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNESCAP**

### Activities in 2019

**WSIS Forum 2019**
- UNGIS High-Level Leaders Breakfast, 9 April 2019, Geneva
- UNGIS Working Level Meeting, 12 April 2019, Geneva

**HLPF 2019**
- UNGIS Joint Statement
- Side Event “Fostering digital transformation and global partnerships for SDG achievement” (Aligning WSIS process with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 11 July 2019, New York)
- UNGIS Technical Meeting, 11 July 2019, New York

### Upcoming activities

**WSIS Forum 2020**
- UNGIS High-Level Leaders Breakfast, 7 April 2020, Geneva
- UNGIS Working Level Meeting, 8 April 2020, Geneva

**HLPF 2020**
- UNGIS Joint Statement
- UNGIS Side-event
- UNGIS Technical Meeting
New Services & Tools for Stakeholders Engagement

- Sign Language
- WSIS Forum website in six UN official languages
- Machine Captioning
WSIS Stocktaking

Your Opportunity to Search, Submit, Promote Your ICT Projects and Databases

Coordinated by ITU since 2004

Established in 2004, WSIS Stocktaking database reached new records with 12,000+ entries and a growing community of 350,000 stakeholders.

In last two years, we have received 2000 entries.

Online Platform hosting different repositories

Besides **WSIS Prizes and ICT for SDGs projects**, also hosting repositories on **Artificial Intelligence, Accessibility, eHealth, Gender**-related projects, etc.

Contribute in further expanding our database.

WSIS Stocktaking Reports

Each year WSIS Stocktaking issues two global reports:
- **WSIS Stocktaking Global Report**
- **WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories**

WSIS Stocktaking also issues six **Regional Reports** reflecting regional aspects

WSIS Photo Contest 2020

More than 200 photos were received for WSIS Photo Contest 4th Edition: Winners and Finalist will soon be announced. We invite you to use our photo database in promoting ICT for SDGs and visit WSIS Photo Contest 2020 Exhibition during WSIS Forum 2020

www.wsis.org/stocktaking
WSIS Photo Contest 2020: Winners Announced

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Title
Confident tea-garden worker

Caption
A tea-garden worker who works in the garden can now-a-days maintain the connectivity with her domestic front very easily with the help of mobile-telephony. This augments her performance on the field as she gets less disturbed and more concentration because of reduced home-front hassles. This also keeps her jovial and less-fatigued in her vast working-atmosphere as she also can have her favourite tunes during her job by playing from her handset.

Organization
Govt. service
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Title: The digital revolution in rural Nigeria

Caption: Digital inclusion at work in rural Nigeria. The latest farming info is affordably arriving through smart feature phones.

Organization: KaiOS Technologies
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Title
Informal E-waste recycling affects children
Health & Environmental Risk - promote
Child Labor

Caption
Child labor: A boy carrying a load of electronics items, circuit boards from computers, laptops, tablets, mobile phones for recycling. Children are prone to work in informal e-waste recycling industry in metropolitan cities attached to rural dwelling and slums. Smashed up circuit boards are gold mine of precious and semi precious metals. Careless extraction lead to environmental hazards and also health related disorders related to brain and nervous system systems. It also promotes child labor.

Organization
Jain Institute of Technology
WSIS Prizes 2020: 9th Annual Awards

An exceptional international recognition of WSIS Stakeholders as Winners and Champions for their excellence in supporting the implementation of WSIS outcomes, in particular WSIS Action Lines supporting achievement of Sustainable Development Goals

- 90 WSIS Prizes 2020 Champions are announced: explore and promote

www.wsis.org/prizes

- In 2020, more than 800 Submitted Projects

- All submitted projects presented linkages with WSIS Action Lines and Sustainable Development Goals

- Congratulations to all participants!
WSIS Prizes 2020: Submission Data

**Number of Projects per Regional Distribution**
- Middle East and North Africa: 165
- Asia & Pacific: 353
- Europe: 28
- Latin America & Caribbean: 97
- Africa: 133

**Number of Projects per Target Beneficiary Group**
- Women: 56%
- Youth: 47%
- People with disabilities: 31%
- The unemployed: 26%
- Older persons: 28%
- Remote and rural communities: 35%
- Migrants: 13%
- Refugees and internally displaced people: 10%
- The poor: 28%
- Indigenous and nomadic peoples: 16%

**Number of Projects per Entity Type**
- Academia: 12%
- Private Sector: 31%
- International Organization: 4%
- Civil Society: 19%
- Government: 34%
WSIS Prizes 2020: Data on Nominees

Another level of recognition was introduced in WSIS Prizes 2020: up to 20 projects were nominated per each WSIS Action Line.

More than 2 million votes were cast during the Online Voting Phase (21 December 2019 – 24 January 2020).

352 among over 800 submitted projects
WSIS Prizes 2020: Data on Nominees

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WSIS Prizes 2020: Data on Champions

Champions Announced

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18 Winners will be publicly announced at the WSIS Prizes 2020 Winners Ceremony on 7 April

72 Champions will also be celebrated and recognized at the WSIS Prizes 2020 Champions Ceremony on 7 April

To learn more and meet Winners and Champions, visit the WSIS Prizes 2020 Exhibition (7-8 April) and WSIS Prizes 2020 World Café on 9 April
WSIS Forum 2020 - Visibility and Partnership packages

- Strategic Partner: Platinum
  - Enhanced Visibility Offer for Strategic Partner Platinum (Exclusive)

- Strategic Partner: Gold
  - Enhanced Visibility Offer for Strategic Partner Gold

- Strategic Partner: Silver
  - Enhanced Visibility Offer for Strategic Partner Silver

- Partner: Contributing
  - Enhanced Visibility Offer for Contributing Partner

- Partner: Specific Activities
  - Enhanced Visibility Offer for Partner for Specific Activities

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# Partnership Announcement

## Platinum Partner
- [United Arab Emirates](#)

## Gold Plus Partner
- [MIC](#)
- [UAE](#)
- [Group of 20](#)
- [IEEE](#)

## Gold Partner

## Partners for specific activities

## Supporting Partners
- [IKI](#)
- [RWA](#)
- [International Partnership for SBIR](#)
- [ICANN](#)
- [Internet Society](#)

## Supporting Partners
- [Ifip](#)
- [Global Coalition on Aging](#)
- [Geneva Tonga Initiative](#)
- [Université de Genève](#)
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