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WSIS Forum 2022: Briefing



**WSIS
FORUM 2022**

Starting on 15 March

Final week 30 May - 3 June



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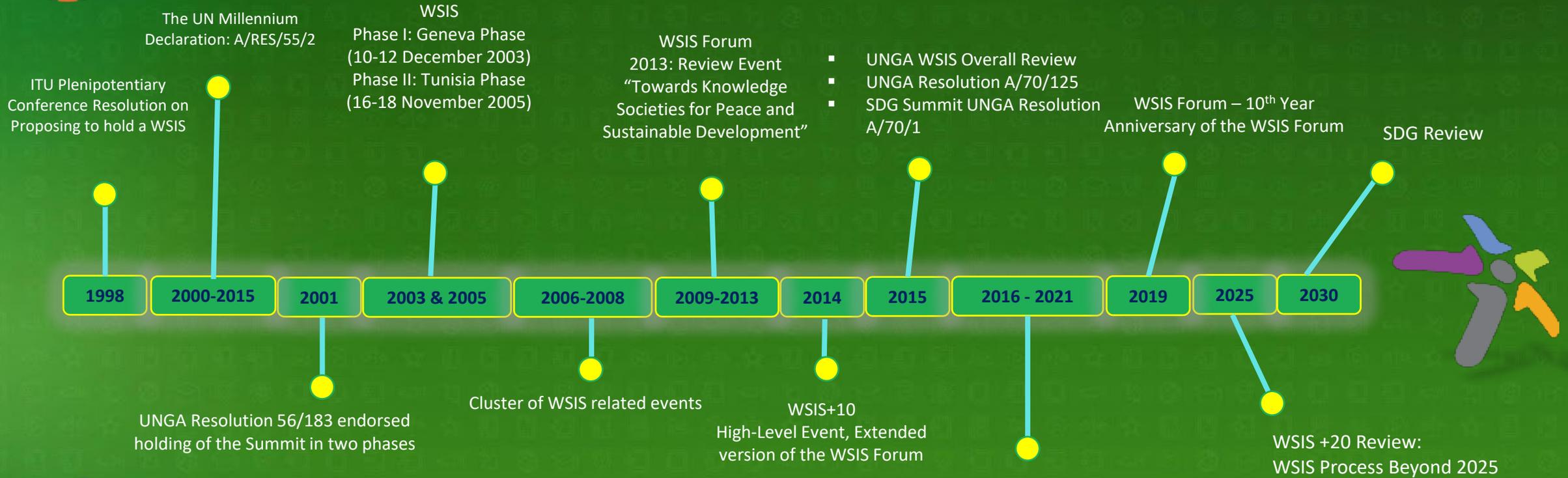


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WSIS Process Timeline



WSIS IS HELD EVERY YEAR

- 2017: 12-16 June
- 2018: 21-25 May
- 2019: 8-12 April
- 2020: 22 June - final week (7-10 September)
- 2021: January onwards - final week (17-21 May)
- 2022: March Onwards – final week 30 May – 3 June

- 2016: "Ensuring that no one is left behind"
- 2017: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world"
- 2018: "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
- 2019: "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality"
- 2020: "Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"
- 2021: "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"
- 2022: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"



WSIS Action Lines – Sustainable Development Goals

Impact of the WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals



WSIS-SDG Matrix: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/sdg/>

The WSIS implementation mechanism at the international level is organised taking into account the themes and action lines in the Geneva Plan of Action, and moderated or facilitated by UN agencies when appropriate.





WSIS Action Lines and UN Secretary-General 'OUR COMMON AGENDA'



United Nations



Common Agenda

WSIS Action Lines

 LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND	 PROTECT OUR PLANET	 PROMOTE PEACE & PREVENT CONFLICTS	 ABIDE BY INTERNATIONAL LAW & ENSURE JUSTICE	 PLACE WOMEN & GIRLS AT THE CENTER	 BUILD TRUST
 IMPROVE DIGITAL COOPERATION	 ENSURE SUSTAINABLE FINANCING	 BOOST PARTNERSHIPS	 LISTEN TO & WORK WITH YOUTH	 BE PREPARED	

 WSIS ACTION LINE 1 PROMOTION OF ICTS FOR DEVELOPMENT	 WSIS ACTION LINE 2 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE	 WSIS ACTION LINE 3 ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE	 WSIS ACTION LINE 4 CAPACITY BUILDING	 WSIS ACTION LINE 5 BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY IN THE USE OF ICTS	 WSIS ACTION LINE 6 ENABLING ENVIRONMENT
 WSIS ACTION LINE 8 CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND LOCAL CONTENT	 WSIS ACTION LINE 9 MEDIA	 WSIS ACTION LINE 10 ETHICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE INFORMATION SOCIETY	 WSIS ACTION LINE 11 INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION	 WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-BUSINESS	 WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-LEARNING
 WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-HEALTH	 WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-EMPLOYMENT	 WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-ENVIRONMENT	 WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-AGRICULTURE	 WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-GOVERNMENT	 WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-SCIENCE



United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)



UNGIS

UNITED NATIONS GROUP ON THE
INFORMATION SOCIETY FOR DIGITAL
TRANSFORMATION

CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS



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

Current Chair: UNESCO

Vice-Chairs: ITU, UNCTAD, UNDP, UN ESCWA

ITU will be the next Chair of UNGIS for period 2022-2023

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.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION REPOSITORY

The repository of projects by UNGIS members on digital transformation will be used as a reference guide and repository for UN Agencies on different implemented initiatives/activities showing the direct impact of the WSIS Action Lines on SDGs.

UNGIS Digital Transformation Repository

Submission Form

* Denotes a required field.

1. Contact First Name*

2. Contact Last Name*

3. Contact Email Address*

4. Contact Telephone Number

5. Contact Organization*



Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

**PARTNERSHIP ON
MEASURING ICT
FOR DEVELOPMENT**



- Launched in 2004 to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries. The initiative is a direct response to the request made by the WSIS to produce official statistics to monitor the information society.
- The Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development is made up of the 14 partner organisations.
- The Partnership work is coordinated by a Steering Committee, which is elected every 3 years. The current Steering Committee is made up of ITU, UNCTAD, and UN DESA.
- **ITU will be the chair of the Steering committee of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development in 2022.**



UN Regional Commissions



Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group:

UN ESCWA (2021-2022)

Permanent Secretariat: ITU

Annual meetings held at the WSIS Forum

In the outcomes of the UN General Assembly overall review on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (GA Resolution A/70/125), Regional Commissions are invited to continue their work in implementation of WSIS and their contribution to the reviews thereof, including through regional reviews. Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the regional Level and strengthening alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes

Coordination of regional approaches and harmonization
Engagement of stakeholders into the regional implementation
Strengthening of the regional perspective at the global level of the WSIS Process



WSIS Forum 2022 is happening!

Starting **15 March 2022 onwards – virtual format**

Final Week: **30 May – 3 June 2022 – physical format with enhanced remote participation at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland**

WSIS Forum 2022 components: Forum Track, High-Level Track, Special Tracks, Hackathon (ICTs and Indigenous Languages), Exhibition Space, WSIS TalkX, etc.

Registration is OPEN:

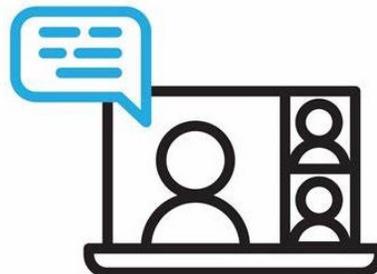
<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Home/Registration>



WSIS Forum 2022 participation (15 March – 29 April 2022)



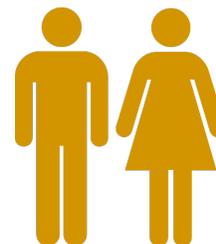
4000++ participants
worldwide



500++ speakers from Governments,
International Organisations, Private Sectors,
Academia, Civil Societies



70++ virtual workshops



Female 51.5%*

Male 48.5%*

**week 1-week 3*

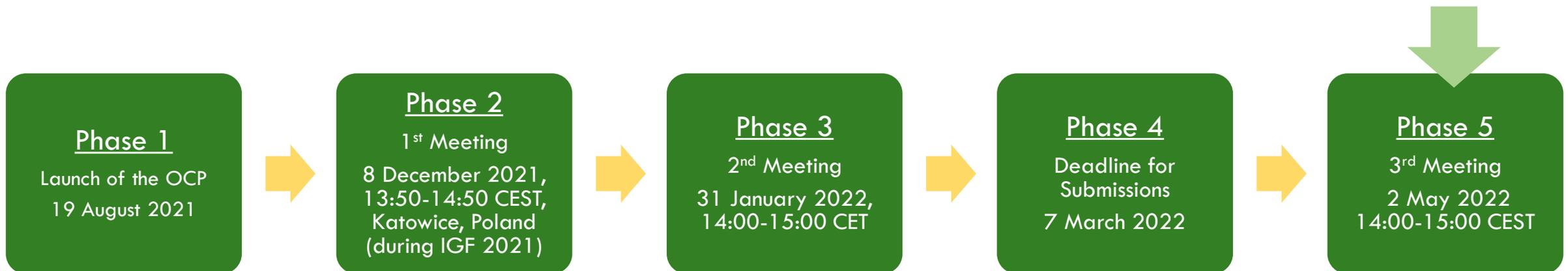
Agenda: www.wsis.org/forum



Open Consultation Process

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 Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2022 is structured in five phases as follows:





Explore our WSIS Forum 2022 agenda online!

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda#agenda>. The page header includes the WSIS Forum 2022 logo and navigation links: Open Consultation Process (OCP), High-Level Track, Agenda, WSIS TalkX, and WTISD. The main content area features a large green banner with the word "Agenda" in white. Below the banner, the section "Agenda and Programme" is displayed, followed by a paragraph of text.

Agenda and Programme

The WSIS Forum programme is completely crowdsourced, the engagement of governments, civil society, the private sector, academia, the technical community and intergovernmental organizations in the preparatory process ensures broad ownership and continual improvements of the Forum. The Agenda and Programme for the Forum is built on the basis of official submissions received during the Open Consultation Process on Shaping the Themes and Format of WSIS Forum 2022.



Final Week (Draft Agenda)

Monday, 30 May	Tuesday, 31 May	Wednesday, 1 June	Thursday, 2 June	Friday, 3 June
<p>Exhibition Inauguration Forum Track: WSIS Action Line Facilitation Meetings (ALFM) Partners workshops (PW) Country Workshops (CW) Remote participation (RP)</p>	<p>UNGIS Leaders High-Level Breakfast Meeting</p>	<p>HLPS English/French/ Captioning</p>	<p>IEEE Knowledge Cafe</p>	<p>UNGIS working-level meeting / Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW RP</p>
<p>Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW RP</p>	<p>Official Opening Segment 09:30-10:30: Opening Ceremony 10:30-10:40: Appointment of Chairman 10:40-11:40: High-level Strategic Dialogue ICTs for Well-Being, Inclusion and Resilience 11:40-12:40: High-Level Strategic Dialogue – WSIS+20: Multistakeholder Digital Cooperation for global development English/French/Passive Arabic Captioning RP</p>	<p>Academia Round Table (Academia only)</p>	<p>Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW; Academia's session RP</p>	<p>Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW RP</p>
			<p>Parliamentarians' session</p>	
			<p>High-Level Dialogue #5: WSIS +20 – WSIS Beyond 2025</p>	
<p>Knowledge Café: WSIS+20</p>	<p>High-Level Policy Sessions (HLPS) English/French/ Captioning</p>	<p>Ministerial Round Table English/French Captioning RP</p>	<p>Knowledge Café: Intergenerational session</p>	<p>Knowledge Café: WSIS Gender Trendsetters</p>
<p>Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW RP</p>			<p>WSIS Regional Commission Meeting</p>	<p>Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW RP</p>
<p>Ambassadors High-Level Briefing</p>	<p>WSIS Prizes 2022 Ceremony: Winners + Champions</p>	<p>WSIS Prize Champion Ceremony (Champions only)</p>	<p>Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW RP</p>	<p>WSIS Action Lines Facilitators Meeting Captioning RP</p>
		<p>High-Level Dialogues #1: ICTs for Developing Countries (and LDCs) #2: Indigenous Languages #3: From the lab to the real world: Artificial Intelligence and the decade action #4: Education Summit</p>		
<p>Mayors' engagement • Mayors Round Table • High-Level Lunch with Mayors • Interactive High-Level Dialogue</p>	<p>Official Reception Sponsored by Switzerland / Certificates</p>	<p>Closing of High-Level Policy Sessions English/French/ Captioning RP</p>	<p>Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW RP</p>	<p>Closing Ceremony Captioning RP</p>
<p>Forum Track: ALFM, PW, TW, CW</p>		<p>Gala Dinner</p>	<p>WSIS TalkX (Networking Cocktail)</p>	
<p>Reception by Poland</p>				

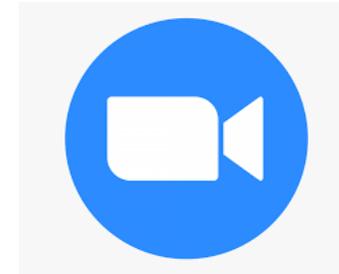


Networking and virtual conference platform



i meet you at WSIS

- Agenda and Programme of the WSIS Forum 2022
- Networking
- Virtual Exhibition



Zoom

- Virtual events



Networking and Exhibition platform!



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#ImeetyouatWSISForum is an exhibition and networking platform where registered participants of the WSIS Forum 2022 can connect and forge new partnerships. This year, both the exhibition and networking events will take place both physically and virtually to provide spaces for partners and exhibitors to showcase their services, products, and projects and offer opportunities to connect through our virtual platform. The networking platform is structured according to various topics, allowing stakeholders to interact according to specific topics of interest and develop new partnerships.

The platform will go live on **4 May 2022**.

WSIS FORUM 2022
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15 MARCH ONWARDS, ONLINE;
30 MAY - 3 JUNE, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022

ICTs for Well-Being, Inclusion and Resilience:
WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating Progress on the SDGs.

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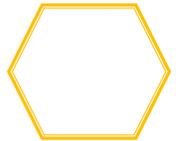
High-Level Track



High-level Policy Sessions



Ministerial Round Table



High-level Dialogues



Mayors Round Table



Workshop with Parliamentarians





High-Level Track : HLPS

High-Level Policy Sessions (HLPS) scheduled on

- Tuesday, 31 May from 14:00 – 17:00 CEST
- Wednesday, 1 June from 9:00 – 12:00 CEST

High-Level Policy Sessions confirmed speakers available here

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/HighLevel>



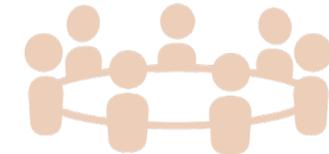
Ministerial Roundtable

Participation

RESTRICTED to the Ministers and Deputy Ministers
(no replacements / no observers)

When

The Ministerial Round Table meeting will be scheduled on:
1 June from 13:30 – 15:30 CEST





Mayors High-Level Event

Mayors High-Level event organised on 30 May

In collaboration with



Following the appreciation of WSIS Stakeholders for the Mayors' session that took place during the WSIS Forum 2021, ITU, in collaboration with Geneva Cities Hub and the City of Geneva are inviting Mayors to participate to the Mayors' High-level events at the WSIS Forum 2022, scheduled on **30 May**, including:

- **Mayors' Round Table** (restricted to Mayors) on Challenges and best practices of innovative ICT solutions for urban development in a post-COVID19 world, from 11:30 to 12:30 at ITU Headquarters with remote participation.
- **Mayors High-Level Lunch** (restricted to Mayors) from 12:45 to 14:00 at Villa Rigot.
- **An Interactive High-Level Dialogue** (open to all stakeholders) on Smart Cities, Drivers of Innovative Sustainable Development, from 14:30 to 16:15 at ITU Headquarters in person and remote participation.

This engagement of Mayors will be an opportunity to discuss how Smart Cities are the drivers of innovative sustainable development at a local level. The event provides a unique opportunity to discuss local and national experiences and best practices to identify and scale up technology and innovative solutions in the ICT sector for urban development in a postCOVID19 world

For additional information, please send an Email to : wsis-info@itu.int



United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)

UNGIS High-Level Breakfast Meeting scheduled on

- **31 May 2022 – 08:00-09:00 CEST**

UNGIS Working Level Meeting scheduled on

- **3 June 2022 – 09:00-10:45 CEST**



**United Nations Group
on the Information Society**



World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WTISD) 17 May 2022

17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the **creation of the International Telecommunication Union** and is celebrated every year as the **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day**.

The theme for the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2022 (WTISD-22) is **“Digital technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing”**.

WTISD 2022 will allow ITU membership, partners and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the important role of telecommunications/ICTs in supporting people to stay healthy, connected and independent, physically, emotionally and financially – to a life of healthy ageing - and as critical for the sustainability of economic and health systems.

17 May 2022, 13:00-14:30 CEST, with the participation of:

- Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, ITU
- Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General, WHO
- H.E. Ms. Ursula Owusu-Ekufu, Minister, Ministry of Communication and Digitalization, Ghana
- Ms. My Linh Kha, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Japan Asia-Pacific, AMGEN
- Dr. Jane Barratt, Secretary-General, International Federation on Ageing

Join the celebration and register here: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/Session/133>

More information on WTISD-22: <https://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/2022/Pages/default.aspx>





WSIS Forum 2022 High-Level Track Facilitators

- 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 High-Level Policy Sessions will be moderated by the High-Level Track Facilitators 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 identify HLTF to represent their respective communities.

High-Level Track Facilitators

 <p>Ms. Amali De Silva - Mitchell Founder and Coordinator Dynamic Coalition on Data Driven Health Technologies</p>	 <p>Mr. Nino Letteriello President DAMA Italy and EMEA</p>	 <p>Dr. Asan Gani Bin Abdul Muthalif Associate Professor at the Dept of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, Qatar University</p>	 <p>Dr. Olga Cavalli Co-founder and Academic Director South School on Internet Governance</p>	 <p>Ms. Meera Das Project Lead The Code to Change</p>	 <p>Ms. Kirithi Jayakumar Founder The Gender Security Project</p>
 <p>Ms. Kristin Little Senior Manager of Public Affairs IEEE</p>	 <p>Ms. Rachel Sibande Senior Director, Country Outreach Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL) at the United Nations Foundation</p>	 <p>Ms. Eleanor Sarpong Deputy Director and Policy Lead A4AI/Web Foundation</p>	 <p>Mr. William Njoroge Head of Technology OI Pejeta Conservancy</p>	 <p>Mr. Clifford Schmidt Founder and Executive Director AMPLIO</p>	



WSIS Prizes 2022



The eighteen Winners and Champions will be announced and awarded during the **WSIS Prize 2022 Ceremony** on 31 May 2022 at the WSIS Forum 2022.

The winning projects will be included in the WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2022 publication, while all submitted descriptions of projects and activities will be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2022.

www.wsis.org/prizes

WSIS PRIZES 2022

CONGRATULATIONS
#WSIS PRIZES 2022

90 CHAMPIONS

Check out the WSIS Prizes 2022 Champions and celebrate their achievements

www.wsis.org/prizes

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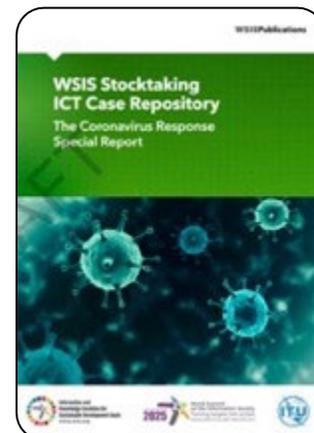
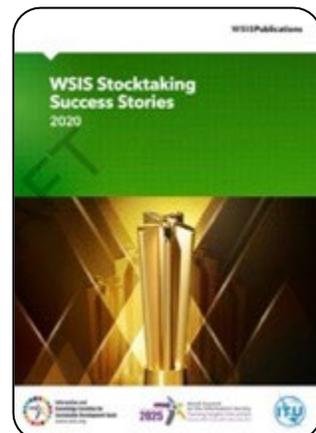
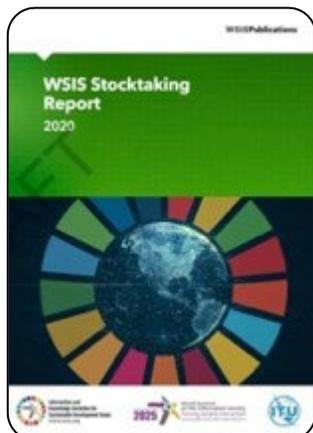


WSIS Stocktaking: 2021-2022 Call for New Entries

Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database www.wsis.org/stocktaking currently with 13,000+ submitted projects and initiatives from 350,000+ registered stakeholders has been vigilant and started collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

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

ECOSOC resolution 2019/24 reiterates 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 Submission:
www.wsis.org/stocktaking



WSIS Photo Contest 2022

Following the successful of previous Photo Contests editions, WSIS Forum continues the Photo Contest in 2022 and invites 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 2022.

Deadline: 7 March 2022





WSIS Forum 2022 Special Tracks



ICTs and Youth



ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming



ICTs and Emerging Technologies for sustainable development and ICTs for Industry 4.0



ICTs for Well-being and Happiness



ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs



ICTs and Older Persons



Cybersecurity



ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures



ICTs for Developing Countries (and LDCs)



Special Track: ICTs and Older Persons

Launched in 2020, this special track addresses the role of ICTs in combating age-based discrimination in the workplace, achieving healthier ageing, building smarter cities, ensuring the financial inclusion of older persons and supporting millions of caregivers across the world and in digital inclusion across the generations to enable the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030.

This special track involves collaboration with various stakeholders that work around this matter, including Global Coalition of Aging (GCOA), Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (CSEND), E-Seniors, UN Agencies such as ITU, WHO, UN DESA and others.

Workshops, Exhibitions & WSIS TalkX

A series of workshops, virtual exhibitions, and WSIS TalkX sessions were organised by stakeholders during the WSIS Forum to highlight ICTs and Older Persons.



WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize

A special WSIS Prize was launched in 2021, in collaboration with GCOA, an exceptional international recognition of WSIS stakeholders as leaders for their excellence in supporting innovation that brings sustainable solutions for the ever-increasing global population of older people.

This special WSIS Prize will be continued for the WSIS Forum 2022. More information: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Home/HealthyAgeing>



WSIS Forum 2021 Hackathon: Ageing better with ICTs

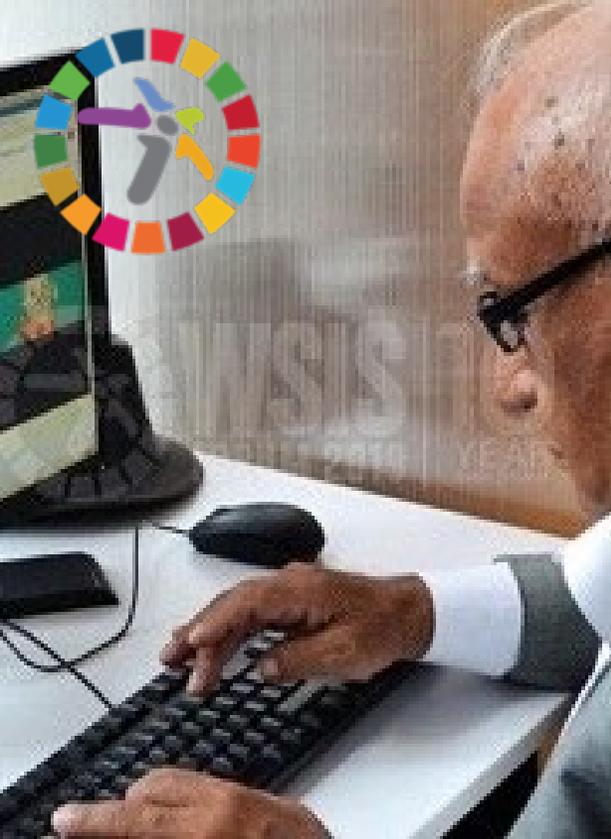
The WSIS Forum 2021 Hackathon was organized virtually under the theme of Ageing Better with ICTs by ITU, GCOA, and other stakeholders like WHO, UN DESA, etc. The virtual hackathon gathered more than 1,100 participants joining from 48 countries.



UN Secretary General Report

The reference of this activity was included in the:

- UN Secretary General Report “Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing” (A/75/218) submitted pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 74/125.
- UN Secretary General Report “Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing” (A/76/156) submitted pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 75/125.



WSIS Special Initiative:

WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons

The WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons has been created at the request of stakeholders. It has 4 sub-groups at present led by Chairs and Co-Chairs:

- 1. Design and Accessibility** (Mr. Alfredo Ronchi, EC MEDICI Framework; Mr. Raymond Saner, CSEND; Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, CSEND)
- 2. Capacity Building and Education** (Mr. Ian Philp, Age Care Technologies; Dr. Rakesh L., Ada Lovelace Software Private Limited)
- 3. Cybersecurity issues** (Dr. Pavan Duggal, International Commission on Cyber Security Law)
- 4. Innovation** (Ms. Heba Al Heraki, Bevol International Platform; Ms. Tafadzwa Muusha, University of Zimbabwe Innovation Hub)



WSIS Special Initiative : WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons

AGEING BETTER WITH ICTS: SHARING OF TANGIBLE EXPERIENCE

At the request of the MultiStakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons, WSIS Team conducted a series of 8 interviews with older persons from different regions, to highlight how ICTs are helping this segment of society in their daily life. The video is currently being finalized and will be shared very soon!





Special Track: ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs

In 2019, the WSIS Forum launched a WSIS Accessibility Day to inform and observe how ICTs can help people living with disabilities whilst focusing on progressing towards the SDGs as well as to raise awareness on the critical role of ICTs to enable and accelerate the social and economic inclusion.

In collaboration with the WSIS stakeholders and at their request, a **special track on ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs was developed for the WSIS Forum 2020** to continue the discussions on ICT accessibility. The special track continued during the WSIS Forum 2021.

Workshops, Exhibitions & WSIS TalkX

A series of workshops and virtual exhibitions were organised by stakeholders during the WSIS Forum to highlight the role of ICTs in the development of inclusive society.



Tools for stakeholders' engagements

WSIS Forum provided tools for stakeholders' engagements, such as sign language interpreter and captioning in sessions to create an inclusive and equitable experience for all



Collaboration with various types of stakeholders

WSIS engaged different accessibility communities, including hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, autism, etc.





Special Track: ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

WSIS Forum 2022 Special Track: ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures

WSIS Forum 2022 will initiate a special track on ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Culture, which will provide space for discourse on the important role that indigenous peoples and culture could play towards sustainable development with ICTs that are made accessible, inclusive and affordable for all.

Submit request for workshops/exhibition spaces through the Open Consultation Form by 7 March 2022 at www.wsis.org/forum

*Organized by
ITU, UNESCO, and other stakeholders*

Special Prize: ICTs for Preserving, Revitalizing and Promoting Indigenous Languages

WSIS Forum 2022 will initiate a WSIS Special Prize on ICTs for Preserving, Revitalizing and Promoting Indigenous Languages

The winners will be announced during the final week of the WSIS Forum 2022 (30 May – 3 June 2022).



Special Track: ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming

The ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming special track is dedicated to the issues of bridging gender divide, women empowerment and promoting equality perspective through the use of ICTs. The special track aims to engage multistakeholders through a holistic cross-sectoral intersectional approach.

Thematic Partnership: Gender Digital Transformation Partner

The proposed partnership is to enhance the ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming special track of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022. This special track fits in the broader framework of efforts to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs. This contribution will also further enhance the recently launched of the WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology. The impact of this funding will advance efforts in accelerating progress towards the gender equality, using ICTs as an enabler.



<http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender>



WSIS Special Initiative: WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology

<http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender>

The WSIS Process affirms the **importance of promoting and maintaining gender equality and women empowerment**, guaranteeing the inclusion of women in the emerging global ICT society, and emphasizes the need to fully integrate gender equality perspectives in WSIS related strategies and facilitate their implementation to ensure that the Information Society enables women's empowerment and full participation based on equality in all spheres of society and in all decision-making processes.

Launch of the Repository: 4 August 2021

Recording link:

<http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender>

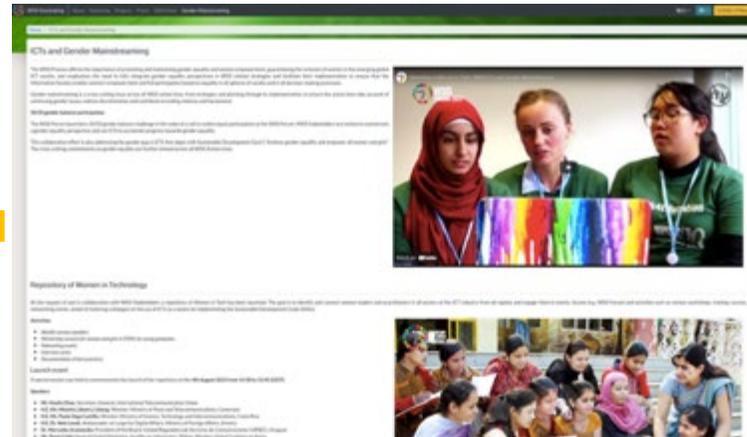
Repository of Women in Tech

At the request of and in collaboration with WSIS Stakeholders a repository of Women in Tech has been launched. The goal is to identify and connect women leaders and practitioners in all sectors of the ICT industry from all regions and engage them in events, forums and activities.

Nominate WSIS Gender Trendsetter

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<https://forms.gle/WnzqX59xXYdF1uqx6>



50/50 gender balance participation

The WSIS Forum launched a 50/50 gender balance challenge in the wake of a call to realise equal participation at the WSIS Forum. This collaborative effort is also addressing the gender gap in ICTs that aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". The cross-cutting commitments on gender equality are further echoed across all WSIS Action Lines.

Activities

- Identify women speakers
- Networking events
- Interview series
- Mentorship sessions for women and girls in STEM, for young graduates
- Documentation of best practices



MEET THE WSIS GENDER TRENDSETTERS!



Mr. Vala Afshar
Chief Digital
Evangelist,
SalesForce



Ms. Susana Arrechea
Digital Community
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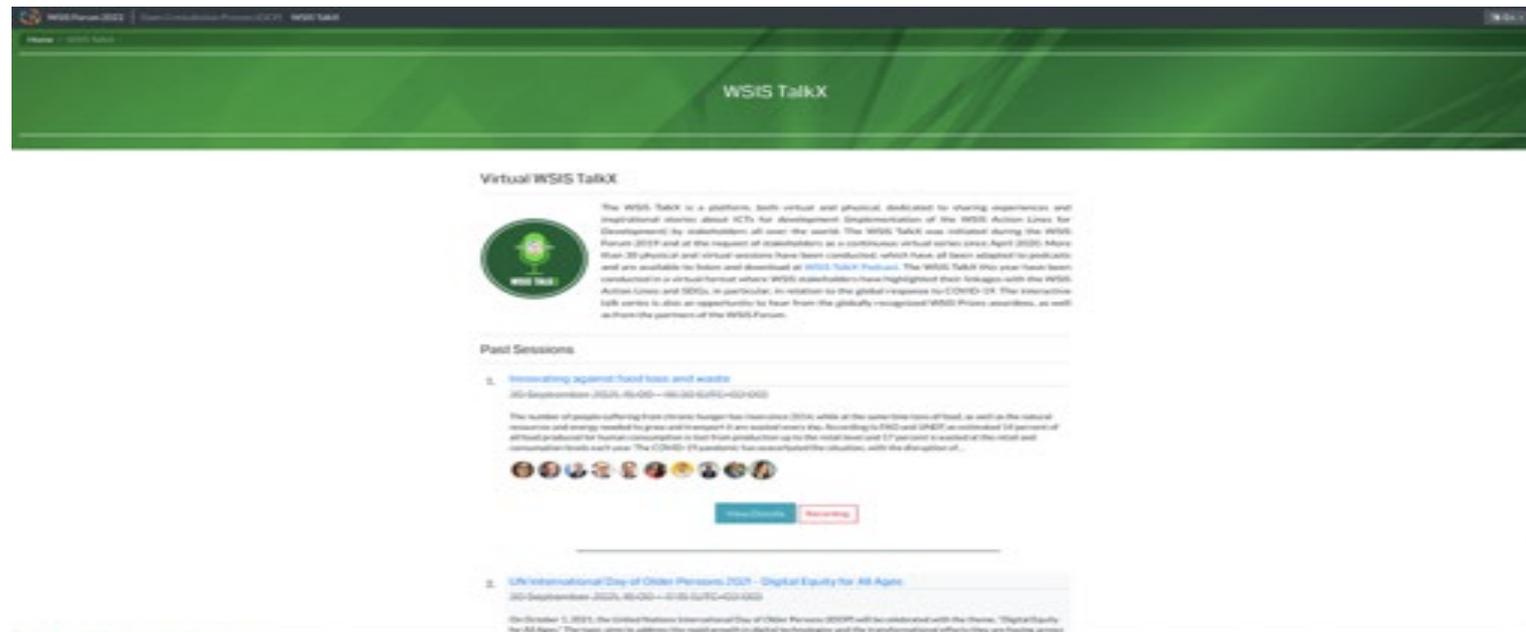




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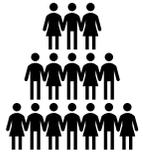
Hackathon - Designing a Sustainable Future using ICTs

Co-Organized by the WSIS Forum 2022 and TDRA UAE



08 – 24 November 2021

largest number of registrations: **India, Tunisia, Nepal, Pakistan, and Algeria**



1319 Participants



65 Teams – **54%** Female



89 Countries



33 Submissions



15 Finalists

Winners

I. Digital Safety

1. Privizen - AI driven Privacy Guard – Q-Aztecs
2. VigilPopuli - Browser based internet security system - WolfPackSociety
3. Personal Assistant Robot Using Arduino - vishwajeeth9297_3a8b

II. Blockchain for a better life

1. . Block Chain based Innovative Fool Proof Real Estate Transactions – Safer/Efficient Real-Estate Transactions - The U-Team
2. Blockchain-Based Decentralized Identity Management for Remote Healthcare - The Unknowns
3. Lyfetime – TeamLyfetime

III. Climate Change

1. Identification of Deadliest Mosquitoes Using Wing Beats Sound Classification on Tiny Embedded System Using Machine Learning and Edge Impulse Platform - ML4ENV
2. PKL (PKL Knows Landslide) - kritish.pokharel_432c
3. AI Tree - Ai Tree

The Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) of the United Arab Emirates in cooperation with the WSIS Forum 2022 organised an international hackathon across three challenge areas to promote achievement of Sustainable Development Goals using ICTs.



Hackathon : ICTs for Indigenous Languages



In partnership with



ITU, UNESCO, ISOC, Nokia and relevant stakeholders are jointly organise a WSIS Forum 2022 Hackathon on ICTs for Indigenous Languages

3 Challenge areas: knowledge, empowerment and preservation

Deadline for submitting projects : 10 May

2 Mentoring sessions with distinguishes experts

3 winners announced during Final week of WSIS Forum and awarded each:

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+



Mentorship opportunity with Nokia



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ONLINE HACKATHON**

607 Participants
67 Teams
72 Countries



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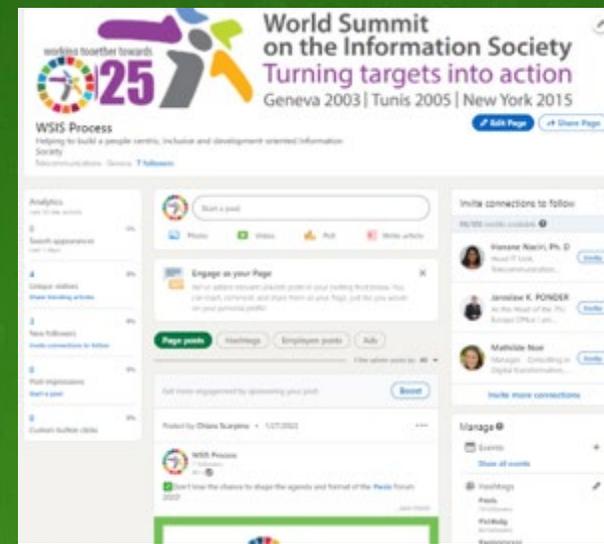
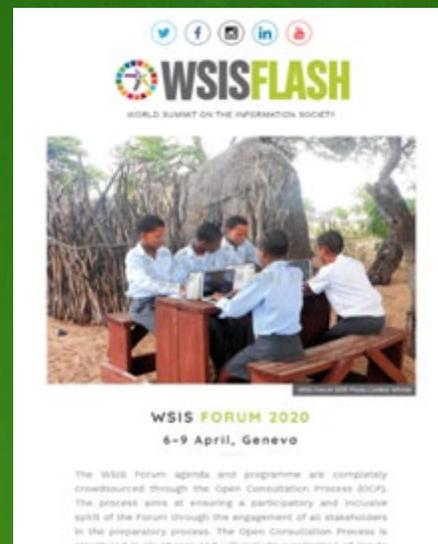
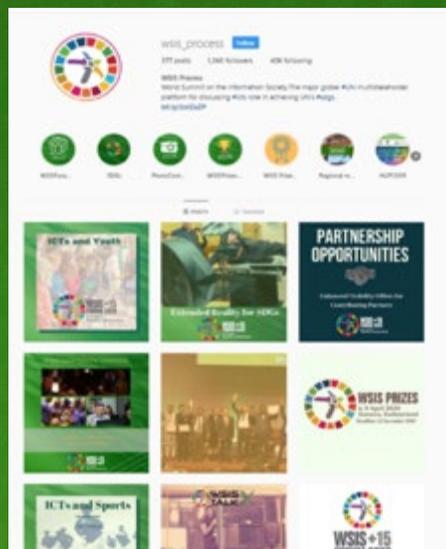
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