Governance

UNGA Resolutions
ECOSOC Resolutions
CEB through the United Nations Group on Information Society (UNGIS)
CSTD
Annual WSIS Forum
Annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
UN Agencies mandated to implement WSIS Action Lines
UN Regional Commissions mandated to implement WSIS at regional level

WSIS Prizes | WSIS Stocktaking | Partnership for Measuring ICT development | WSIS Special Initiatives
20 years of WSIS

- Strong example of global digital cooperation in action
- Impressive results
- Cementing the multistakeholder model: IGF and WSIS Forum
- Provides an inclusive and equal platform for all
- Frameworks to systematically discuss evolution of technology and its implications from various perspectives
20 years of WSIS

- WSIS has brought the UN agencies together and allowed them to create a framework for collaboration: UNGIS
- Action Lines continue to be relevant
- Provide a robust framework for digital progress moving forward
- Process proven flexible
- Evolved over time staying abreast of new and emerging technologies
20 years
WSIS
Facts and Figures
Geneva 2003
11,000+ Participants
175 countries

Tunis 2005
19,000+ Participants
174 countries
multi-stakeholder participants
(onsite and virtual)

WSIS Forum
15 years, 160 countries
WSIS Forum gender distribution

- **2003**
  - Women: 29.8%
  - Men: 70.2%

- **2005**
  - Women: 24.5%
  - Men: 75.4%

- **2023**
  - Women: 45%
  - Men: 55%

- **2024**
  - Gender parity? (indicated by an arrow pointing upwards)
13,000+
digital projects aligned with SDGs
WSIS Stocktaking Database
Subscribers
WSIS Stocktaking Database
2,000,000+
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WSIS Bridging the Digital Divide
Internet Users since 2003

- **2003**: 12.4% (785 mil people)
- **2005**: 16.8% (1.1 bil)
- **2023**: 64% (5.4 bil)
- **2030?**
WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

WSIS+20 FORUM HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

27-31 May 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

www.wsis.org/forum
#WSIS
WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event

Objectives
Chart the next phase of WSIS
Take stock of achievements, key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action

Expected outcomes
Session outcome documents
Chair’s Summary
For the UNGA overall review in 2025 and possible submission to the Summit of the Future

Format
Leaders TalkX
High-Level Dialogue
Interactive sessions
Ministerial Roundtable
Exhibition
Social Events
Sharing sessions, etc.
Venues

Monday 27 May       Tuesday 28 May       Wednesday 29 May

Centre International de Conférences
CICG Genève

Thursday 30 May       Friday 31 May

ITU Headquarters, Montbrillant Building
Registration and Badging

Registration Process

The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event is scheduled to be held from 27 to 31 May 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland, with the support of remote participation. The Forum is open to all WSIS stakeholders.

- Invitation Letter
- On-site participation
- Remote participation

Media Registration:

- All journalists, including UNOG credentialed reporters, should submit an accreditation request [here](#).
- Reporters with registration questions, please contact: pressreg@itu.int

- Registration is **mandatory** for all participants including High-Level Speakers
- Remote registration is mandatory for all remote speakers
- Badging Information (time and location) will be provided soon
High-Level Sessions

- Leaders TalkX
- High-Level Dialogues
- Confirmed High-Level Participants available on the following page: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/HighLevel
Thematic areas

Action Lines facilitation meetings
Digital Governance Processes: WSIS, GDC, Summit of the Future
20 years: achievements, challenges & opportunities
WSIS beyond 2025
Gender mainstreaming & ICTs
Youth Day
Country success cases

Capacity building & digital education
Clean technologies for climate change
Cybersecurity
Digital health
Digital inclusion
Digital Public Infrastructure
Emerging tech & AI
eScience
ICTs & older persons
ICTs & sports
Media
Smart sustainable cities
Universal & meaningful connectivity
WSIS Prizes
Since 2012

5000+ submissions

112 countries

234 Winners

576 Champions
WSIS Prizes 2024

1050 Submissions received
90 Champions announced
18 Winners to be announced at WSIS+20 Forum HLE

More info here
WSIS Photo Contest

Since 2017

1389 submissions

473 finalists

26 winners

More info here
WSIS+20 Preparatory Process

**2023 SDG Summit**
- 18-19 Sep 2023
- **WSIS+20**
  - High-Level Panel
  - WSIS High-Level Dialogue
  - CSTD
  - WSIS+20 Open consultation
  - WSIS+20 HLE OCP
  - WSIS+20 UNGIS open forum

**2023 Japan Phase**
- 8-12 Oct 2023
- **WSIS Regional Reviews**
  - KAZAKHSTAN 2-4 Sept
  - UN ESCAP ARMENIA Nov 2023
  - UN ECA ZIMBABWE Feb 2024
  - UN ESCWA UAE May 2024
  - UN ECLAC URUGUAY 9th Ministerial

**2024 Geneva Phase**
- 27-31 May 2024
- **WSIS +20 Modalities**
  - Appointment of co-facilitators
  - Resolution on the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS (July/August)
  - UN ESCAP ARMENIA Nov 2023
  - UN ECA ZIMBABWE Feb 2024
  - UN ECLAC URUGUAY 9th Ministerial

**2024 Summit of the Future**
- 22-23 Sep 2024
- **WSIS +20 Forum High-Level Event**

**2024 IGF**
- 15-19 Dec 2024
- **IGF 2024**

**2025 Paris Phase**
- 18-20 Feb 2025
- **Tunisia ICT4all**
  - special focus on WSIS+20 (UNESCO)

**2025 CSTD Review**
- April 2025

**2025 Geneva Phase**
- June 2025
- **WSIS Forum 2025**
  - Tunisia ICT4all: special focus on WSIS+20

**2025 New York Phase**
- UNGA High-Level Meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the Outcomes of the WSIS

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Multistakeholder outcome on 20 years of WSIS implementation and a vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be submitted to the Summit of the Future 2024 and endorsed during the high-level meeting at UNGA in 2025.
Thank you to our Partners!
Takeaways

WSIS Process is an existing, well-functioning, multistakeholder UN mandated process for digital governance.

Related mechanisms - IGF, WSIS Forum, UNGIS and others have proven to be robust and flexible.

Can continue to evolve for future needs.

WSIS should be leveraged to avoid duplication and wastage of resources, especially in the context of other UN processes.