WORLD SUMMIT ON
THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Open Consultation Process
First Meeting
11 October 2023

WSIS+20 FORUM
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT
27-31 May 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

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#WSIS
WSIS is a UN process that involves more than 32 UN Agencies and is built on the framework of the 11 WSIS Action Lines. It encompasses multistakeholder digital cooperation within UN Agencies including the Governments, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and the Technical Community.

The goal of WSIS is to achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented information and knowledge societies where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information.
WSIS Process Timeline

**ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution on proposing to hold a WSIS**

- 1998
- 2001
- 2003 & 2005
- 2014
- 2015
- 2025
- 2030

**WSIS Phase I: Geneva Phase**
(10-12 December 2003)

**Phase II: Tunisia Phase**
(16-18 November 2005)

**WSIS Forum**
2013: Review Event
"Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development"

**WSIS Forum – 10th Year Anniversary of the WSIS Forum**

**UNGA WSIS Overall Review**

**UNGA Resolution A/70/125**

**SDG Summit UNGA Resolution A/70/1**

**WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event**

**WSIS+20 Review: WSIS Process Beyond 2025**

**WSIS+10 High-Level Event, Extended version of the WSIS Forum**

**UNGA Overall Review**

**Cluster of WSIS related events**

**WSIS Forum – 10th Year Anniversary of the WSIS Forum**

**Cluster of WSIS related events**

**Multistakeholder discussions on WSIS+20**

**HLPF Themes (2016-2023)**

- 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"
- 2023: "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels"

**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
- 2023: 13-17 March – virtual sessions (April – May)
- 2024: 27-31 May
- 2025: 26-30 May
WSIS, as a multistakeholder process, has stood the test of time and the WSIS + 20 Review Process would provide a guidance framework for all stakeholders, based on the WSIS Outcome Documents, on addressing opportunities and challenges posed by the current digital landscape, including on universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation.

- Close collaboration with ITU, UNESCO, UNCSTD, UNDESA, WSIS Action Lines Facilitators and other UN Agencies involved.

- Multistakeholder Process
  - Take stock of the key trends, challenges and opportunities posed by the current digital landscape.
  - Analysis of the achievement of WSIS in 20 years including WSIS+20 Country reports, WSIS+20 Action Line reports and WSIS+20 Stakeholder reports
  - Assessment of the WSIS Action Lines and their framework in close collaboration with the UN Agencies involved
  - WSIS Targets

- Strengthened Digital Collaboration

- Outcome
  - Multistakeholder outcome on vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be developed during WSIS+20 Preparatory Phases and submitted to the Summit of the Future in 2024 and endorsed during the high-level meeting at UNGA in 2025.
Multistakeholder outcome on 20 years of implementation of WSIS and a vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be submitted to the Summit of the Future in 2024 and endorsed during the high-level meeting at UNGA in 2025.
The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will be co-hosted by ITU and Switzerland and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP

**Objectives**
- Provide a platform for multistakeholder discussions on the progress made since the inception of WSIS and take stock of the achievements/success in 20 years.
- Identify the gaps and challenges in leveraging ICTs and information and knowledge societies to bridge the digital divide and promote inclusive access and participation.

**Expected Outcome**
- Multistakeholder outcome to be submitted to the Summit of the future and the UNGA overall review in 2025.
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.

**First Physical Meeting of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event OCP**

11 October 2023
11:00-12:00 JST

- Collecting multistakeholder inputs to shape agenda and programme
- Providing updates on the upcoming high-level event

Workshop Room 8, Kyoto International Conference Centre, Kyoto, Japan

**Second Physical Meeting of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event OCP**

13 December 2023
14:00 – 15:00 CET

- Collecting multistakeholder inputs to shape agenda and programme
- Providing updates on the upcoming high-level event

ITU Headquarters, Room L, Geneva with remote participation facilities

**Final Brief on the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event**

15 February 2024
14:00 – 15:00 CET

- Sharing the analysis of the OCP submissions
- Presenting the programme of the high-level event
- Providing final updates on the high-level event preparation and logistics

ITU Headquarters, Room L, Geneva with remote participation facilities

**Special WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Session**

26 March 2024
14:00 – 15:00 CET

- WSIS+20 multistakeholder consultations

ITU Headquarters, Room A, Geneva with remote participation facilities
Open Consultation Process

Official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

1. Login with your existing account or
   Sign up as a new user
2. Fill out the OCP Form
   [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum)

**Deadline:** 31 January 2024
Preparatory Process for WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event

Coordination Mechanism of Co-Organizers and WSIS Action Line Facilitators
ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UN DESA and other UN Agencies, UN Regional Commissions, CSTD Secretariat

Open Consultation Process on format and agenda of the WSIS+20 High-Level Event

WSIS+20 Multistakeholder Consultations to elaborate Outcome Documents
WSIS+20 Multistakeholder Consultations

WSIS STAKEHOLDERS
(Governments, Private Sector, Academia, Technical Community, UN Agencies, Civil Society)

- Written inputs / official submissions
- Participation in all physical meetings and regional contributions
- WSIS Stocktaking Reports
- WSIS Prizes
- 20-year Country Reports
- WSIS Targets
- 20-year UN WSIS Action Lines Reports
- Partner2Connect
- SDG Digital
- UN High Impact Initiatives
High-Level Track
Expected Participation

High-Level Guests
• Heads of States
• Ministers
• Ambassadors
• Mayors
• Heads of International Organizations
• Parliamentarians
• CEOs
• Civil Society Leaders

3000 onsite Multistakeholder Participants

Remote Participation
Agenda and Programme

- Workshops
- WSIS+20 Track
- Civil Society and Private Sector consultations
- UN Consultations
- Youth Track
- Interactive Sessions
- AI Governance – AI for Good Summit
- Academia Track
WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event
CALLS FOR ACTION

WSIS Photo Contest 2024
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+20 Forum High-Level Event.

SUBMISSION PHASE : Opening Soon

WSIS Digital Service Design Special Prize 2024
Recognizing and spotlighting impactful digital government services that are designed based on user needs and a building block approach using open-source components, optimized for scalability, interoperability, and adaptability, in collaboration with GovStack Global - ITU, GIZ, EE, DIAL

SUBMISSION PHASE : Opening Soon

WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Special Prize 2024
An exceptional international recognition of WSIS Stakeholders as leaders in supporting innovation that brings sustainable solutions for the ever-increasing global population of older people, in collaboration with ITU, WHO, UNDESA and Global Coalition on Aging.

SUBMISSION PHASE : Opening Soon
WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event
Exhibition

Showcase and display a range of digital technologies and innovative solutions addressing global development challenges.

Request your exhibition space.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2024!

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WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes 2024

**WSIS Stocktaking** platform has been maintained by ITU since 2004 and currently comprises over 13,500 entries, aligned with the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs. Submit your Digital projects to the most globally recognised ICT for Development international annual award.

**WSIS Prizes 2024** is an exceptional international recognition of WSIS stakeholders as Winners and Champions for excellence in supporting the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and the achievement of SDGs.

WSIS Stocktaking's new collaborative is with the Partner2Connect platform, which is aligned with WSIS Action Lines and SDGs. Contact us for more information partner2connect@itu.int

**DEADLINE** for submissions: 21 January 2024!

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