I reiterate the importance of supporting the World Summit on the Information Society…. 

...The International Telecommunication Union has a vital role to play in accelerating global connectivity for all by 2030.

H.E. Mr António GUTERRES, Secretary-General, United Nations

What we’ve learned over the last 20 years must serve to help us to accelerate the progress to achieve the SDGs. The WSIS Action Lines and SDGs are inextricably linked, and we are in a race against time.

Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, ITU

…and we call for close alignment between the World Summit on the Information Society process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the cross-cutting contribution of information and communications technology to the Sustainable Development Goals and poverty eradication, and noting that access to information and communications technologies has also become a development indicator and aspiration in and of itself.

UNG A Resolution 70/125

We reaffirm the 2005 Tunis Agenda for the Information Society in which the special and specific funding needs of the developing world were recognized and encourage close alignment between the World Summit on the Information Society process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the cross-cutting contributions of information and communications technology to the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, and noting that access to information and communications technologies has also become a development indicator and aspiration in and of itself.

G77 Havana Declaration

We also call for a close correspondence of the World Summit on the Information Society process with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and other outcomes of relevant intergovernmental processes, including the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future. We agree to work towards a strong and concerted position of the G-77 and China to ensure that the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) General Review process, the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future contribute to, inter alia, the achievement of sustainable development and closing the digital divide between developed and developing countries.
Registration to the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event is free of charge and open to all stakeholders interested in information and communication technologies.

**Registration is mandatory for all participants** to attend the Event. Please register here: [https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Home/Registration](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Home/Registration). Remote participation will also be made available. *We encourage you to book your accommodation early.*

**Accreditation and Visa**
- Accreditation is required in order to participate on-site to attend the Event.
- Accreditation requests should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than 23 April 2024 to ensure timely administrative processing of the requests.
- A registration confirmation (e-confirmation) will be the sole document provided for visa support.
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AGENDA AND PROGRAMME

Build through the Open Consultation Process (OCP), which aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum. All stakeholders are invited to contribute and participate actively.

- **First Meeting of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event OCP**
  11 October 2023, 11:00-12:00 JST

- **Second Meeting of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event OCP**
  13 December 2023, 14:00 – 15:00 CET, Room L with remote participation

- **Final Brief on the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event**
  15 February 2024, 14:00 – 15:00 CET, Room L with remote participation

- **Special WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Session**
  26 March 2024, 14:00 – 15:00 CET, Room A with remote participation

More details please visit [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum)

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15 February 2024
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Key Elements

- High-Level Sessions
- Interactive Sessions
- WSIS Prizes
- Hackathon
- Youth Day
- Knowledge Café
- Ministerial Roundtable
- WSIS Action Lines sessions
- Exhibition Space
- Private Sector, Civil Society and Technical Community Engagements
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
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WSIS+20 Review Process

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, UN CSTD, UN DESA, WSIS Action Lines Facilitators and other UN Agencies involved.

- 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

Multistakeholder Outcome

Multistakeholder outcome on 20 years of implementation of WSIS and a vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be submitted to 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.
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Partner with us for the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event!

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