



**WSIS+20**  
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT 2025  
7-11 July 2025  
Geneva, Switzerland

# WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

**Multistakeholder Open Consultation Process**

**Celebrating Twenty Years and Achieving Future Milestones Together**

18 November 2024

Co-hosts



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft  
Confédération suisse  
Confederazione Svizzera  
Confederaziun svizra

Co-organizers



# #WSIS20Story – Join the 20-year Global Celebration !

- Engage the global community in commemorating 20 years of WSIS
- Collect and share personal testimonials from the ground highlighting the transformative power of digital initiatives promoted by WSIS.

## Join now!

- Create a short video (**20 seconds**) sharing how has WSIS contributed to your personal development, community improvement, or advanced your digital inclusion?
- Post your video/reel/snippet in **your language** on your preferred social media platforms (X, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn).
- Use the hashtag **#WSIS20Story** to ensure your story is part of the global narrative and tag WSIS accounts to increase the visibility of your video.
- Every story is a testament to the impact of WSIS in bridging the digital divide.
- Selected stories will be featured in WSIS+20 celebrations and communications



# WSIS Process: Multistakeholder in nature, involving all stakeholders





## Guided by key principles: WSIS Action Lines

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|----|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| C1 | ICTs for development       | C7  | eHealth                    |
| C2 | Infrastructure             | C7  | eEmployment                |
| C3 | Access to info & knowledge | C7  | eEnvironment               |
| C4 | Capacity building          | C7  | eAgriculture               |
| C5 | Confidence & security      | C7  | eScience                   |
| C6 | Enabling environment       | C8  | Diversity & local content  |
| C7 | eGovernment                | C9  | Media                      |
| C7 | eBusiness                  | C10 | Ethical dimensions         |
| C7 | eLearning                  | C11 | Int & regional cooperation |

**13 000+** digital projects aligned with SDGs



# WSIS: continuously evolving process addressing impacts of emerging technologies



Hackathons



WSIS Forum agenda and programme continuously updated to encompass discussions on new and emerging technologies



AI for Good and WSIS Forum organized concurrently



Exhibition spaces showcasing latest technologies



WSIS Special Innovation Prizes



**Save the date**

**7-11 July 2025**

**Palexpo**

**Geneva, Switzerland**



# Registration opening soon!



Registration will be launched by **December 2024**.

Remote participation will also be made available.

**We encourage you to book your accommodation early.**

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## Objectives

A platform for multistakeholder discussions on the progress made since the inception of WSIS and take stock of the achievements/success in 20 years to bridge the digital divide and promote meaningful connectivity, both today and beyond 2025.

## Outcome

Multistakeholder outcome to be submitted to the UNGA overall review in 2025

## Format

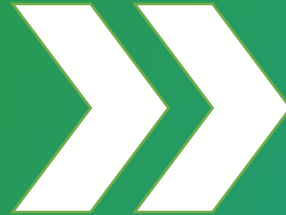
Engaging  
Interactive  
Consultative

# Agenda and Programme

Built 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.

**REQUEST AND  
SUGGEST**



Submit through an online form

**DEADLINE: 14 March 2025**

Proposal for Sessions

Exhibition Space

Innovative formats and topics

WSIS+20 views

# Join the Open Consultation Process meetings

18 November 2024  
14:00-15:00 CET  
ITU HQ, Room A and remote

## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

During 42<sup>nd</sup> CWG-WSIS&SDG,  
ITU HQ, Geneva, 10-21 February  
2025  
Exact date TBC

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

10 June 2025  
14:00-15:00 CEST  
ITU HQ, Room A  
and remote

## Final Brief

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

18 December 2024  
During IGF-24, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
07:45 to 08:45 (CET)  
with remote participation

## 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

During the UNESCO event: Global  
Forum on AI and Digital  
Transformation in the Public Sector,  
UNESCO HQ, Paris, France  
12-13 February 2025  
with remote participation



Learn more



# WSIS+20 High-Level Event – key elements



High-Level Leaders  
TalkX



Interactive Sessions by  
all stakeholders



WSIS Prizes



Hackathon



Ambassadors &  
Regulators Roundtables



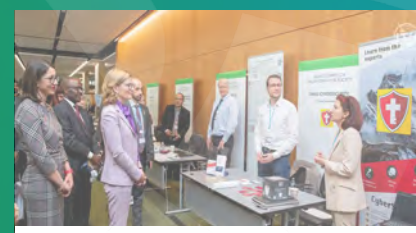
Emerging Technologies



Ministerial Roundtable



UN WSIS Action Lines  
& UNGIS sessions



Exhibitions



20-year celebrations

# WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

## Key emerging topics to date

Youth Day



Civil Society/ Technical  
Community Roundtables



Gender Track



Consultative  
High-Level Track



WSIS+20 review



Business and Academia  
Roundtables



UN Focus on implementation of  
WSIS Action Lines



20 years celebrations



# High-Level Track

## Participation

- Heads of States
- Ministers
- Heads of Regulatory Authorities
- Ambassadors
- Heads of UN Agencies
- Mayors
- Heads of International Organizations
- Parliamentarians
- CEOs
- Civil Society Leaders

## Engagements

- Leaders TalkX
- Ministerial Roundtable
- Regulators Roundtable
- Ambassadors Roundtable
- High-Level social events

# WSIS Stocktaking Database



CONTINUE SHARING  
YOUR PROJECTS AND  
EXPERIENCES ON THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF  
WSIS ACTION LINES

Search...

Select action line



Select sdg



Select beneficiary



Select coverage region



Select coverage country



Select entity type



Select entity region



Select entity country



WSIS Prizes Nominated



WSIS Prizes Champion



WSIS Prizes Winner

Search



# WSIS Prizes 2024

Submit your best digital projects that are advancing the UN SDGs and be recognized globally!

Deadline: 10 February 2025

**SUBMIT NOW** [www.wsis.org/prizes](http://www.wsis.org/prizes)



# Partner with Us!

-  Strategic Partner Diamond
-  Strategic Partner Platinum
-  Strategic Partner Gold
-  Silver Partner
-  Contributing Partner
-  Supporting Partner

Contact us at [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int)

# Reminder: Calls for Contributions



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Open Consultation  
Process



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WSIS Stocktaking & Prizes  
2025



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WSIS Photo Contest  
2025



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WSIS Special Prizes  
and Hackathon  
*Coming Soon!*



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WSIS Fund  
in Trust



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#WSIS20Story

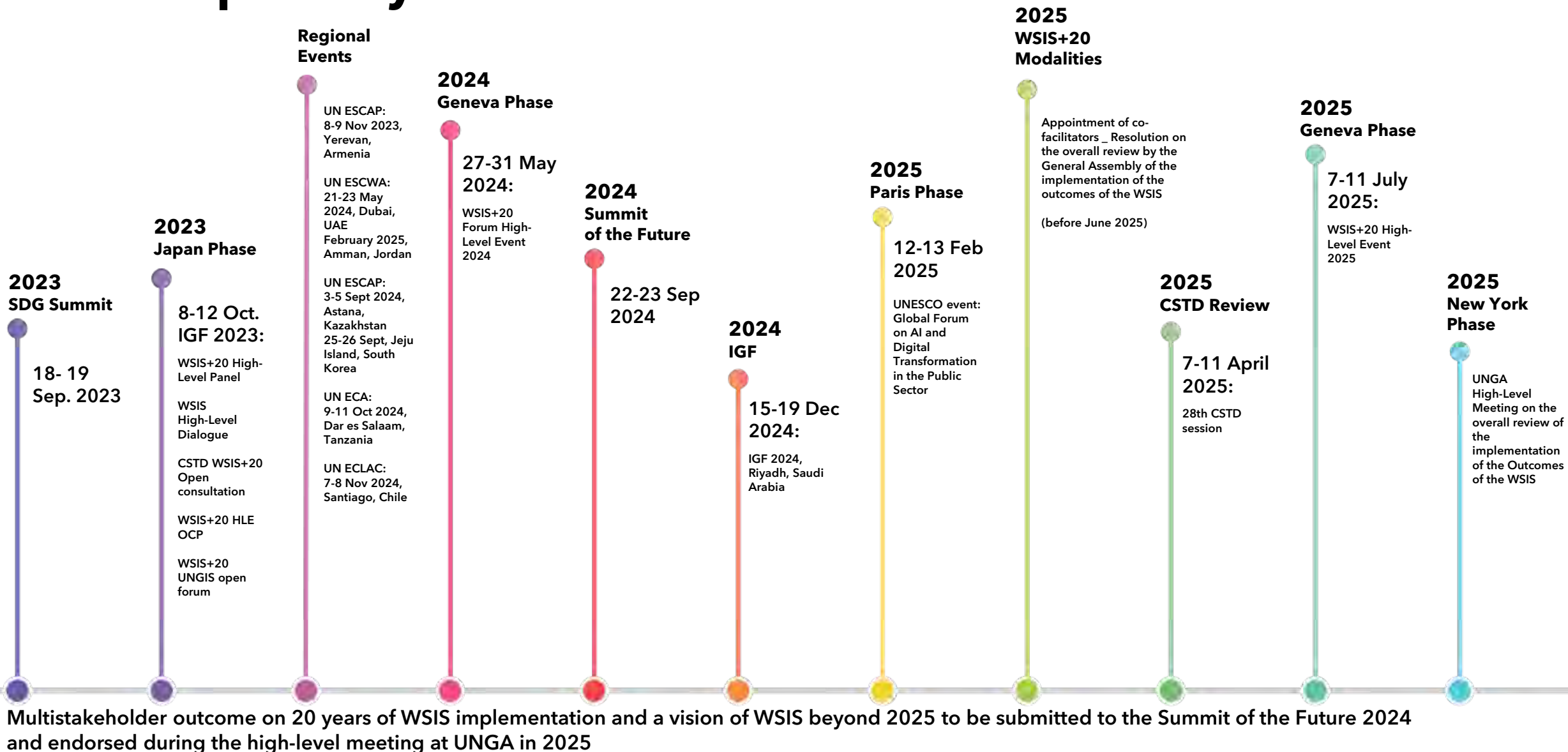
Learn more: [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum)





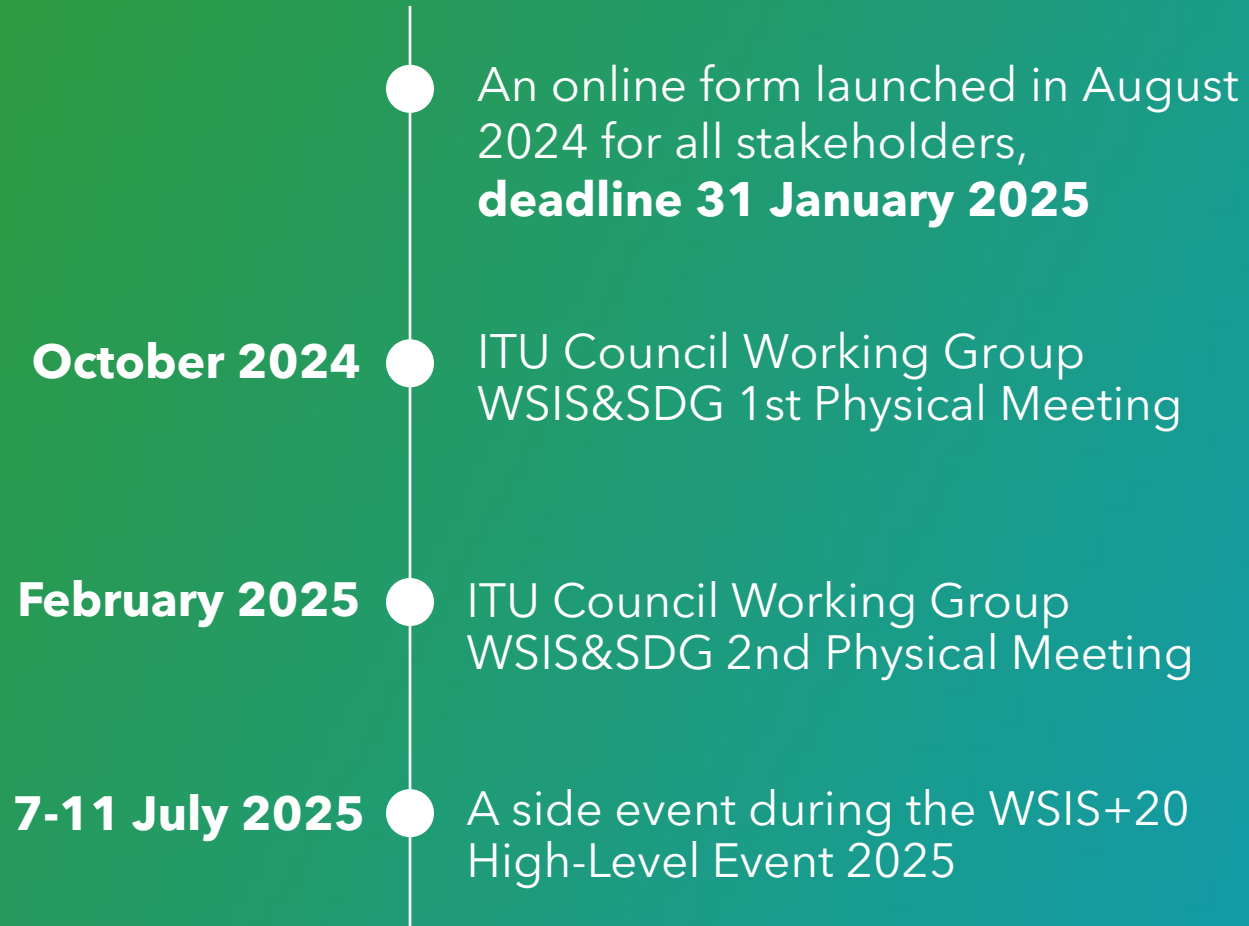
# **WSIS+20 REVIEW**

# WSIS+20 Review Joint Preparatory Process



# Contribute: Call for Inputs on the WSIS+20 Review

In accordance with ITU Council Resolution 1332, members and other stakeholders are invited to contribute their views on the work of the ITU in the WSIS+20 review, including ideas related to the review of the WSIS Action Lines.



Learn more

# The floor is yours!

[wsis.org/forum](https://www.wsis.org/forum)

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