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

# WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025

## 1st Meeting
## Multistakeholder Open Consultation Process
## Celebrating Twenty Years and Achieving Future Milestones Together

18 November 2024

Co-hosts

ITU

Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Co-organizers

ITU

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United Nations
Educational, Scientific
and Cultural Organization

UNDP

UN trade & development
UNCTAD

# #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 |
| C2 | Infrastructure |
| C3 | Access to info & knowledge |
| C4 | Capacity building |
| C5 | Confidence & security |
| C6 | Enabling environment |
| C7 | eGovernment |
| C7 | eBusiness |
| C7 | eLearning |
| C7 | eHealth |
| C7 | eEmployment |
| C7 | eEnvironment |
| C7 | eAgriculture |
| C7 | eScience |
| C8 | Diversity & local content |
| C9 | Media |
| C10 | Ethical dimensions |
| 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

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# 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.

## Format

Engaging
Interactive
Consultative

## Outcome

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

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# 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

- Proposal for Sessions
- Exhibition Space
- Innovative formats and topics
- WSIS+20 views

**Submit through an online form**

**DEADLINE: 14 March 2025**

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# Join the Open Consultation Process meetings

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

**1st Meeting**

**2nd Meeting**

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

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

**3rd Meeting**

**4th 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

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

**Final Brief**

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# WSIS+20 High-Level Event – key elements

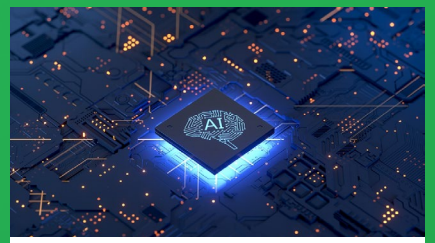
High-Level Leaders TalkX

Interactive Sessions by all stakeholders

WSIS Prizes

Hackathon

Ambassadors & Regulators Roundtables

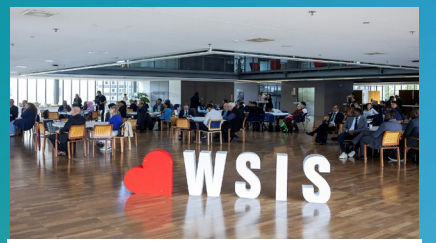



Emerging Technologies

Ministerial Roundtable

UN WSIS Action Lines & UNGIS sessions

Exhibitions




20-year celebrations

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# 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

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# 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

# 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

# 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**

# Reminder: Calls for Contributions

Open Consultation Process

WSIS Stocktaking & Prizes 2025

WSIS Photo Contest 2025

WSIS Special Prizes and Hackathon

*Coming Soon!*

WSIS Fund in Trust

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# WSIS+20 REVIEW

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# Joint Preparatory Process

**2023**
**SDG Summit**

18- 19
Sep. 2023

**2023**
**Japan Phase**

8-12 Oct.
IGF 2023:

WSIS+20 High-Level Panel

WSIS
High-Level
Dialogue

CSTD WSIS+20
Open
consultation

WSIS+20 HLE
OCP

WSIS+20
UNGIS open
forum

**Regional Events**

UN ESCAP:
8-9 Nov 2023,
Yerevan,
Armenia

UN ESCWA:
21-23 May
2024, Dubai,
UAE
February 2025,
Amman, Jordan

UN ESCAP:
3-5 Sept 2024,
Astana,
Kazakhstan
25-26 Sept, Jeju
Island, South
Korea

UN ECA:
9-11 Oct 2024,
Dar es Salaam,
Tanzania

UN ECLAC:
7-8 Nov 2024,
Santiago, Chile

**2024**
**Geneva Phase**

27-31 May
2024:

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**2024**
**Summit of the Future**

22-23 Sep
2024

**2024**
**IGF**

15-19 Dec
2024:

IGF 2024,
Riyadh, Saudi
Arabia

**2025**
**Paris Phase**

12-13 Feb
2025

UNESCO event:
Global Forum
on AI and
Digital
Transformation
in the Public
Sector

**2025**
**WSIS+20 Modalities**

Appointment of co-facilitators _ Resolution on the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS

(before June 2025)

**2025**
**CSTD Review**

7-11 April
2025:

28th CSTD
session

**2025**
**Geneva Phase**

7-11 July
2025:

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**2025**
**New York Phase**

UNGA
High-Level
Meeting on the
overall review of
the
implementation
of the Outcomes
of the WSIS

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

# 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.

- An online form launched in August 2024 for all stakeholders, **deadline 31 January 2025**
- **October 2024** — ITU Council Working Group WSIS&SDG 1st Physical Meeting
- **February 2025** — ITU Council Working Group WSIS&SDG 2nd Physical Meeting
- **7-11 July 2025** — A side event during the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025

Learn more

# The floor is yours!

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