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>> Good morning. Welcome to the WSIS 2025 WSIS Prizes Ceremony. Before we begin, just a brief housekeeping rule. The only photographers that are allowed in the first row are the official photographers. Do not go in front of the first row.

(Music)

With this being said, also in the middle, central aisle. With this being said, ladies and gentlemen, once again, good morning, welcome to the WSIS Prize 2025 Winners' Ceremony. It is a pleasure to welcome you today as we gather to recognize and celebrate the groundbreaking ICT Innovations that are driving progress across WSIS Action Lines.

>> HOST: Thank you ladies and gentlemen for contributing for the successful WSIS Prizes nominations. We received a record number of more than 970 submissions to the WSIS Prizes 2025 representing more than 107 countries with over 2 million votes cast online. So thank you so much for making this project a very vibrant one and for giving it all your commitment and support. This has demonstrated the dynamism, creativity, and commitment of inclusive digital development.

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>> Indeed, the numbers speak volumes about the community to harnessing digital technologies in driving development. Before we continue with the Ceremony, we would like to welcome to the stage our distinguished Secretary-General Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin who will present the awards to this year's outstanding Winners. Please join me in warmly welcoming Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin.

>> As we are ready to start, we ask everyone to take your seats, please. Please take your seats as we are about to start the WSIS Action Line number 1.

>> HOST: The runners up are presented on the screen. We would like to welcome all of the champions for Action Line C1.

And the Winner is Action Line 1. The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development, Situational-Analytical Complex, Engineering and Technical Center of the President's Affairs Administration of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

(Overlapping conversations)

(Captioned video presentation from Winner)

>> HOST: We would like to invite you to the lectern to deliver your winning speech.

>> WINNER: Thanks, it is pretty heavy. Ladies and gentlemen, first of all we're deeply grateful to be here. That is why we are really happy. It is a great honour for us to get this kind of international recognition. That is the situational-analytical complex, it is showing Kazakhstan is working openly. We want to say thank you to WSIS, ITU and all of the other partners for the trust and support. We're proud to help build on the shared digital future.

(No English translation) it means many thanks, again.

>> Congratulations. Congratulations for the Winner from Kazakhstan. Now moving to Action Line C2 information and communication infrastructure. Join me in applauding and recognizing the five champions in the category ICT infrastructure. Action Line 2. Information and communication infrastructure "Internet para Todos" in Peru Telefónica del Perú.

We would like to invite Mr. Gomez to receive the award on behalf of the Winner.

(Captioned video from Winner)

>> WINNER: Good morning. Thank you to ITU WSIS. This is a great honour. I deeply appreciate the recognition. Access to Internet shouldn't be a privilege. Access to the Internet is a fundamental right. It opens doors to innovation, education, better living conditions, new opportunities, and equity. This award belongs to the rural community they're to believe in a better future for themselves and for their children. Thanks for IPT team, shareholders and partners for making dreams come true. Let's keep working to ensure no one is left behind. Thanks.

(Applause)

>> HOST: Congratulations. Now we move on to Action Line C3. The finalists for Action Line 3. Access to information and knowledge

Are ... and the Winner in Action Line C3 action to information and knowledge is Digital Awareness Programme Nigerian Communications Commission, Nigeria.

We would like to invite you on stage, sir.  
(Captioned video for Winner)

>> We can dream bigger. That you, we will maintain this facility.

>> WINNER: I have to warn anyone coming after me, it is actually quite heavy. Be careful. Good morning distinguished guests, Your Excellencies. I'm truly honoured to accept this recognition on behalf of the NCC. My appreciation goes to the ITU, our hosts and WSIS organizers. The digital awareness Programme is a cornerstone of our efforts to promote digital inclusion in Nigeria.

Through the digital awareness Programme we have been equipping public schools, mostly in rural underserved and urn served areas for the past 20 years, providing them with digital infrastructure and the process enabling thousands of secondary school students to access the digital tools they need for learning, innovation and to have an opportunity.

This recognition is more than a celebration of the past, it is also an encouragement for us to push forward. And we truly appreciate this opportunity to be recognized. And we do promise we'll even do more in the future to promote digital access. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

>> Thank you to the Winners,  
Action Line 4. Capacity building National Information

Let's give a nice applause. The Winner for Action Line 4. Capacity building National Information Dissemination Centre, Malaysian Communications And Multimedia Commission (MCMC) Malaysia.

Congratulations, we would like to invite the Minister --

(Overlapping conversations)

(Captioned video from Winner)

>> WINNER: Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen I'm deeply honoured to accept this Prize on behalf of Malaysia. The NADI project reflects our commitment that no one, not even those in the most remote Regions should be left behind in this digital era. This award belongs to the communities that embraced digital skills for a better future and all Malaysians driving our vision of inclusive connected nation. Thank you, WSIS and the ITU for this Global recognition.

>> We move on to WSIS Action Line C5. We had really tough competition. Giving two Winners for this category, first time ever. First Winner. You have the short listed projects. The champions. Congratulations to all the champions.

And the first Winner in WSIS Action Line C5  
Action Line 5. Building confidence and security in use of ICTs, Anti Online Scam Operation Center, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, Thailand.

We welcome the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital economy and society to please come on stage to collect the award.

>>VIDEO: Suspending transactions in real-time. Analyze phone records and suspicious transactions --

>> We would like to invite you for a few remarks.

(Overlapping conversations)

>>VIDEO: We are firmly committed to dismantling the networks, so no citizen falls to online scams.

>> WINNER: I'm truly honoured to receive the WSIS Prize 2025 for our project. And the operation centre. This is the commitment to building tasks and security in the digital age. My sincere thanks to the ITU. Everyone who ordered and our team that makes this possible. Let's continue working together for a safer digital future. Thank you.

>> HOST: It is AI empowered solution, for telecom variation for the development of telematics from India, we would like to welcome the Director to please collect his trophy.

AI & Facial Recognition Powered Solution for Telecom SIM Subscriber Verification, Centre for Development of Telematics, India.

>> WINNER: I would like to thank the selection Committee and all that helped me during this project. I would like to thank the centre and the Department of Telecom India that has given me the responsibility to carry out this award winning project. So this award means a lot to my organisation and it has a lot of confidence and motivation.

>> We are moving to the Action Line enabling environment. The five champions are ... congratulations to the champions. The Winner in the Action Line 6. Enabling environment Digitech Dept. Of Communications and Digital Technologies, South Africa.

Congratulations. We would like to invite His Excellency Mr. Solly Malatsi, Minister of The Department of Communications.

>> Digitech is igniting the power of SMEs to solve real world issues. London tech week and Global digital Forum, Digitech backed innovators are scaling new heights. The Digitech Programme success lies in three cornerstones, enabling market access, digital skills acceleration and strong public-private collaboration.

>> SOLLY MALATSI: Whoo! Thank you very much for this award. This award belongs to all the public officials who drive innovation and solutions in the department. So I would like to dedicate it to team South Africa the public officials. This is all of your work. Be proud of it. Thank you very much.

>> HOST: Congratulations South Africa, we move on to Action Line 7, E Government. The finalists for e-Government are ... congratulations to all of you for being champions this year. The Winner Action Line 7. E-agriculture Action Line 7, E-government, TAMM, AI Assistant: The AI-Powered Government Agent Redefining Public Services, Department of Government Enablement, United Arab Emirates.

(Video)

>> HOST: Thank you, Excellency. We would like to invite you to the podium.

>> WINNER: Thank you very much. It is an immense honour to accept the Prize for e-Government on behalf of the Abu Dhabi Government and

UAE. It is more than a digital platform, it is the leadership vision of the intelligent, responsive and people-focused Government. Every day, TAMM effortlessly connects our public to Government services turning routine interactions into experiences marked by simplicity, care and ease.

Our AI assistant that was just launched back in October 2024 has supported over 700,000 conversations across 90 languages. Independently resolving more than a million cases efficiently and effectively, very importantly, without the need for any human intervention. This award truly belongs to the people of Abu Dhabi and it belongs to every public servant whose dedication has brought TAMM to life and Government partners whose collaboration has turned this vision into reality. Thank you for recognizing our commitment to shaping the future.

(Applause)

>> Congratulations for the Winners from United Arab Emirates. In the category e-Government. Now we are moving to e-business category. These are the finalists. Congratulations. Action Line 7. E-business, From Weeks to Minutes: How Occidental Mindoro Revolutionized Business Permitting, Department of Information and Communications Technology - MIMAROPA Region, Philippines.

(Captioned video from Winner)

>> WINNER: Thank you to ITU and WSIS and Doreen Bogdan-Martin and the Prizes Committee for this award. This is one of the most graphically challenged areas. This is where ICT is a game-changer. It breaks barriers, bringing services closer to the people. Leaving no one behind. Our EBPLS proves this. It is a streamlined process, cut red tape, made business services accessible even in the farthest towns.

This award fuels our resolve to expand ICT services across the country, because while geography may divide us, technology brings us together. To the Philippines, the DICT family, the partners, this award is for you. And thank you so much. (No English translation) we move to e-learning. The finalists are ...

Action Line 7. E-learning, Madrasati Learning Management System, Ministry of Education, Saudi Arabia.

We welcome the Winner to the stage along with his colleagues.

>>VIDEO: Digitally, inclusively and effectively serving over 10 million users. It delivers an end-to-end learning journey, virtual classrooms, interactive courses, real-time dashboards, and access for all. Anytime, anywhere.

>> WINNER: Honorable guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pride and appreciation to stand in front of you today to celebrate this remarkable achievement. This recognition is not merely a testament to the digital platform, it is a tribute to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's unwavering commitment to education, innovation and Digital Transformation. As envisioned in our National Vision 2030.

The success reflects intensive and continuous efforts by the

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Minister of Education to empower and prepare future generations to compete globally in a knowledge-based society via provision of inclusive, accessible, to a robust, resilient, high quality education. Thank you.

>> Congratulations for the Winners from Saudi Arabia. We are moving to the WSIS action line e-health. Give a round of applause for the champions in this category. The Winner is ... Action Line 7. E-health, Title: A New Era in Zanzibar's Healthcare: The Game-Changing Role of Digital Unique IDs, PHARMACCESS, United Republic of Tanzania.

We would like to invite His Excellency, the Minister of Health of Zanzibar.

>>VIDEO: In Zanzibar, the digital evolution is transforming lives with the card and 2% of the population have a unique ID and access to care and real-time health data. Through partnership with the Government to gain access to 68 facilities improved care and 312 households. In the first year, health insurance reached 18% of the population targeting the most vulnerable. A sustainable model designed for impact powered by partnership.

>> WINNER: On behalf of United Republic of Tanzania, the Minister of Health from Zanzibar, accompanied by my Minister of Health from Tanzania, Honorable Minister of information and communication technology, together we are receiving this award for Tanzania.

And profound owner to establish prestigious recognition, the Winner in the e-health category of the WSIS Prizes 2025. I extend gratitude to the World Summit on the Information Society and the ITU for the championing of innovation that advanced the Digital Transformation across the globe. This milestone was made possible by strong leadership, partnership, and commitment.

And I shared ambition to ensure no one is left behind. I want to recognize the partnership with pharma-access whose support is instrumental in rolling out this system in Zanzibar. For all of the workers, this award is yours as much as it is ours. To symbolize the power of working together to transform challenges into opportunities and to build resilient health system for future generation. We accept this honour with humility and renewed determination to keep pushing boundaries, and delivering quality healthcare for all. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

>> HOST: Action Line 7 e-employment. The champions ... Action Line 7. E-employment, Graduates Employment Ranking Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Azerbaijan.

We invite the Winners to collect their award

>>VIDEO: The goal is to provide fast and innovative solutions. The graduates employment ranking platform is a groundbreaking initiative to connect education and employment. Covering data from one hundred thousand graduates from 30 Universities and specialties. It provides insight to the trends, salary levels and employment

outcomes. Making students with informed choices, it strengthens between talent and opportunity, enabling futures.

>> WINNER: Ladies and gentlemen, we truly honoured to accept the first WSIS effort on behalf of the Minister of Labour and social protection, a proud moment for us and our country.

What we do, we do for our people. As mentioned in the video, are let's empower choices to enable features.

Thank you for WSIS community, our partners, and all who contribute to us. Thank you. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

>> Congratulations to the Winners from Azerbaijan. We are moving to the e-environment. Five champions, and runners up in this category are presented on the screen. Out of the five, one is the Winner. Action Line 7. E-environment, "Rapid, accurate and secure production, dissemination and communication of early warning for meteorological disaster", China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, China.

We would like to invite the President of the China Academy of information and technology to receive the award.  
(Video with no dialogue)

>> WINNER: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great honour to receive this Prize. Thank you, ITU. Thank you Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, the Secretary-General. We are proud to participate in the UN early warning for all initiative. When disasters strike, no one should be left unwarned. Our system can deliver timely alerts to people at risk. Now it is becoming part of the National infrastructure. Thank you very much.

>> HOST: Congratulations. That is a great achievement. We're now moving to Action Line 7 e-agriculture. The finalists are on the screen. We would like to announce the Winner. Are you ready. The Winner Action Line 7, E-agriculture, Vegetable Market Information System, Ministry of Agriculture and Forest, Bhutan.

We would like to invite Your Excellency to accept the award on your behalf.

>>VIDEO: There is the marketing information system, AMIS which is the web and app versions. Through the AMIS. The prices can be known by anyone in the country. There is the price analysis feature to help enhance agricultural marketing and benefit farmers on a daily basis.

>> WINNER: Thank you very much to the ITU for giving us this award. I would like to dedicate this award to all the farmers in Bhutan and around the world for feeding us every day. Thank you to ITU.

>> HOST: Thank you, Excellency. We have an appreciation message from Bhutan. Which is being played on the screen from the Minister.  
(Captioned video from Winner)

>> Once again, congratulations to the Winners from Bhutan and thank the Minister for his video message. You are moving to Action Line of e-science. The champions are ... the Winner is Action Line 7. E-science, Improving brain proteostasis as a strategy to reduce the adverse effects of aging on the



cognitive decline of the elderly. "Biomedical Neuroscience Institute (BNI), University of Chile", Chile.

Congratulations. On behalf of the Winner, a representative to Mission of the UN is receiving the award. The Winner and leader of the project could not be with us today, she shared the video message with us.

(Overlapping conversations)

>>VIDEO: This is based on the concept that ageing is a main risk factor to develop most of the diseases affecting the human population. We think a strategy to alter and improve the quality of ageing will reduce the burden of disease in the huge population including our quality of life and also equality. I want to thank the organizers for choosing our project.

>> HOST: Congratulations. We will move to Action Line C8. The finalists are on the screen there.

Action Line 8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content, "Empowering Youth Through Digital Innovation: Enhancing Capacity, Opportunities, and Participation in Civic Life", BASAibu, Indonesia.

(Captioned video from Winner)

>> WINNER: The Honorable ITU Secretary-General Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, fellow Winners and most importantly, Indonesia young people BASAibu is accepting this award on behalf of these speaking out about civic issues improving well-being and their community. It is an honour. We thank those for their support and Indonesia Government at all levels, community leaders, educators, parents, young people themselves for enabling the Indonesia youth participation.

>> Congratulations for the Winner in culture and diversity. And now moving to Action Line media. The finalists are listed on the screen. Congratulations to the five finalists and champions. The Winner in the Action Line 9. Media, Girls Speak Out, The Usawa Institute, Zimbabwe.

Congratulations, we would like to invite His Excellency -- Her Excellency, to join Secretary-General together with the Minister from Zimbabwe, thank you.

>>VIDEO: Across Africa women make up just 26% of the AI workforce. This is not just a gift, it is a future told. If girls speak out we are changing the script, giving girls the tools to write their own code, co-create submissions and rise together on their own terms. We're not waiting for the future. We're building it.

>> WINNER: Thank you. Excellencies, distinguished guests, partners in manager and fellow advocates for Digital Transformation, I stand before you this profound humility to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the Usawa institute. This is not merely an accolade. It is a testament to the tireless dedication of Usawa in bridging Digital Divide and turning the ideas of WSIS into tangible realities for Zimbabwe. Thank you, ITU and Secretary-General. Thank you very much.



>> Congratulations. The Winner and leader of the project could not be with us today, she has shared a video message. Please.

>>VIDEO: On behalf of the Usawa institute we're humbled and honoured to accept this WSIS Prize for our girls speak out Programme in the media category. This recognition truly belongs to the brilliant young women in our Programme. Their courage is powered by our incredible volunteer trainers, staff, and partners who ensure this vital work continues.

We humbly dedicate this award to our late co-Founder who designed this Programme.

His vision for equality continues to guide us all. Thank you.

>> HOST: Congratulations, we move on to the category C10. Ethical dimensions for Information Society. The champions are on the screen.

Action Line 10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society, Cyber Security Education Curriculum - 2025, National Cyber Security Agency, Qatar.

We invite Excellency, President of the National Cybersecurity Agency to come and collect the award.

(Captioned video from Winner)

>> WINNER: It is a great honour to receive today the WSIS award 2025 from the ITU for our Cybersecurity curricula project. This recognition highlights our commitment to enhance cyber resilience and empower the next generation with essential Cybersecurity skills.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the ITU and all of our partners who have supported us in this journey. Together we're shaping a safer digitally future. Thank you for trust and your support.

(Applause)

>> We are coming to the last award for today. The Action Line 11. The champions are ...

The Winner Action Line 11. International and regional cooperation, One Health Data Alliance Africa, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany.

We would like to invite them to receive the award from the Secretary-General.

(Captioned video from Winner)

>> WINNER: What a day. I really want to appreciate the World Summit on the Information Society. I want to thank everyone, partners, our contributors, the experts that have contributed to the world health in South Africa. We appreciate the expertise, the collaboration, the working together that you have brought together to make today possible. This Prize that we have today is testament to all the hard work to all the deliberations, to all the good things you have been working together. This Prize is for you. Thank you very much.

(Music)

>> HOST: That brings us to the end of the Prize Ceremony for WSIS Prizes 2025. A big round of applause for all of the Winners and champions. We would like to ask the Winners to join the

Secretary-General on the stage for a Group photograph with your trophy. Bring your trophy for a Group photograph with the Secretary-General.

>> All the Winners are invited to join the Secretary-General on the stage for the Group photo. And let the music begin.

(Music)

>> Congratulations to the WSIS 2025 Prize Winners. Two important announcements. Everyone is invited to the Forum Exhibition Inauguration ribbon cutting Ceremony, which will take place in the front of this room. Everyone, join us with the Secretary-General cutting the ribbon at the WSIS Wall. The Ceremony starts in five minutes.

Another important announcement for those invited for the high-level lunch at the Hilton hotel, hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and ITU, please note that the Hilton hotel is a 10-minute walk or there is a shuttle service available in front of the venue. The lunch is planned to start at 12:15. Thank you very much.

Let's now move to the WSIS Wall for the WSIS Exhibition Inauguration. Thank you, once again.

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