WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025

3rd Meeting
Multistakeholder Open Consultation Process
Celebrating Twenty Years and Achieving Future Milestones Together

11 February 2025

Co-hosts

Co-organizers

Save the date

7-11 July 2025
Palexpo
Geneva, Switzerland

Highlights of the OCP Meetings to date

Formats Suggestions
- Collaborative spaces and consultative meetings
- Matchmaking moments to connect innovators with various stakeholders

- Provide a platform for participants to evaluate achievements, identify gaps, and critically review Action Lines
- Update WSIS Action Lines to address emerging technologies and evolving digital divides.

Assessing WSIS Action Lines & Evolution

Topics Suggestions
- Ethical dimensions
- Financing ICT Infrastructure
- Youth and e-waste
- Digital Gender Inclusion
- Rural Connectivity for underserved and marginalized communities
- Women entrepreneurship

- Ensure WSIS+20 HLE 2025 outcomes inform the WSIS+20 Overall Review by UNGA

Outcomes

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

Draft Agenda

	MON 7 July	TUE 8 July	WED 9 July	THU 10 July	FRI 11 July
AM	• Ambassadors Roundtable (TBC) • Inaugural Session • High-Level Plenary • Exhibition Inauguration • Knowledge Café • WSIS Prizes • Youth	• Forum track • High-Level Lunch by Platinum partner • Knowledge Café	• Network of Women Leaders in ICT Breakfast • High-Level Track • Forum track • High-Level Lunch by Diamond partner • Knowledge Café • WSIS Prizes Champions Ceremony	• High-Level track • Forum track • Knowledge Café	• High-Level track • Forum track • Knowledge Café
PM	• UNGIS High-Level • Forum track • Reception by Poland / Youth Party	• Regulators Roundtable • Forum track • TED/similar TalkX WSIS 20-year celebrations	• High-Level track • Ministerial Roundtable • ITU 160th Presidential Gala Dinner	• **AI Governance Day** • Forum track • Official Swiss Reception • Partner Certificates	• WSIS Action Lines Facilitators Meeting • Closing Ceremony and Chair's WSIS+20 HLE Summary

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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

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

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Call for High-Level Track Facilitators

- Objective : capture the vision, identify emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the High-Level speakers in the TalkX

- Representation from : Private Sector, Civil Society, Technical Community, Academia and International Organizations

- Nominations open until: **31 March 2025**

- www.wsis.org/forum

#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

#WSIS20Story - What's your story?

WSIS Story of Markus Kummer, Switzerland

WSIS Story of Wendy Teresa Goico Campagna, Dominican Republic

Partner with Us!

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

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

#WSIS20Story

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WSIS+20 REVIEW

Appointment of the co-facilitators

The President of the United Nations General Assembly has appointed co-facilitators for intergovernmental consultations to finalize the modalities for the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society.

H.E. Mr. Erastus Lokaale

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Rytis Paulauskas

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations

WSIS+20 Review
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 ECE: 14 March 2024, Geneva, Switzerland

UN ESCWA: 21-23 May 2024, Dubai, UAE
3-6 Nov 2024, 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
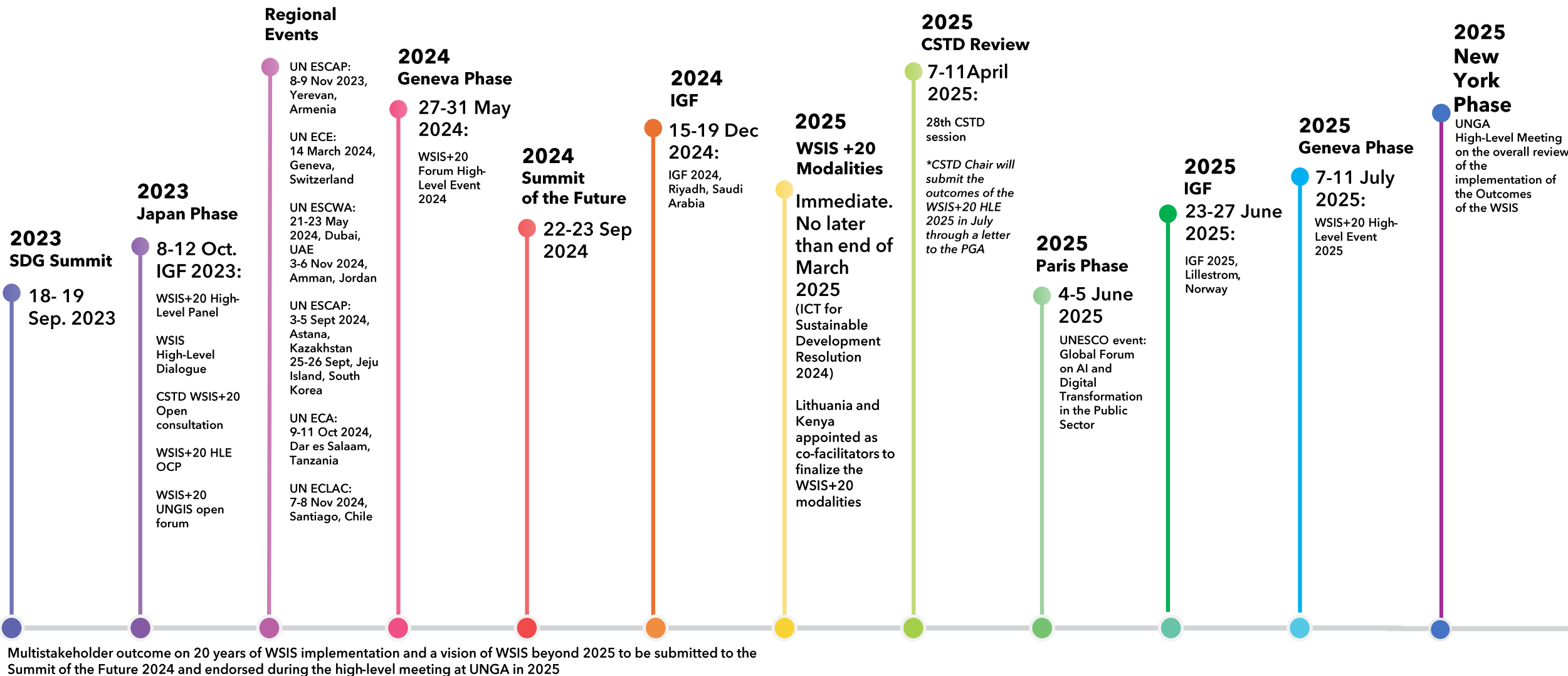
27-31 May 2024:

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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
WSIS +20 Modalities

Immediate. No later than end of March 2025
(ICT for Sustainable Development Resolution 2024)

Lithuania and Kenya appointed as co-facilitators to finalize the WSIS+20 modalities

2025
CSTD Review

7-11April 2025:

28th CSTD session

CSTD Chair will submit the outcomes of the WSIS+20 HLE 2025 in July through a letter to the PGA

2025
Paris Phase

4-5 June 2025

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

2025
IGF

23-27 June 2025:

IGF 2025, Lillestrom, Norway

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

WSIS+20 Roadmaps

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 - WSIS+20 Roadmap
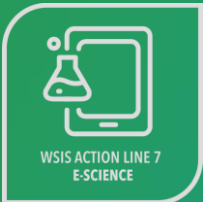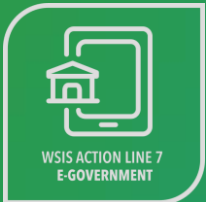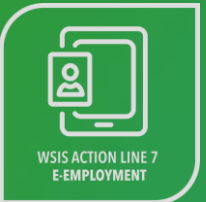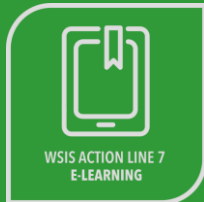

Report of the UNESCO Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes

Commission on Science and Technology for Development Roadmap for the WSIS+20

20 years of WSIS Action Lines: milestones, challenges and emerging trends beyond 2025

WSIS ACTION LINE 1 PROMOTION OF ICTS FOR DEVELOPMENT

WSIS ACTION LINE 2 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE

WSIS ACTION LINE 3 ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE

WSIS ACTION LINE 4 CAPACITY BUILDING

WSIS ACTION LINE 5 BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY IN THE USE OF ICTS

WSIS ACTION LINE 6 ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-LEARNING

WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-BUSINESS

WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-EMPLOYMENT

WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-GOVERNMENT

WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-SCIENCE

WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-ENVIRONMENT

WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-AGRICULTURE

WSIS ACTION LINE 7 E-HEALTH

WSIS ACTION LINE 8 CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND LOCAL CONTENT

WSIS ACTION LINE 9 MEDIA

WSIS ACTION LINE 10 ETHICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

WSIS ACTION LINE 11 INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

20 years of implementation of WSIS Action Lines prepared by UN Action Lines Facilitators, highlighting:

- Evolution of context

- 20 years achievements

- Challenges

- Emerging Trends

- Opportunities beyond 2025

Learn more: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Home/About

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