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Second Meeting of the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 Open Consultation Process

(during IGF 2024)

18 December 2024, 09:45 to 10:45 (UTC+3) / 07:45 to 08:45 (CET/UTC+1) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia with remote participation facilities

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The Open Consultation Process (OCP) lays the groundwork for shaping the WSIS Forum's agenda and program, fostering a participatory and inclusive approach. This process invites contributions from various stakeholders—governments, private sector, civil society, technical community, academia, and international organizations—to ensure broad ownership and continuous improvements. Through consultative meetings and online submissions, the OCP collects input to shape the development of the WSIS Forum.

The Second Meeting of the Open Consultation Process will build on previous discussions, continuing to gather input from stakeholders to shape the agenda, program, and format of the WSIS Forum 2025, branded as the WSIS+20 High-Level Event, scheduled for 7–11 July 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. The session will provide an open platform for participants to engage in discussions, share ideas, and contribute to the Event's preparations. Participants will also have the opportunity to receive updates on the latest activities related to the WSIS Process and its alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 will be co-hosted by ITU and the Swiss Confederation. It will serve as a platform for discussion of the WSIS+20 review and the WSIS Action Lines and to take stock of the achievements and key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action. The Event will highlight the way forward in preparation for the second review by the UN General Assembly, ensuring the continued relevance of the WSIS framework in digital governance.

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Welcome Remarks
 - ITU
 - Amb. Thomas Schneider, Ambassador and Director of International Affairs, Switzerland (TBC)
 - UNESCO
 - Mr. Robert Opp, Chief Digital Officer, UNDP
 - Mr. Torbjörn Fredriksson, Head, E-commerce and Digital Economy Branch, UNCTAD
- 2. WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Updates by Ms. Gitanjali Sah, Strategy and Policy Coordinator, ITU
- 3. Open floor for contributions and inputs/Q&A with all stakeholders
 - Ms Cynthia Lesufi, Chair, CWG WSIS&SDG, South Africa
 - Ms Mina, Vice- Chair CWG WSIS&SDG, South Korea
 - APC
 - Cheryl Miller, Vice President, Digital Policy, United States Council for International Business (USCIB)
 - Mr. Chengetai Masango, IGF Secretariat
 - Meni Anastasiadou , Policy Manager, ICC Basis