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Final Brief
Multistakeholder Open Consultation Process
Celebrating Twenty Years and Achieving Future Milestones Together

10 June 2025

Co-hosts

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Celebrating Twenty Years and Achieving Future Milestones Together

www.wsis.org/forum

Excepted participation

4000+
Participants

150+
Countries

500+
High-Level guests

- Multistakeholder discussions
- Consultative meetings
- Take stock of achievements/success in 20 years
- Vision beyond 2025

Multistakeholder participation

Governments

Private Sector

Academia

Technical Community

Civil Society

International Organizations

UN System

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Venue

Route François-Peyrot 30, Le Grand-Saconnex,
Geneve, Switzerland 1218

Palexpo Congress Centre

Located 10 minutes from Geneva city center and directly opposite Geneva International Airport

Access via Public Transportation

- Line 5 – stop “Palexpo”
- Line 8 – stop “Palexpo”
- Line 23 – stop “Palexpo-Hall 7”
- Line 50 – stop “Palexpo”
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By car

1,500 spaces available for visitors and exhibitors in the **P12** car parking

Additional information:
https://www.palexpo.ch/en/access/

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Registration

Registration for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 is free of charge and open to all stakeholders.

Registration is mandatory for all participants to attend the Event.

Invitation letter available in **6 UN Languages**.

On-site Registration Virtual Registration

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Home/Registration

We encourage you to book your accommodation early.

Accreditation and Visa

- Accreditation is required in order to participate on-site to attend the Event.
- A registration confirmation (e-confirmation) will be the sole document provided for visa support.

Learn more : wsis.org/forum

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Badging Information

All participants attending the event will require an official event badge to access the venue.
This includes all attendees, high-level participants, and VIPs.

Badge collection requirements

A valid photo ID card or passport

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Your e-confirmation of registration

Badging schedule

Day	Location	Opening Hours
Pre-Event Week		
Wednesday 2 July	Montbrillant building of the ITU headquarters	08:30 – 17:00
Thursday 3 July	Montbrillant building of the ITU headquarters	13:00 – 17:00
Friday 4 July	Montbrillant building of the ITU headquarters	08:30 – 17:00
Event Week		
Monday 7 to Friday 11 July	Palexpo	07:30 – 19:00

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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

11 February 2025
During 42nd CWG-WSIS&SDG
ITU HQ, Geneva and remote

3rd Meeting

4th Meeting

3 April 2025
ITU HQ, Room A, Geneva and remote

10 June 2025
14:00-15:00 CEST
ITU HQ, Room K2
and remote

Final Brief

Learn more

A participatory programme with 500+ inputs

Open consultation Process online form

Inputs from all stakeholders on agenda and format

Conducting consultative meetings

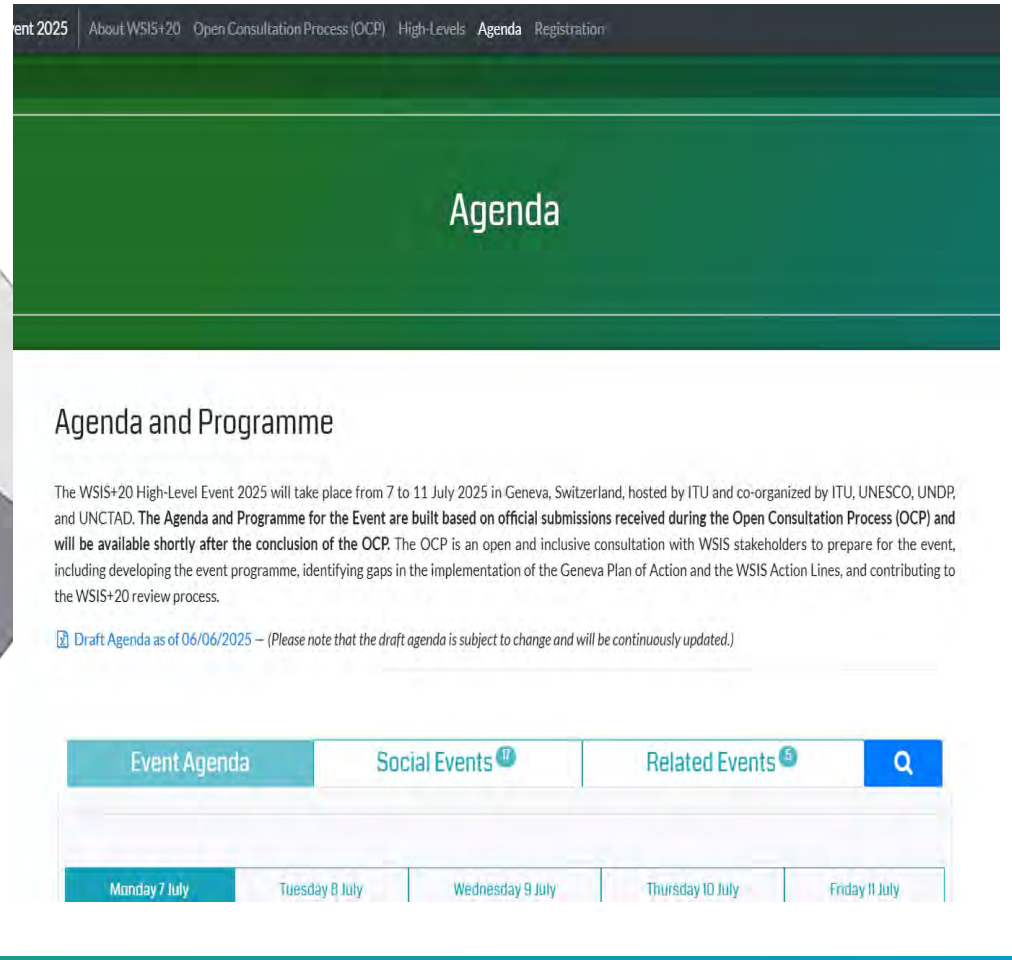
Four meetings held to collect additional input from all stakeholders, enhancing engagement.

Analyzing received input

Comprehensive analysis and coordination to ensures all voices are heard in the agenda creation.

Finalizing and publishing agenda

The final programme is available online



60+
Ministers and Deputies

40+
Regulators

50
UN Partners

72
WSIS Prizes Champions

18
WSIS Prizes Winners

200+
Sessions

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Programme at a glance

	MON 7 July	TUE 8 July	WED 9 July	THU 10 July	FRI 11 July
AM	• Inaugural Session • High-Level Plenary • Exhibition Inauguration • Knowledge Café • High-Level Lunch by Gold partner • WSIS Prizes ceremony	• Forum track • High-Level Lunch by WSIS Long-standing partner • Knowledge Café	• Network of Women Ministers & Leaders in ICT Breakfast • High-Level Track • Forum track • High-Level Lunch by Platinum partner • Knowledge Café	• **AI Governance Dialogue** • High-Level track for HOS • UNGIS High-Level Meeting • Forum track • Knowledge Café	• Ambassadors Roundtable • High-Level track • Forum track • High-Level Lunch by Gold partner • Knowledge Café
PM	• Youth special track • WSIS Prizes Champions Ceremony • Forum track • WSIS session for newcomers • WSIS+20 celebration • Reception by Poland • Youth Party	• Regulators Roundtable • Forum track	• High-Level track • Ministerial Roundtable • ITU 160th anniversary dinner	• **AI Governance Dialogue** • 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 2025 – key elements

High-Level
Leaders TalkX

Interactive sessions by
all stakeholders

WSIS Prizes ceremonies

WSIS+20 consultations

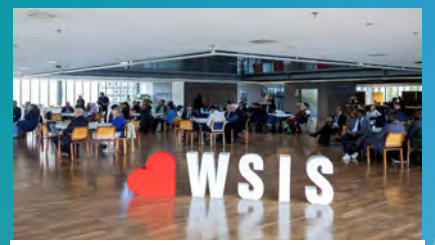
Ambassadors &
Regulators Roundtables

Youth Special Track

Ministerial Roundtable

UN WSIS Action Lines
& UNGIS meetings

Exhibition



20-year celebrations

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Youth Special Track

In collaboration with: ITU, ISOC, IEEE, Shanghai Green Light-Year, USCIB/ICANN, ICDC/CSEDS, UNIGE/SDG Solution Space

Shaping the Digital Future Together

Knowledge Café: Youth

High-Level Dialogue: Youth Track

ReModelUN Trialogue

Youth Exhibitions

Youth Special Track sessions

Youth networking reception

This track empowers and amplifies:

Youth Voices

WSIS Vision

Innovative Solutions

Intergenerational Collaboration

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Exhibition Spaces

- **Partners Exhibition**
- **WSIS Photo Contest Winners Exhibition:** A dedicated space showcasing winning photos of the Photo Contest
- **Regular Exhibitors**
- **UN Exhibitors**
- **WSIS+20 anniversary celebrations:** Featuring a digital photo booth and a 360° video booth
- **Youth Exhibition Zone**

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Chair Designate

H.E. Mr. Solly Malatsi

Minister, Department of
Communications and Digital
Technologies (DCDT)
South Africa

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High-Level Track

High-Level Engagements

- 7 July: Inaugural session
- 7-11 July: High-Level Dialogues
- 8 July: Regulators Roundtable (invitation-only)
- 9 July: Network of Women Ministers & Leaders in ICT Breakfast
- 9 & 11 July: Leaders TalkX
- 9 July: Ministerial Roundtable (invitation-only)
- 10 July: AI Governance Dialogue (invitation-only) lunch
- 10 July: AI Governance Dialogue plenary

3 Heads of States confirmed
60+ Ministers and deputies confirmed
40+ Heads of Regulatory Authorities

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Meet the High-Level Track Facilitators

- Role : 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

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WSIS Prizes 2025

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Outcome Documents

- WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 Chair's Summary
- WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 Outcomes Document
- High-Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Action Lines 20 years of achievements, challenges, and emerging trends
- WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Stocktaking Success Stories
- WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Stocktaking Report

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WSIS PROCESS

- WSIS as the leading global platform for digital transformation.
- Establish WSIS follow-up as a permanent process.
- Ensure inclusive digital governance with equitable regulations.
- WSIS must continue bridging the digital divide.
- Keep WSIS adaptable to emerging challenges.
- Review WSIS every five years or less.
- Make WSIS more agile, inclusive, and influential.
- WSIS as a central hub for global digital governance.
- Move beyond declarations to concrete action.
- WSIS Forum and IGF continue to provide a multistakeholder platform.
- Strengthen WSIS as a driver of the global digital agenda.
- Strengthen open, multi-stakeholder dialogue.
- Continue collecting and sharing best practices through the WSIS Stocktaking Database, including the WSIS Prizes.
- Enhance data collection and impact measurement.
- WSIS as a reference for responsible digital transformation.
- Establish strong monitoring and accountability for WSIS.
- UNGIS must continue serving as an inter-agency mechanism on digital for development.
- Integrate GDC implementation into the WSIS Architecture.
- Leverage WSIS Forum to track GDC progress, including AI and data.
- Develop a GDC roadmap with clear roles and accountability.
- Promote inclusive, development-driven global digital cooperation.
- Align WSIS Action Lines with GDC and the evolving digital economy.

#WSIS20Story – What's your story?

- 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.

- Selected stories will be featured in WSIS+20 celebrations and communications

Thank you to our partners!

- WSIS Long-Standing Partner
- Strategic Partner Platinum
- Strategic Partner Gold
- Silver Partner
- Contributing Partners
- Supporting Partners

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 ECE: 14 March 2024, Geneva, Switzerland

UN ESCWA: 21-23 May 2024, Dubai, UAE
23-26 Feb 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:

WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024

2024
Summit of the Future

22-23 Sep 2024

2024
IGF

15-19 Dec 2024:

IGF 2024, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

2025
WSIS +20 Co-Facilitators

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

March: Adopted Resolution on WSIS+20 Modalities: A/79/L.62

23 April: Albania and Kenya appointed as co-facilitators for the WSIS+20 Review

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 Conference on Capacity Building 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:

WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 (WSIS Forum)

2025
New York Phase

16-17 Dec 2025:

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 Review

President of UNGA appointed co-facilitators for WSIS+20 overall review by the United Nations General Assembly
on 23 April 2025

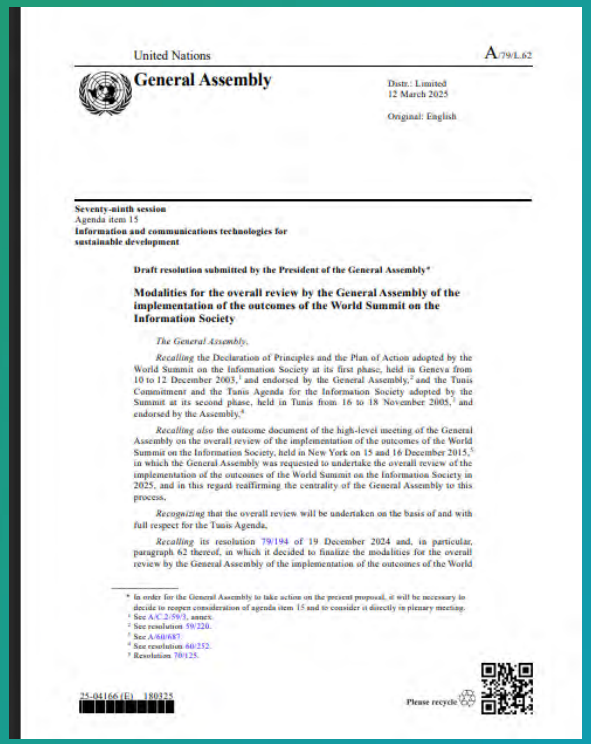
H.E. Mr. Erastus Lokaale

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations

H.E. Ms. Suela Janina

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations

WSIS+20 Modalities Resolution (A/79/L.62) is adopted –
on March 2025



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General Assembly

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Seventy-ninth session
Agenda item 15
Information and communications technologies for sustainable development

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly*

Modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society at its first phase, held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003,[1] and endorsed by the General Assembly,[2] and the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the Summit at its second phase, held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005,[3] and endorsed by the Assembly,[4]

Recalling also the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2015,[5] in which the General Assembly was requested to undertake the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2025, and in this regard reaffirming the centrality of the General Assembly to this process,

Recognizing that the overall review will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Tunis Agenda,

Recalling its resolution 79/194 of 19 December 2024 and, in particular, paragraph 62 thereof, in which it decided to finalize the modalities for the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary to decide to reopen consideration of agenda item 15 and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.
[1] See A/C.2/59/3, annex.
[2] See resolution 59/220.
[3] See A/60/687.
[4] See resolution 60/252.
[5] Resolution 70/125.

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WSIS+20 Co-Facilitators indicative roadmap of key steps

30 May 2025
1st Preparatory Meeting & Stocktaking Session at Conference Room 1, UNHQ.

9-10 June 2025
Consultations with Stakeholders, held virtually.

20 June 2025
Release of Elements Paper

June/July 2025
Consultations with Stakeholders and Member States at various locations.

August 2025
Release of Zero Draft.

Mid-October 2025
2nd Preparatory Meeting & Stocktaking Session at UNHQ.

Mid-October 2025
Consultations with Stakeholders, held virtually.

October/November 2025
Informal Negotiations at UNHQ.

November 2025
Draft Outcome Document.

November 2025
Consultations with Stakeholders and Member States at UNHQ.

16-17 December 2025
High-level meeting of the General Assembly at UNHQ
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20 years of WSIS Action Lines: milestones, challenges and emerging trends beyond 2025

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

The floor is yours!

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