



## Session Outcome Document

### P2C @ WSIS+20 High-Level Dialogue

#### **PARTNER2CONNECT @ WSIS+20 – FULL SPEED AHEAD: UNITED TO REACH USD 100 BILLION IN COMMITMENTS**

International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Partner2Connect

7 July 2025, 15:00–16:00 CEST

Room C, Palexpo

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Agenda/Session/162>

#### **Key Issues Discussed: Looking Beyond 2025**

- P2C has mobilized over USD 73 billion in digital investment pledges, bringing global momentum to universal meaningful connectivity.
- The critical role of partnerships and multi-stakeholder action to close the digital divide.
- The rise of responsible AI, device affordability, satellite connectivity, and sustainable infrastructure as drivers of inclusion.
- Success stories from South Africa, Kyrgyzstan, and beyond showcase how pledges are delivering real impact.
- Emerging focus areas include AI for development, digital skills training, resilient infrastructure, and rural inclusion.
- WSIS and P2C offer complementary frameworks, principles and action, for digital transformation beyond 2025.
- Countries and companies reaffirmed their commitment to the \$100B pledge target by 2026.
- WSIS+20 provides a springboard for future commitments and a global vision for inclusive digital growth.

#### **Tangible Outcomes of the Session**

- **New Pledge from China Unicom:** USD 1.38 billion investment from 2025–2029 to expand mobile and fixed networks, aiming to reach 110 million people and support the “Early Warnings for All” initiative.
- **New Pledge from Cisco:** USD 1 billion Global AI Fund focused on secure, reliable, and responsible AI, including a Global AI Hub in France and investments in leading AI ventures.
- **Pledge Updates:**



- **South Africa:** SA Connect Phase 2 aims to connect over 5.8 million households and community institutions.
- **ZTE:** Commitments include reducing ICT's climate impact, expanding global AI ecosystems, delivering 50,000 hours of ICT education, and bridging the digital divide.
- **Amazon:** Project Kuiper and AWS digital skills initiative to reach 29 million people by 2025.
- **Google:** Over USD 1 billion pledged toward digital transformation, device affordability, AI for SDGs, and global upskilling through "Grow with Google."
- **ISOC:** Support for 100 local connectivity projects and training 10,000 people in infrastructure deployment.
- **UNDP and UN System:** Highlight of 61 pledges from 29 UN entities totalling nearly USD 170 million, including UNDP's 3 digital transformation pledges.

### **Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Action Plan for the WSIS+20 Review and Beyond**

- Continue mobilizing high-value pledges through P2C to reach the USD 100 billion milestone by 2026.
- Foster inclusive digital partnerships that match national priorities with private sector innovation.
- Scale up investment in emerging technologies, especially AI, satellite internet, and green ICT, for development.
- Expand the visibility and impact of existing pledges through transparent reporting and cross-sector collaboration.
- Integrate P2C more closely with WSIS beyond 2025 to align principles with action and deepen global cooperation.