Session Outcome Document

Futurizing Democracy. Threats and Opportunities in the Digital Age

World Summit Awards

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Key Issues discussed: Looking Beyond 2025 (5–8 bullet points highlighting achievements, emerging trends, challenges in 20 years, figures, success stories and opportunities for WSIS beyond 2025)

- Data Sovereignty and Data Governance for Democracy
- Fake News and Deep Fake supporting the agenda of populist and anti-democratic parties
- Algorithm and Biases challenging Democracy
- Digital Divides excluding citizens from Participation

Tangible Outcomes of the session

- WSA recognizes since 2003 in the category "Government & Citizen Engagement" Digital Solutions enabling Citizen Engagement and Democratic Participation: https://wsa-global.org/wsa-awards/wsa-winners/#?category=2&
- The Digital Empowerment Foundation trains Soochnapreneurs, community information agents those who will bridge the gap between government and citizens and will make information available to the last mile rural beneficiaries: https://www.soochnapreneur.in/

Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Action Plan for the WSIS+20 Review and Beyond (2–5 bullet points presenting concrete actions and guidance to inform the WSIS+20 Review by UNGA and build the multistakeholder vision of WSIS beyond 2025)

- **Platform and alogorithm regulation to protect democracy**