



WSIS FORUM 2026

6-10 July 2026
Geneva, Switzerland

Final Briefing of the Open Consultation Process

Working together towards WSIS 2035:
Digital Development for All

4 June 2026

Co-hosts



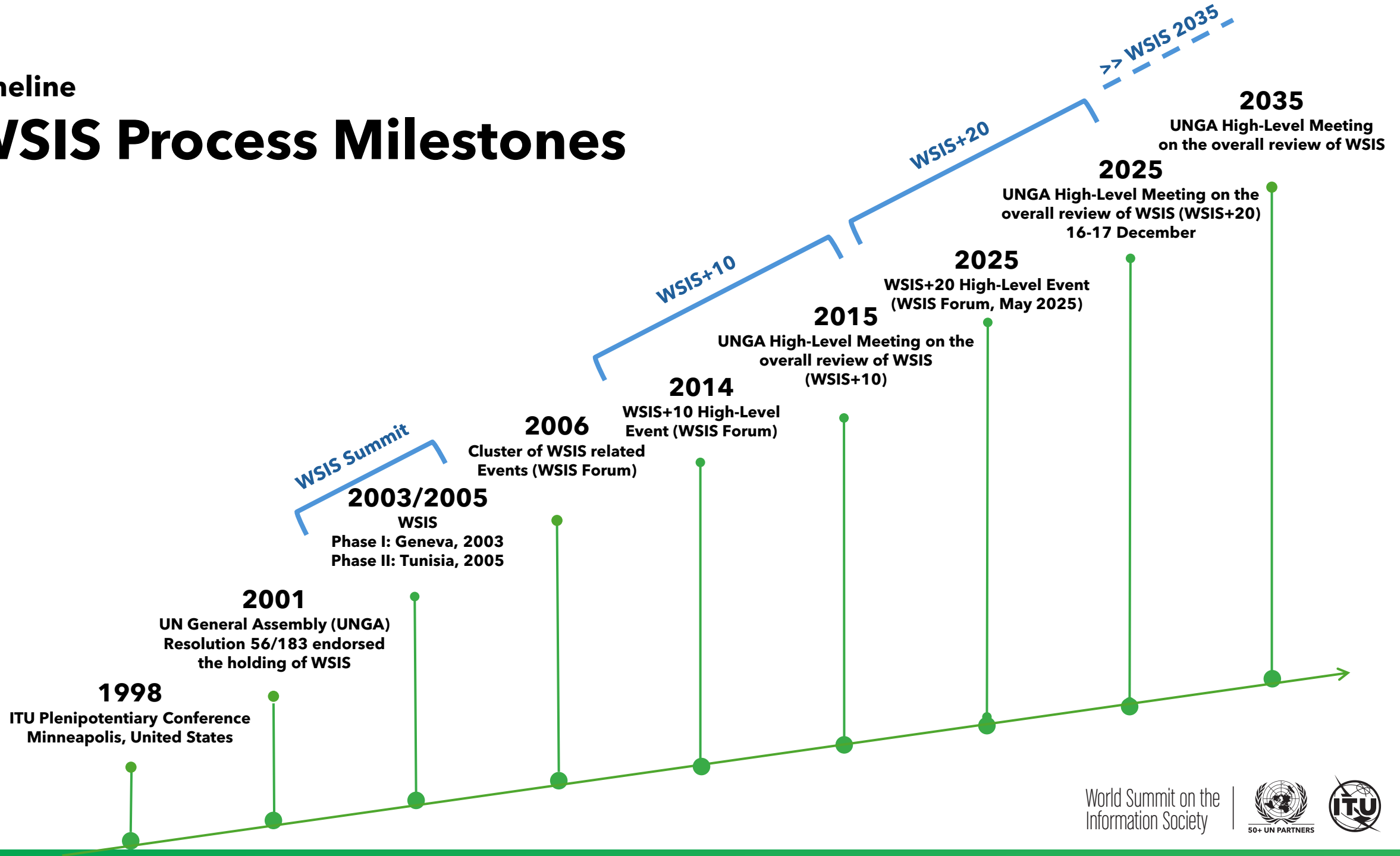
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Co-organizers



Timeline

WSIS Process Milestones



WSIS Action Lines

Guiding the WSIS Process



C1 ICTs for development

C2 Infrastructure

C3 Access to info & knowledge

C4 Capacity building

C5 Confidence & security

C6 Enabling environment

C7 eGovernment

C7 eBusiness

C7 eLearning

C7 eHealth

C7 eEmployment

C7 eEnvironment

C7 eAgriculture

C7 eScience

C8 Diversity & local content

C9 Media

C10 Ethical dimensions

C11 Int & regional cooperation

21 000+ digital projects aligned with SDGs

Presentations by UN WSIS Action Lines facilitators on WSIS+20 Review Action Lines Milestones, Challenges and Emerging Trends beyond 2025: <https://itu.int/go/wsis20review>

Outcome Document

A/RES/80/173

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 **adopted by consensus** on 17 December 2005



Key outcomes of the Resolution

A reinforced mandate for WSIS Forum

Platform for the sharing of information and best practice and for multistakeholder dialogue

Collaboration, developing networks and coordinating initiatives to implement WSIS vision

UNGIS meetings

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WSIS Action Lines implementation and roadmaps

High-Level Track

Annual update from Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development on targets and indicators



WSIS Forum objectives



Multistakeholder discussions on digital development and emerging trends



Showcase and share best practices across sectors and regions



Inclusive dialogues to develop WSIS Action Lines roadmaps that contribute to global development



Vision towards 2035 : align strategies for sustainable, inclusive digital transformation



Discuss policies for bridging the digital divide and advancing digital cooperation





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Expected participation

4000+

Participants

160+

Countries

100+

Ministers & Deputy Ministers

550+

Sessions

50+

Regulatory Authorities

50+

UN Entities

Multistakeholder participation



Governments



Private Sector



Academia



Technical
Community



Civil Society



International
Organizations



UN System



Youth

Venues

ITU Headquarters

- Monday 6 July 2026
- Tuesday 7 July 2026

Palexpo Geneva - Route François-Peyrot 30, CH-1218 Le Grand-Saconnex

- Wednesday 8 July
- Thursday 9 July
- Friday 10 July

We recommend booking your accommodation early



Registration

Registration for the WSIS Forum 2026 is free and open to all stakeholders.

Registration is mandatory for all participants to attend the Forum.

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

Accreditation and Visa

- Accreditation is required in order to participate on-site to attend the Forum.
- Accreditation requests were submitted by **15 May 2026 (deadline now closed)** to ensure timely administrative processing of the requests.
- A registration confirmation (e-confirmation) will be the sole document provided for visa support.



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WSIS Forum participants at AI for Good

In line with the AI for Good Global Summit accreditation policy, WSIS Forum participants who are:

- members of ITU Member State delegations
- United Nations personnel
- participants under the age of 18
- or representatives of NGOs included on the official UN NGO list (up to two representatives per organization)

may attend Summit on a complimentary basis with your WSIS forum badges.

For further information regarding participation at the AI for Good Global Summit please refer to the [AI for Good](#) website.



Badging

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

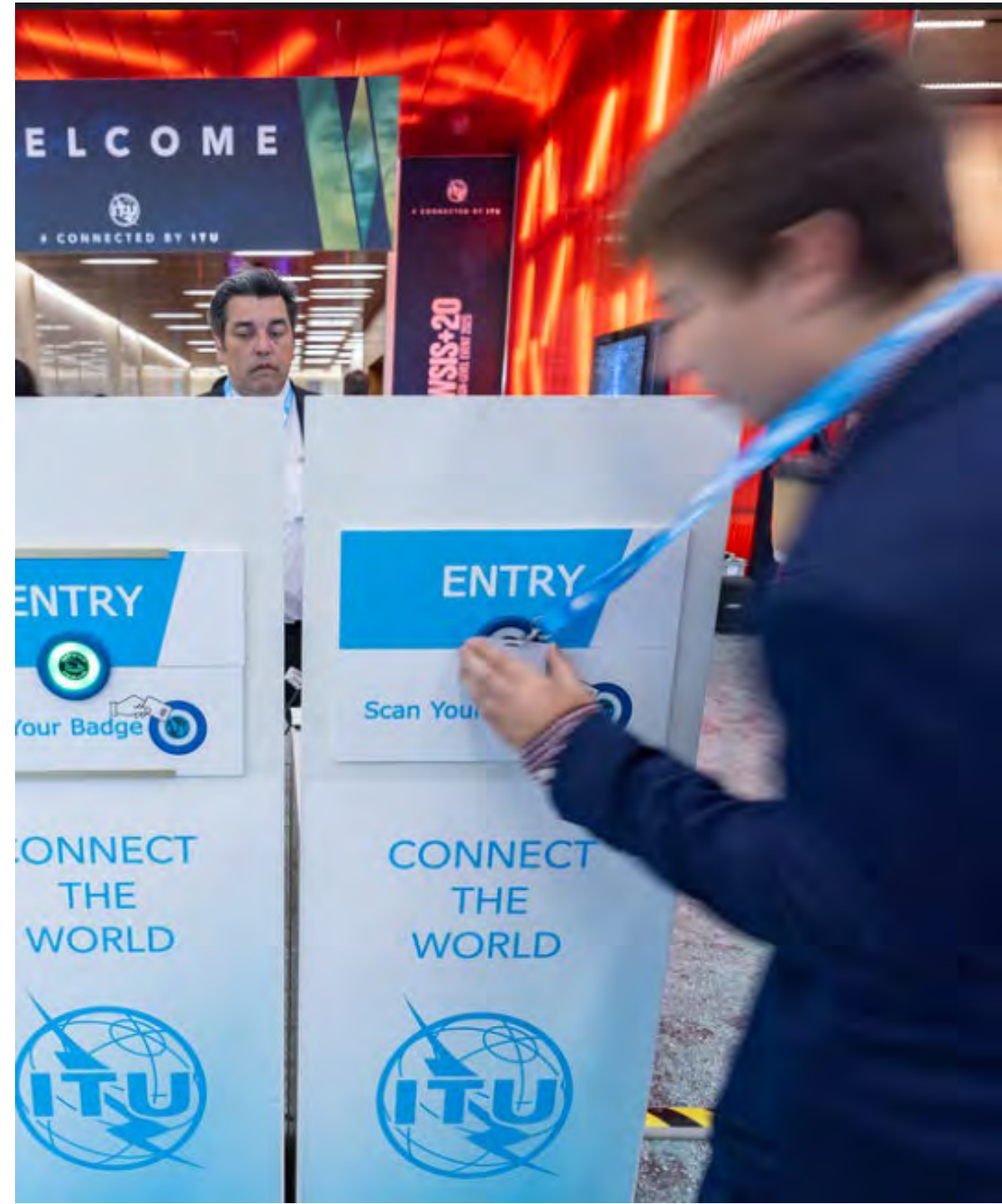
Badge collection requirements



A valid photo ID card or passport



Your e-confirmation of registration



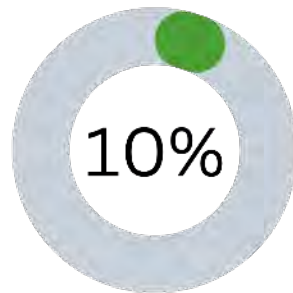
Open Consultation Process

Outcomes

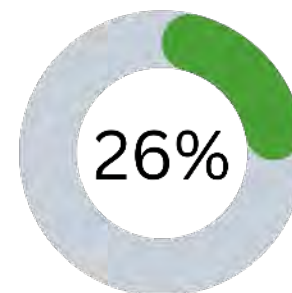


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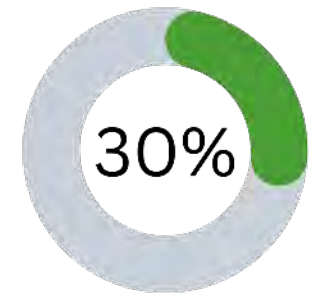
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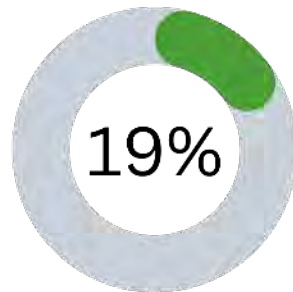
Academia / Technical Community



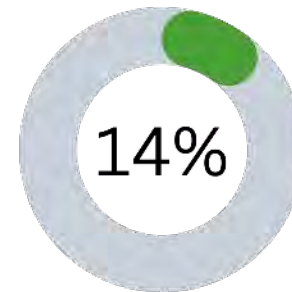
Civil Society



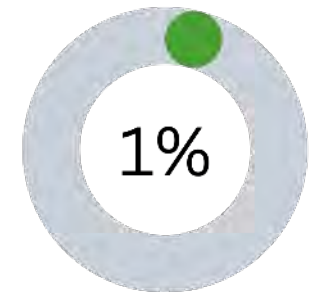
Governments



International Organizations



Private Sector



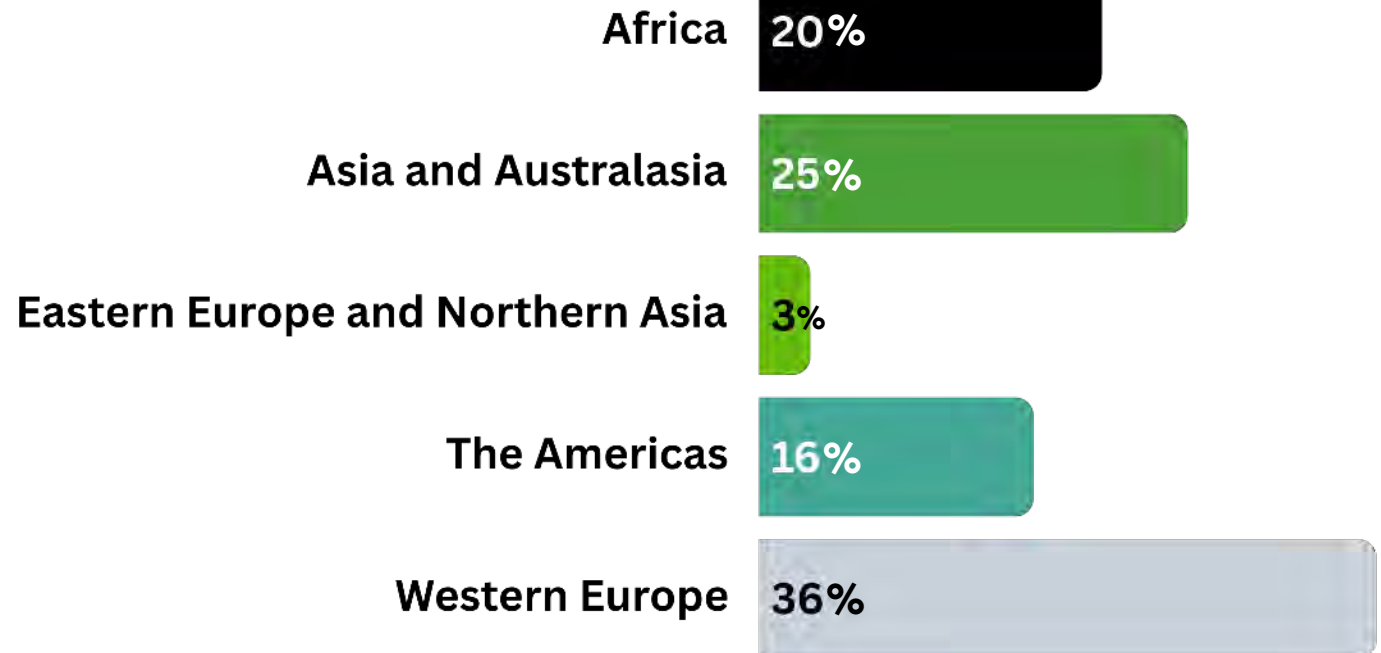
Other

Open Consultation Process Outcomes



700+

contributions and inputs received



Open Consultation Process Timeline

21 January 2026
14:00-15:00 CET
ITU HQ, Room L
& remote

1st Meeting

4th June 2026
14:00 - 15:30 CEST
ITU HQ and remote

Final Briefing

2nd Meeting

31 March 2026
14:00 - 15:30 CEST
ITU HQ and remote



WSIS Forum 2026

WSIS Action Lines coordination



Development and presentation of WSIS Action Lines roadmaps



Annual WSIS Action Lines Facilitation Meeting - 10th July



WSIS Action Lines Facilitators Roundtable - 6th July



WSIS Action Lines Facilitators Knowledge Café - 7th July

Learn more: <https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/ActionLines.aspx>

WSIS Forum 2026

Key elements of the Agenda



High-Level Leaders TalkX



Interactive & Knowledge Cafés



WSIS Prizes 2026



Parliamentarian & Mayor Dialogue



Ministers and Regulators Roundtables



Business and Civil Society Roundtable



UN WSIS Action Lines & UNGIS sessions



Exhibition





WSIS Forum 2026 Agenda

	SUN 5 July	MON 6 July	TUE 7 July	WED 8 July	THU 9 July	FRI 10 July
AM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum track • Interactive Sessions • Knowledge Café • WSIS Action Lines • Special track sessions • Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum track • Interactive Sessions • Knowledge Café • WSIS Action Lines • Special track sessions • Youth • Business roundtable • Civil society roundtable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition Inauguration • Inaugural Session • High-Level track • Leaders TalkX • High-Level Dialogue • Interactive Sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network of Women, Ministers and Leaders in ICT • WSIS Prizes 2026 Ceremony • Ministerial Roundtable • High-Level track • Leaders TalkX • High-Level Dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassadors Roundtable • Parliamentarian High-Level Dialogue • UNGIS working-level meeting • High-Level Dialogue
PM	UNGIS High-Level Leaders Meeting (lunch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum track • Social Events • WSIS Action Lines Roundtable(closed meeting) • Interactive Sessions • Special track sessions • Reception by Poland • Youth Party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum track • Knowledge café with WSIS Action Lines Facilitators • Interactive Sessions • Special track sessions • Gala Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Café • High-Level track • Social Events • High-Level Dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Café • Regulators Roundtable • High-Level track • UN Leaders Dialogue • Official Swiss Reception • Partner Certificates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSIS Action Lines Facilitators Meeting • Closing Ceremony and Chair's WSIS Forum 2026 Summary

Interactive agenda is available at: www.wsis.org/forum

WSIS Forum 2026 Agenda - Special Tracks and Topics

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Business and Financing Mechanisms for Digital Development	Capacity Building and Digital Skills	Cybersecurity	Data	Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), LLDCs
Digital Health	Digital Inclusion	Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)	Emerging Technologies, AI, and Innovation	Environment
Human Rights	ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs track	Internet Governance	Media	Older Persons
Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development	Smart Sustainable Cities track	Women and Girls in Digital	WSIS +20	WSIS Prizes
	WSIS Special Prize	WSIS-GDC coherence / partnership collaboration	Youth	





WSIS Youth Special Track 2026

From Vision to Action.


Youth as Architects of the Digital Future

6 – 10 July 2026 · Geneva, Switzerland

21 Sessions	6 Jul Main Youth Day	15+ Topics
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Youth Dialogue	Knowledge Café	Workshops	MUN / GIMUN
AI Filmmaking	AI & Creative Rights	Triologue	Networking Reception

 Daily Youth Video Recap — posted online every evening



What's on the Table?

The conversations, debates and ideas shaping our digital future



AI & Technology

AI Governance

AI for Education

Digital Sovereignty

Creative Expression with AI



People & Society

Digital Well-being

Mental Health Online

Children & Digital Safety

Youth Skills & Jobs



Planet & Access

Environmental Sustainability

Energy & Water Solutions

Digital Inclusion

Connectivity



Governance & Future

Global Digital Divide

Cybersecurity

Digital Public Infrastructure

WSIS 2035



Who's In the Room and How You Can Engage?

PARTICIPANTS

 Youth Advisory Board & Young Professionals

 UN Agencies & International Organizations

 Civil Society & Academic Institutions

 Private Sector & Innovation Leaders

 Government Delegations

 Youth from all 6 ITU Regions

HOW YOU CAN ENGAGE



Speak & Moderate

Join the sessions as a moderator, panelist or participant



Bring Your Networks

Connect your communities to sessions that fit them



Co-create Outcomes

Help shape what youth take away from this Forum week



Amplify Online

Share the Daily Video Recap and sessions with your networks

Women and Girls in Digital

Special Track | WSIS Forum 2026

**2nd
Cohort of Trendsetters**

**160+
Countries with Women in Tech
Repository**

**2035
WSIS Action Plan**

Key Initiatives at WSIS Forum 2026

Gender Trendsetters – 2nd Cohort

Global leaders shaping a more inclusive future in technology from every region.

Repository of Women in Tech

A global mapping platform to identify, engage and connect women across all ICT disciplines and regions.

WSIS & Girls Action Plan towards 2035

Brainstorming sessions developing concrete roadmaps aligning women's digital empowerment with WSIS goals.

UN Women Coordination (Para 112)

Dedicated implementation roadmap linking WSIS Action Lines to gender equality and SDG 5 commitments.

Learn more & nominate: www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/womenandgirls.aspx



WSIS Forum 2026 Exhibition

40+ Exhibitors
36 Regular + 6 Partners

Exhibition Inauguration : Wednesday, 8 July at 08:30 - Palexpo, Geneva

Partner Exhibitors

GOLD CST Commission, Saudi Arabia

PLAT. MCMC, Malaysia

INNOV. IEEE

SUPP. Internet Society | IFIP | RURA Rwanda

What to Expect

AI-Powered Solutions for education, health, agriculture and governance

Digital Public Infrastructure

UN Agencies initiatives

Digital trust

Inclusive digital transformation initiatives

Responsible AI practices

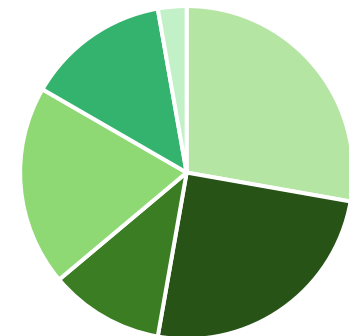
Cybersecurity

Citizen-centered services

Youth Empowerment



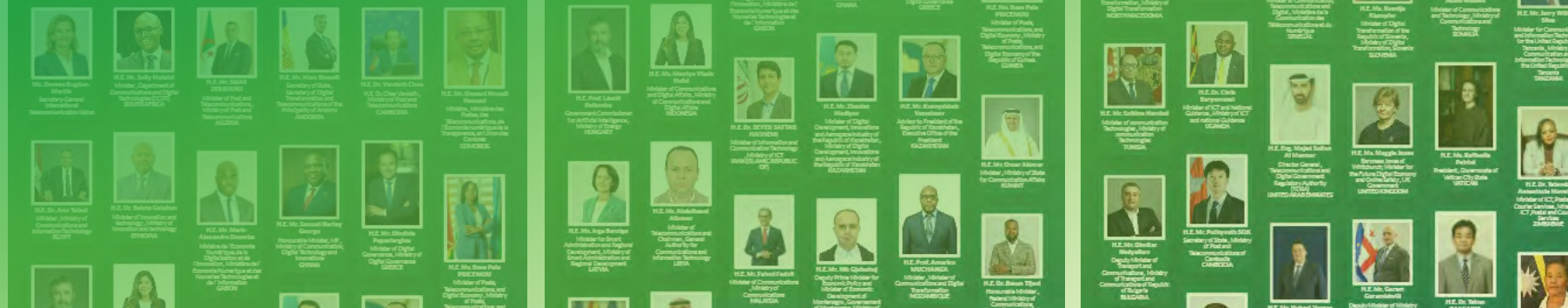
Exhibitor Distribution



- Civil Society
- International Organization
- Government
- Academia / Technical Community
- Private Sector
- Other

WSIS Forum 2026

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

High-Level engagements

- High-Level Dialogues
- 8-9 July: Leaders TalkX
- 9 July, 14:00-16:00: Regulators Roundtable (invitation-only)
- 9 July, 10:00-12:00: Ministerial Roundtable (invitation-only)

High-Level speaking slots confirmed

www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/HighLevel.aspx

54 Ministers & Deputy Ministers | 35 Regulatory Authorities | 11 Leaders TalkX confirmed





WSIS Forum 2026

Chair Designate

**His Excellency
Eng. Raafat Hendy**

**Minister,
Ministry of Communications and
Information Technology
Arab Republic of Egypt**



High-Level Participation



53

Ministers & Deputy Ministers

35

Regulatory Authorities

11

Leaders TalkX | 8-9 July



Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General
International
Telecommunication Union



H.E. Mr. Raafat Hendy
Minister, Ministry of
Communications and
Information Technology
EGYPT



H.E. Mr. Sid Ali Zerrouki
Minister, Ministry of Post
and Telecommunications
ALGERIA



H.E. Mr. Jonathan Reid
Minister, Ministry of
Innovation, Industry, Science
and Technology
BARBADOS



H.E. Dr. Vandeth Chea
Minister, Ministry of Post
and Telecommunications
CAMBODIA



**H.E. Ms. Paula Bogantes
Zamora**
Ministra, Ministry of
Science, Innovation,
Technology and
Telecommunications
COSTA RICA

WSIS Forum 2026 High-Level Track Facilitators



Mr. Thomas Aarheim,
Access Partnership



Mr. Lucien Castex,
AFNIC



Ms. Valeria Betancourt,
Association for
Progressive
Communications



Mr. Leonard Obonyo,
Commonwealth
Telecommunication
Organization



Dr. Sajith Wijesuriya,
Institute of Electrical and
Electronics Engineers
(IEEE)



Ms. Tara Harris
International Trademark
Association



Ms. Timea Suto,
International Chamber of
Commerce



Ms. Nandini Chami,
IT for Change



Dr. Chafic Chaya,
RIPE NCC



**Ms. Caitlin Kraft-
Buchman,**
Women At The Table



Ms. Cheryl Miller,
US Council for
International Business

WSIS Photo Contest

Photos showcasing how ICTs drive sustainable development

465

Submissions

151

Finalists

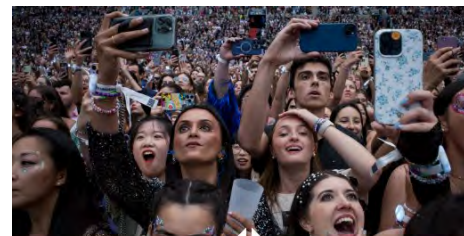
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Winners



AWARD CEREMONY

8 July 2026 • WSIS Forum



1595

Record number of submissions

1,595 Submissions → 360 Nominees → 72 Champions → 18 Winners

**WSIS Prizes Winner Ceremony:
9 July 2026, 09:00-10:00 CEST**

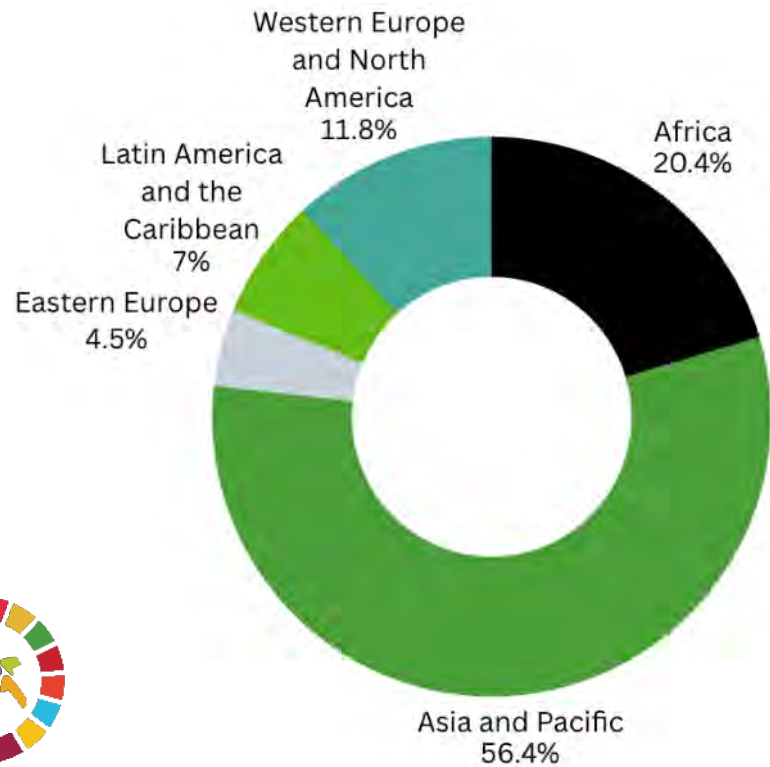
2.2 million votes cast

www.wsis.org/prizes



WSIS Prizes

Submissions Analysis



Academia



Civil Society



Government



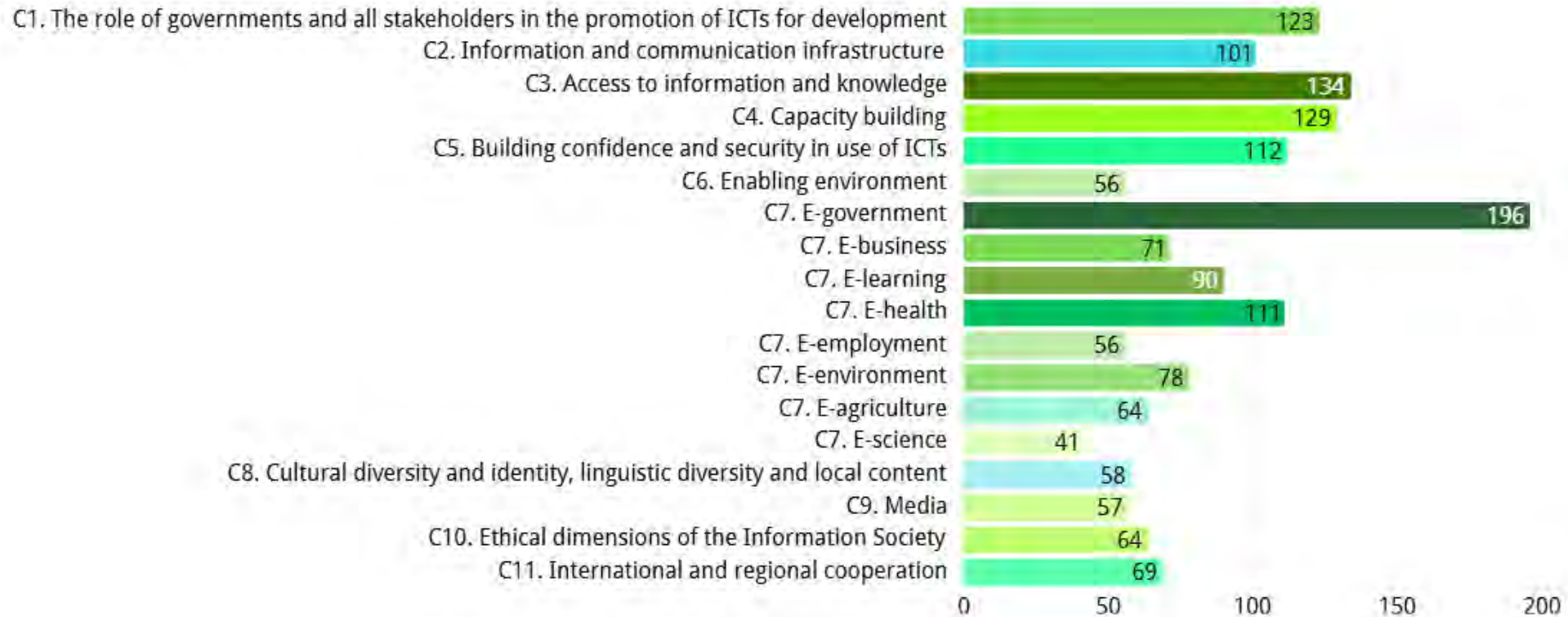
International Organization



Private Sector

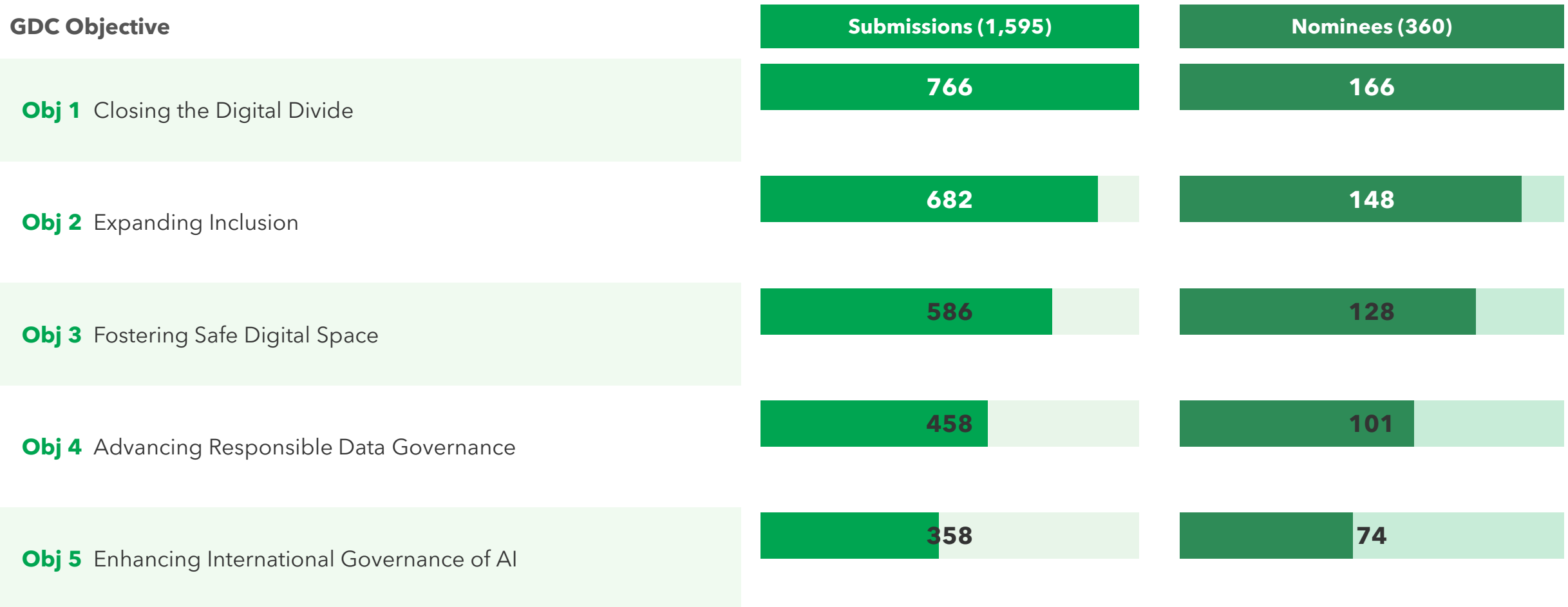


WSIS Prizes Submissions Analysis



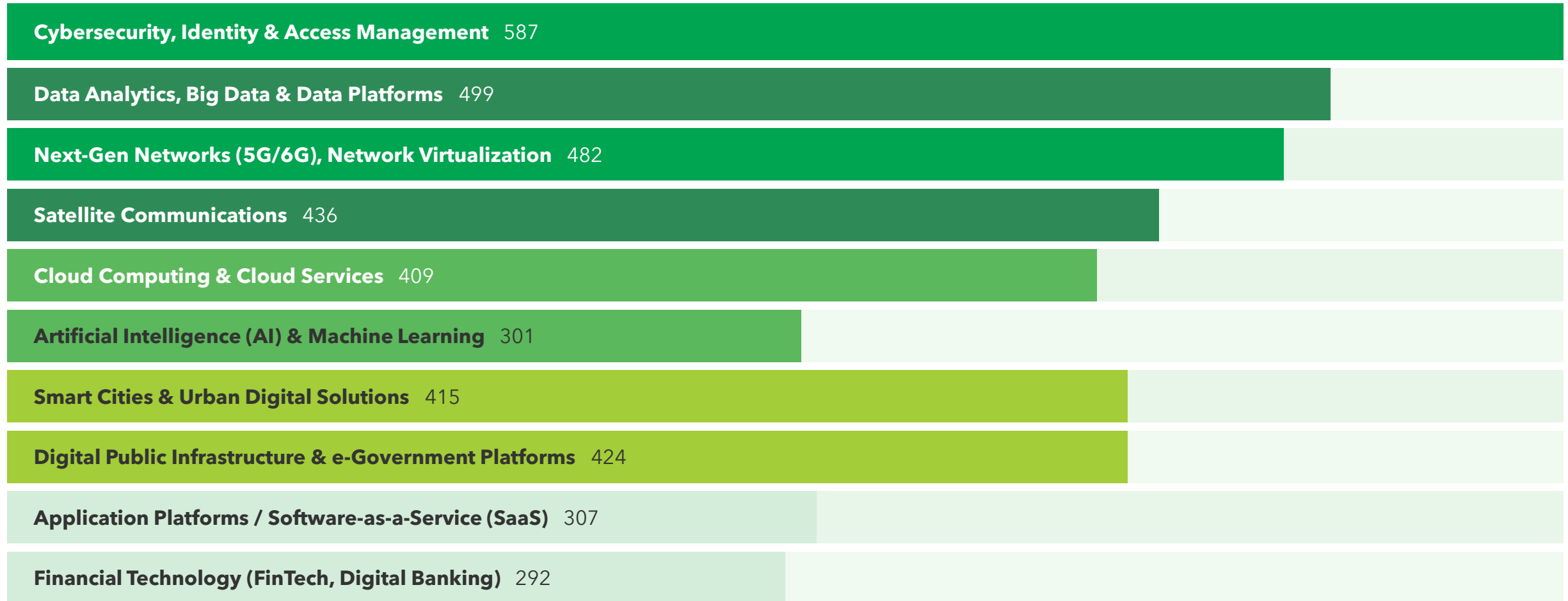
WSIS Prizes 2026 – GDC Alignment

How submissions and nominees align with the Global Digital Compact objectives



WSIS Prizes 2026 – Technologies Used

Top 10 technologies across all 1,595 submissions – by number of projects



United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)



UNGIS

UNITED NATIONS GROUP ON THE
INFORMATION SOCIETY FOR DIGITAL
TRANSFORMATION

CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS



UNCTAD
CHAIR



ITU
VICE-CHAIR



UNDP
VICE-CHAIR



UNESCO
VICE-CHAIR



UNESCWA
VICE-CHAIR

PERMANENT SECRETARIAT



ITU

2006

Establishment Year
within the UN Chief
Executives Board

31

Members

21

Observers

- UNGIS High-Level Meeting: 5 July 2026, 12:00-13:30
- UNGIS working-level meeting: 10 July, 09:00-10:30



Learn more: www.ungis.org



WSIS Action towards 2035

UNGIS Activities

Inter-agency coordination

Learn more

www.ungis.org

WSIS Action Lines coordination

Scaling action together

Learn more

<https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/ActionLines.aspx>

Mandates from UNGA Resolution

Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development: UNGIS Secretariat to establish an internal task force

Strengthen UNGIS; ITU secretariat; fostering multistakeholder dialogue

Joint WSIS-GDC implementation roadmap: request to UNGIS

Fostering multistakeholder dialogue

Actions

Task force created.
<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Home/TaskForce>

- Regular meetings implementing the Action Plan
- New UNGIS Observer Members : UNICRI, UNODA, UNOHRLLS

Roadmap developed and submitted to CSTD 1 month in advance to the annual session

Multistakeholder Consultation Group: Nomination Launched:
<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Home/MCG>

Mandates from UNGA Resolution

Human rights in coordination with OHCHR
Women and Girls in coordination with UN Women (Para 112)

WSIS Action Lines Facilitators roadmap (Para 113)

Reporting at the annual WSIS Forum

Actions

Develop targeted implementation roadmaps linking WSIS Action Lines to SDG targets and Global Digital Compact commitments, including monitoring indicators. To be reported to CSTD in 2027

Regular coordination meetings with Action Line Facilitators

WSIS Action Lines facilitators meetings, Roundtables, Exhibitions, interviews and speed dating

Partnership on measuring ICT for Development



Objectives

Development of indicators

Creating metrics and KPIs to measure progress in the information society particularly in developing countries

Data gathering

Collecting systematic and high-quality ICT information across all regions.

Information Dissemination

Disseminating relevant and updated data to stakeholders and policy makers

Current Steering Committee: ITU, UNDESA and UNCTAD

New Mandate: Partnership, in cooperation with Action Line facilitators and with the support of the Statistical Commission, to conduct a systematic review of existing indicators and methodologies, and to report findings to the CSTD in 2027.

Outcome Documents



WSIS Forum 2026 Chair's Summary



WSIS Forum 2026 Outcomes Document



High-Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief



WSIS Forum 2026 Stocktaking Success Stories



WSIS Forum 2026 Stocktaking Report



WSIS Action Lines Road Maps Updates

Partner with us!

Strategic Partner: Diamond

Strategic Partner: Platinum



Strategic Partner: Gold



Silver Partner



Innovation Partner



Supporting Partner



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