



# WSIS FORUM 2026

6-10 July 2026  
Geneva, Switzerland

## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Open Consultation Process

Working together towards WSIS 2035:  
Digital Development for All

21 January 2026

Co-organizers



# Outcome Document

## Key outcomes of the Resolution 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 2025



# Key outcomes of the Resolution

A renewed 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 meeting

## **Working together towards WSIS 2035: Digital Development for All**



New financing mechanisms

Linkages with IGF

- WSIS Action Lines implementation and roadmaps

- High-Level Track

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





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# Venue

## Palexpo Geneva

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

## Registration opening soon!

February 2026

Remote participation will also be made available

We recommend booking your accomodation early



# Agenda and Programme

Built through the Open Consultation Process (OCP), ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum.

## Propose new themes

Defining the themes and emerging trends that will drive the WSIS Forum 2026 agenda

## Request exhibition space

Showcase your innovative work to WSIS Forum participants

## Suggest innovative formats

Moving beyond traditional panels to interactive, high-impact session structures

## Drive engagement

Break the record of 550 submissions received for last year's Forum



**DEADLINE: 20 March 2025**



# Open Consultation Process

## Timeline

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
14:00 - 15:30 CEST  
ITU HQ and remote

### Final Brief

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

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



# Open Consultation Process

## Topics to consider following WSIS+20 Review process

Universal Meaningful Connectivity and Financing for Digital Inclusion

Human Rights, Trust and Information Integrity Online

Green and Sustainable Digital Transformation

Strengthening Global Digital Cooperation through WSIS Forum, UNGIS and IGF ecosystem

DPI/DPG Interoperability and Global Standards

Cybersecurity and Resilient Infrastructure

Gender, Youth and Inclusive Digital Societies

Global Digital Compact and WSIS Architecture Coherence

AI Governance, Ethics and Capacity Building

Data Governance and Cross-border Digital Policy

WSIS Action Lines and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Refugees, Displaced Persons & Connectivity for Digital Inclusion



# WSIS Forum 2026

## WSIS Action Lines coordination



Annual WSIS Action Lines  
Facilitation meetings



Development and presentation of  
WSIS Action Lines roadmaps



WSIS Action Lines Facilitators  
roundtable

# WSIS Forum 2026

## Key elements of the Agenda



High-Level Leaders TalkX



Interactive Sessions by all stakeholders



Ambassadors & Regulators Roundtables



Ministerial Roundtable



WSIS Prizes 2026



Hackathon



UN WSIS Action Lines & UNGIS sessions



Exhibition Space



# 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

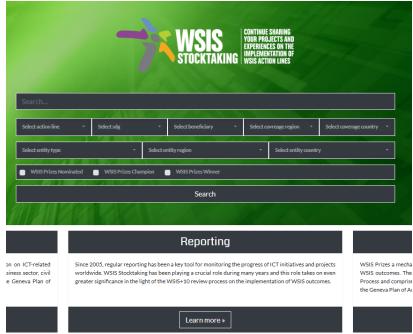
### Engagements

- Leaders TalkX
- High-Level Dialogues
- Ministerial Roundtable
- Regulators Roundtable
- Ambassadors Roundtable
- High-Level social events





# WSIS Stocktaking Platform



**19,000+**  
**projects documented**

Highlighting the significant contributions toward digital development and transformation across various sectors



**2.2 million stakeholders engaged worldwide over the past 20 years**

Network of individuals and organizations that have participated in WSIS Stocktaking emphasizing the collaborative spirit.



**Linkages between WSIS Action Lines, SDGs, and GDC Objectives**

WSIS Stocktaking projects and ICT initiatives showcase the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and highlight linkages with SDGs and the GDC objectives.



**Evolving WSIS Stocktaking: expanding impact through new Initiatives**

Featuring WSIS Prizes (9,000+ submissions), special contests on ageing well, e-gov, repositories on AI, e-health, and inclusion (women and youth) to highlight global ICT-for-development achievements.



**WSIS Stocktaking Global and Regional reports for inclusive development**

Report on initiatives, progress, and best practices worldwide, showcasing how ICTs are advancing inclusive and sustainable development across all regions.



# WSIS Stocktaking

## Digital for Development Calendar



Provides a comprehensive overview of major digital-for-development activities worldwide

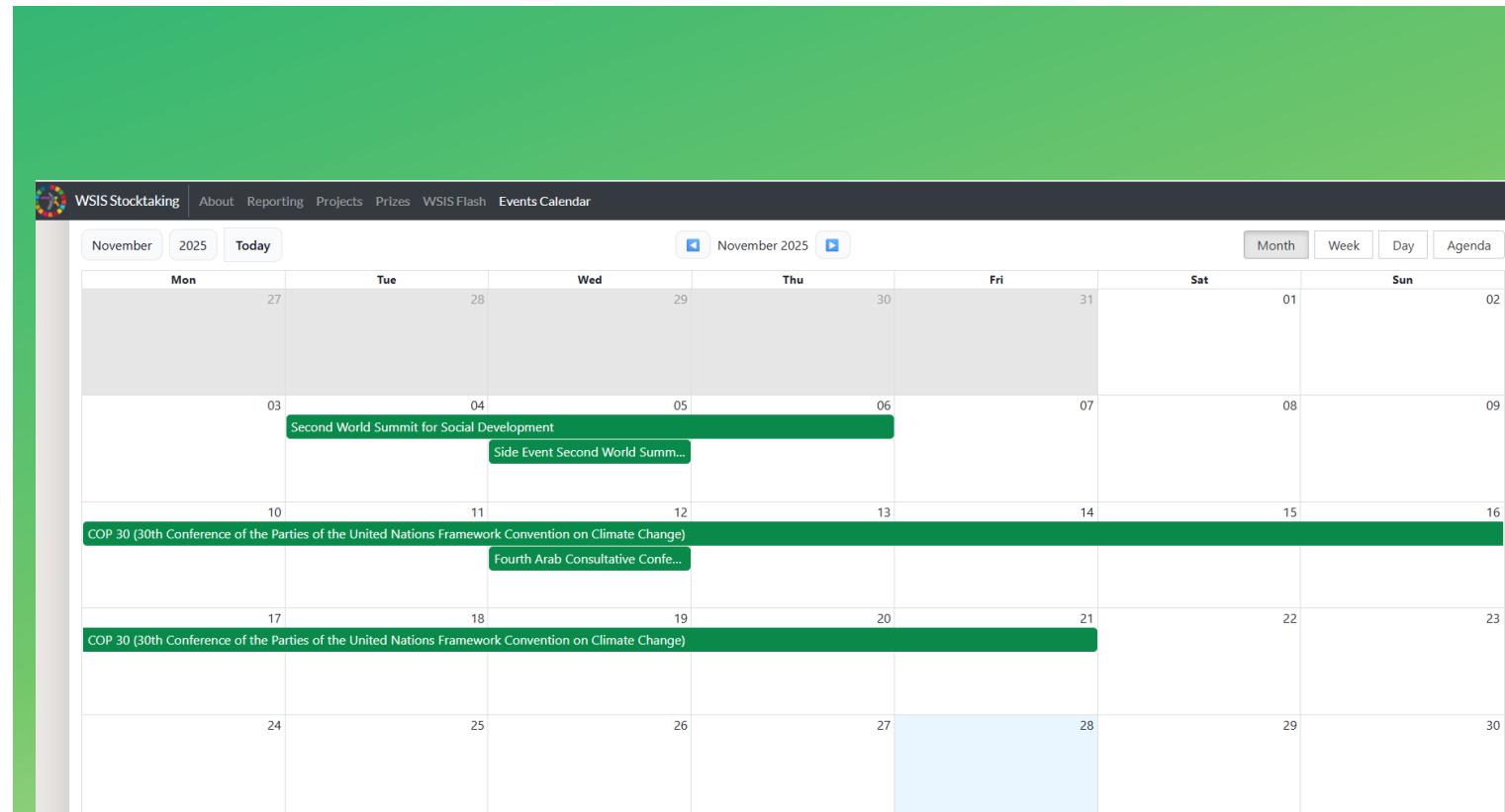
Helps stakeholders stay informed, connected, and aligned within the digital-development ecosystem.

Showcases a wide range of activities:

- Conferences, workshops, forums
- Innovation initiatives
- Global processes supporting WSIS Action Lines, the 2030 Agenda, and the Global Digital Compact

**Submit your events here:**

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsism/stocktaking/Home/EventCalendar>





**18** Winners

**72** Champions

**270** Nominees

**SUBMIT digital projects NOW**

[www.wsis.org/prizes](http://www.wsis.org/prizes)

Deadline: 15 March 2026



# WSIS Prizes 2026

## Timeline

<b>Submission Phase</b>	18 December - 15 March 2026
<b>Nomination Phase</b>	21 March - 10 April 2026
<b>Voting Phase</b>	11 April - 30 April 2026
<b>Selection Phase</b>	1 May - 15 May 2026
<b>Prize Ceremony</b>	6-10 July 2026



# WSIS Photo Contest 2026

Submit photos of initiatives, individuals, and organizations demonstrating how digital technologies are advancing development.



## SUBMIT NOW

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsiscorum/2026/PhotoContest>

Deadline: 20 March 2026



Summit on the  
Information Society



# United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)



**UNGIS**

UNITED NATIONS GROUP ON THE  
INFORMATION SOCIETY FOR DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION

CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

**UN**  
trade & development  
Chair

**ITU**  
VICE-CHAIR

**UNDP**  
VICE-CHAIR

**unesco**  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
VICE-CHAIR

**UNESCWA**  
VICE-CHAIR

PERMANENT SECRETARIAT



# 2006

**Establishment Year**

within the UN Chief  
Executives Board

# 31

**Members**

# 17

**Observers**

## **Governance (2025-2026)**

Chair: UNCTAD

Vice-Chairs: ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, UN ESCWA

Permanent Secretariat: ITU

## **Strengthened Mandate**

¶ 67 – **Financing mechanisms:**  
UNGIS Secretariat to establish  
an internal task force

¶ 113 – **Action Line roadmaps:**  
coordinate with UNGIS

¶ 121 – **Strengthen UNGIS;** ITU  
secretariat; annual rotating  
Chair;

¶ 122 – **Joint implementation**  
**road map:** request to UNGIS

## **Activities at the annual WSIS Forum**

High-Level and working-level meetings



Learn more: [www.ungis.org](http://www.ungis.org)

# Partnership on measuring ICT for Development

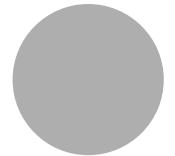


## Objectives



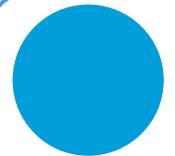
### Development of indicators

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



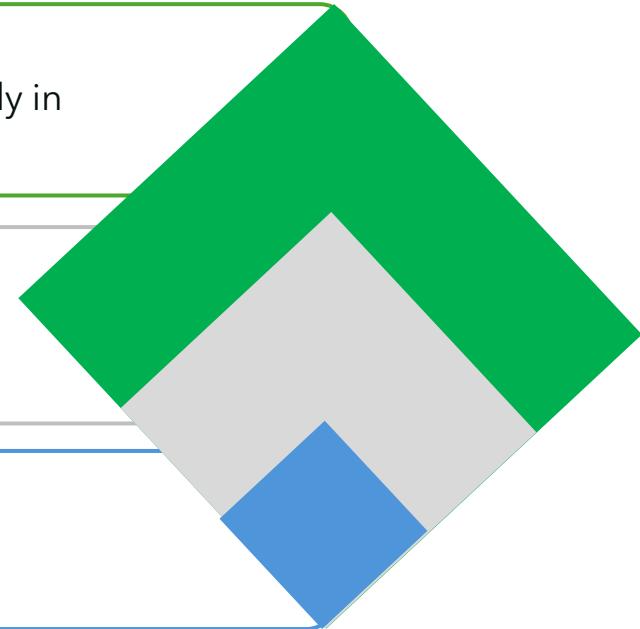
### Data gathering

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

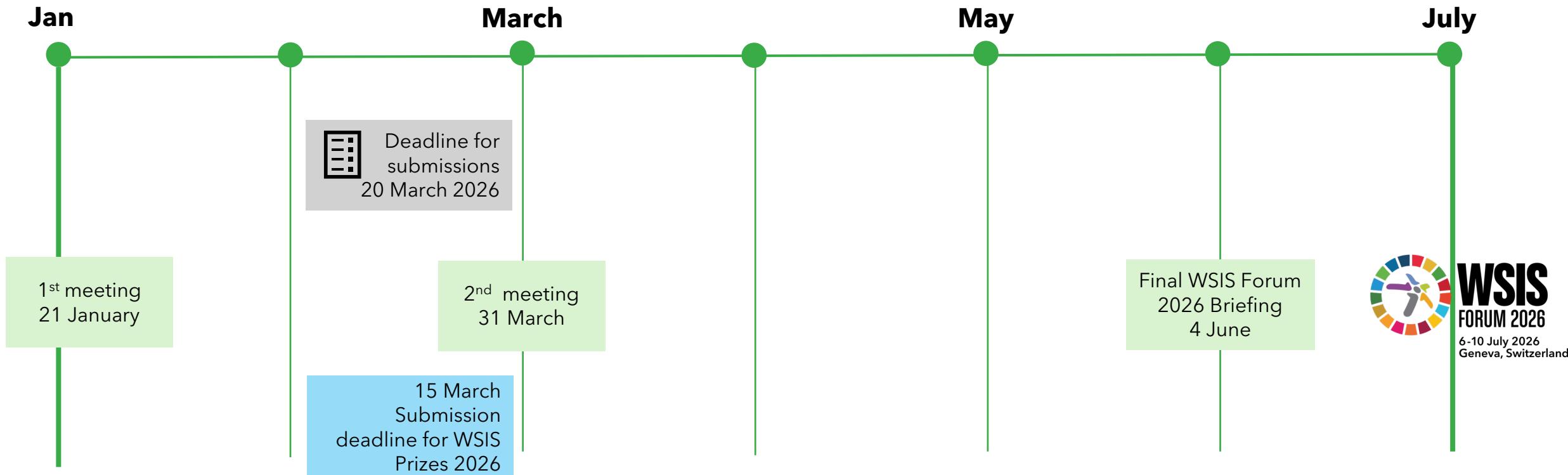
**New Mandate:** Partnership, in cooperation with Action Line facilitators and with the support of the Statistical Commission, to conduct a systematic review of existing indicators and methodologies, and to report findings to the CSTD in 2027.

# Partner with us!

-  **Strategic Partner: Diamond**
-  **Strategic Partner: Platinum**
-  **Strategic Partner: Gold**
-  **Silver Partner**
-  **Innovation Partner**
-  **Supporting Partner**

Contact us at [wsis-info@itu.int](mailto:wsis-info@itu.int)

# Reminder: Your timeline to shape the WSIS Forum 2026



- Open and inclusive process involving all WSIS stakeholders
- Helps shape the event programme
- Design a forward-looking roadmap for WSIS implementation

**SUBMIT NOW :** [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum)





Innovate — discuss — share

Thank you

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