



WSIS FORUM 2026

6-10 July 2026
Geneva, Switzerland

1st 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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Geneva, Switzerland

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

1st Meeting

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

Final Brief

2nd 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



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WSIS Action Lines coordination



Annual WSIS Action Lines
Facilitation meetings



Development and presentation of
WSIS Action Lines roadmaps



WSIS Action Lines Facilitators
roundtable

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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



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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

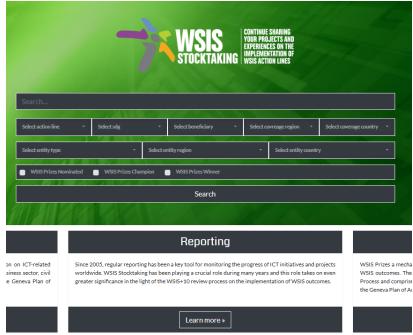
Engagements

- 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

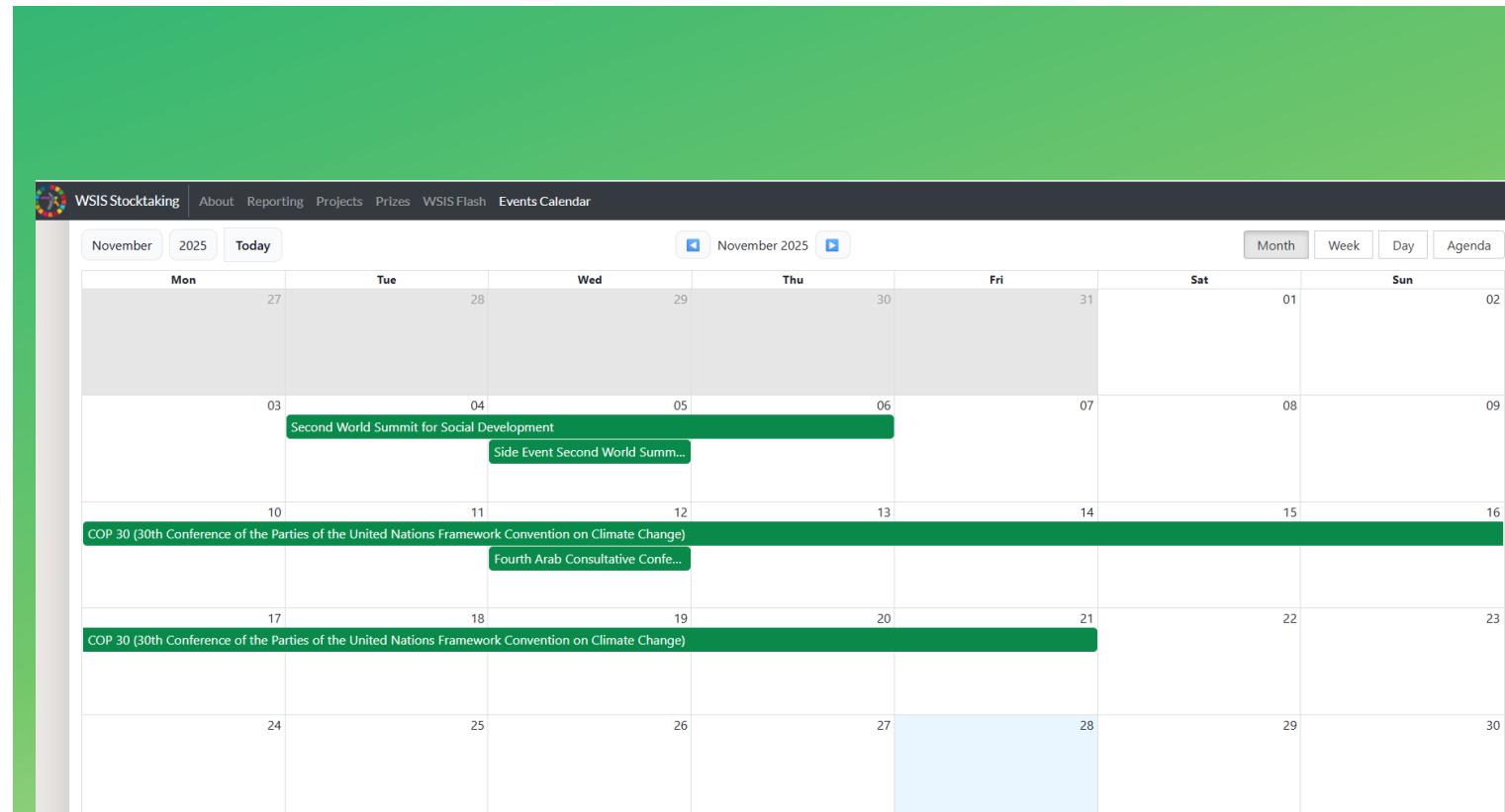
Helps stakeholders stay informed, connected, and aligned within the digital-development ecosystem.

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

Deadline: 15 March 2026



WSIS Prizes 2026

Timeline

Submission Phase	18 December - 15 March 2026
Nomination Phase	21 March - 10 April 2026
Voting Phase	11 April - 30 April 2026
Selection Phase	1 May - 15 May 2026
Prize Ceremony	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



UNCTAD
CHAIR



ITU
VICE-CHAIR



UNDP
VICE-CHAIR



UNESCO
VICE-CHAIR



UNESWA
VICE-CHAIR

PERMANENT SECRETARIAT



ITU



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

Activities at the annual WSIS Forum

High-Level and working-level meetings

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

Learn more: www.ungis.org

Partnership on measuring ICT for Development

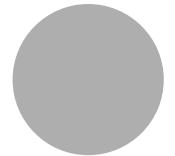


Objectives



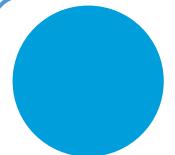
Development of indicators

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



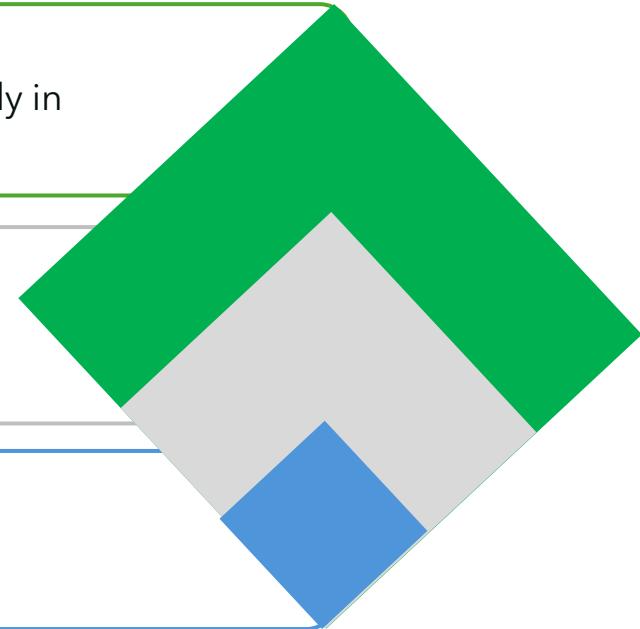
Data gathering

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



Information Dissemination

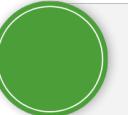
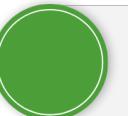
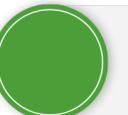
Disseminating relevant and updated data to stakeholders and policy makers



Current Steering Committee: ITU, UNDESA and UNCTAD

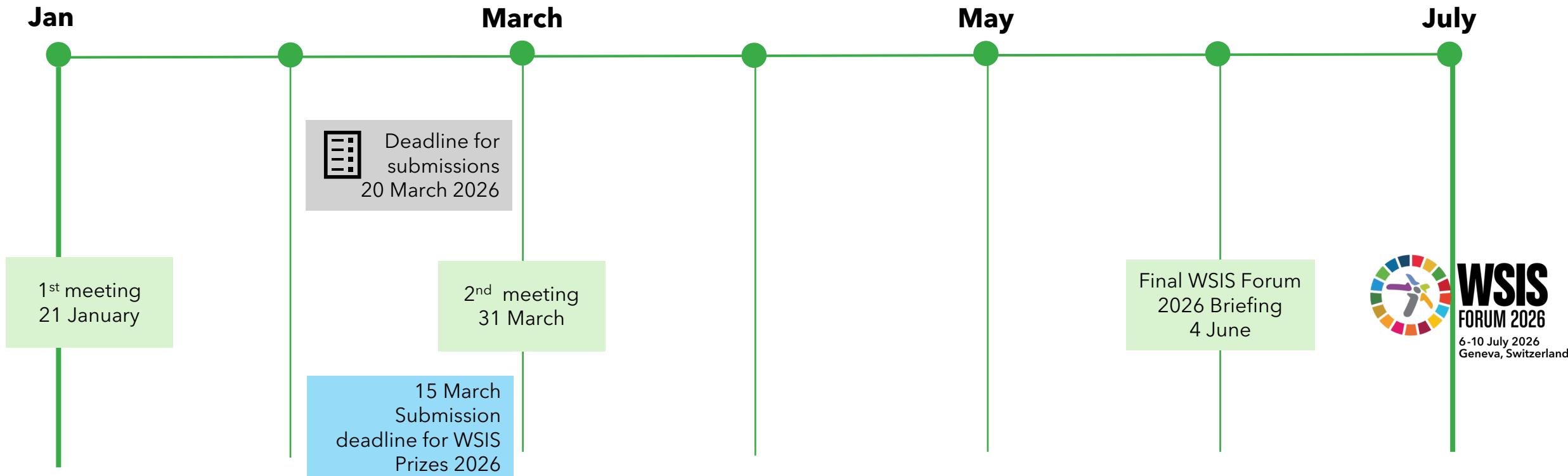
New Mandate: Partnership, in cooperation with Action Line facilitators and with the support of the Statistical Commission, to conduct a systematic review of existing indicators and methodologies, and to report findings to the CSTD in 2027.

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

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





Innovate — discuss — share

Thank you

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