



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

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 renewed mandate for WSIS Forum

New financing mechanisms

Linkages with IGF

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**



WSIS Action Lines implementation and roadmaps

High-Level Track

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





WSIS

FORUM 2026

6-10 July 2026
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

1

Suggest innovative formats

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

2

Request exhibition space

Showcase your innovative work to WSIS Forum participants

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3

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



World Summit on the
Information Society



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



WSIS Prizes 2026



Hackathon



Ambassadors & Regulators Roundtables



Ministerial Roundtable



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

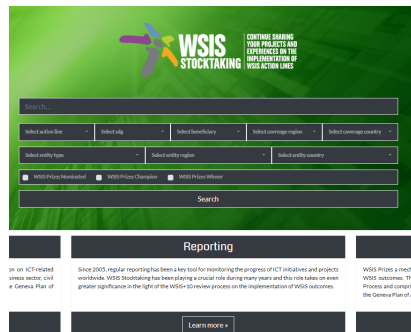
Engagements

- 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/wsis/stocktaking/Home/EventCalendar>

A screenshot of the WSIS Stocktaking Events Calendar web application. The interface shows a monthly calendar for November 2025. The calendar is displayed in a grid format with days of the week (Mon to Sun) and dates (01 to 30). Several events are listed as green bars spanning multiple days: 'Second World Summit for Social Development' (Nov 04-06), 'Side Event Second World Summ...' (Nov 05), 'COP 30 (30th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)' (Nov 10-12), 'Fourth Arab Consultative Confe...' (Nov 11), and 'COP 30 (30th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)' (Nov 17-19). The top navigation bar includes links for 'About', 'Reporting', 'Projects', 'Prizes', 'WSIS Flash', and 'Events Calendar'. The top right corner has tabs for 'Month', 'Week', 'Day', and 'Agenda'. The bottom right corner of the calendar grid is highlighted in light blue.



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/wsis/forum/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



UNESCWA
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

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



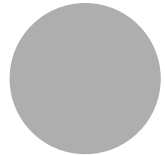
Partnership on measuring ICT for Development

Objectives



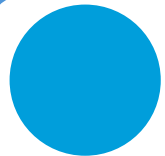
Development of indicators

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



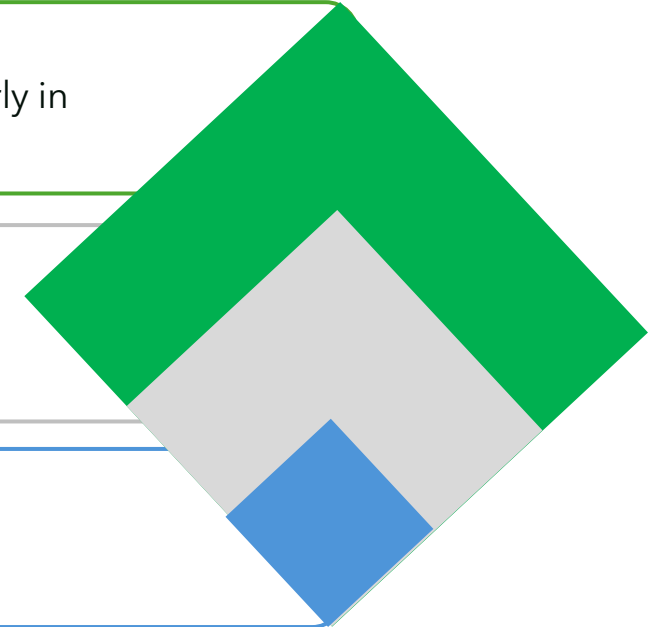
Data gathering

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

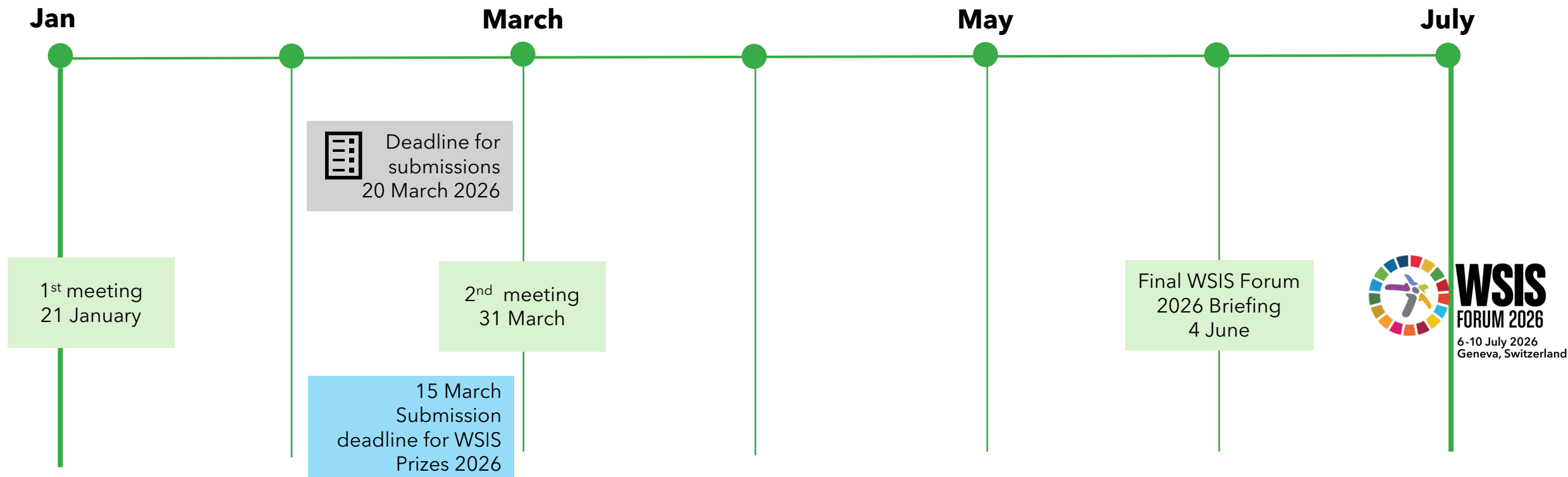
New Mandate: Partnership, in cooperation with Action Line facilitators and with the support of the Statistical Commission, to conduct a systematic review of existing indicators and methodologies, and to report findings to the CSTD in 2027.

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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