



# WSIS FORUM 2026

6-10 July 2026  
Geneva, Switzerland

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Open Consultation Process

Working together towards WSIS 2035:  
Digital Development for All

31 March 2026

Co-hosts



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft  
Confédération suisse  
Confederazione Svizzera  
Confederaziun svizra

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 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 2026 objectives

Multistakeholder action on digital development, implementation of WSIS Action Lines to build a shared vision toward 2035.



Multistakeholder discussions on digital development and emerging trends

1.

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

2.

Discuss policies for bridging the digital divide and advancing digital cooperation

3.

Showcase and share best practices across sectors and regions

4.

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

5.



# WSIS

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



## Expected participation

**4000+**

Participants

**160+**

Countries

**500+**

High-Level guests

**350+**

Thematic discussions

**100+**

Ministers and Regulators

**50+**

UN Leaders

## Multistakeholder participation



Governments



Private Sector



Academia



Technical  
Community



Civil Society



International  
Organizations



UN System



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# Venues

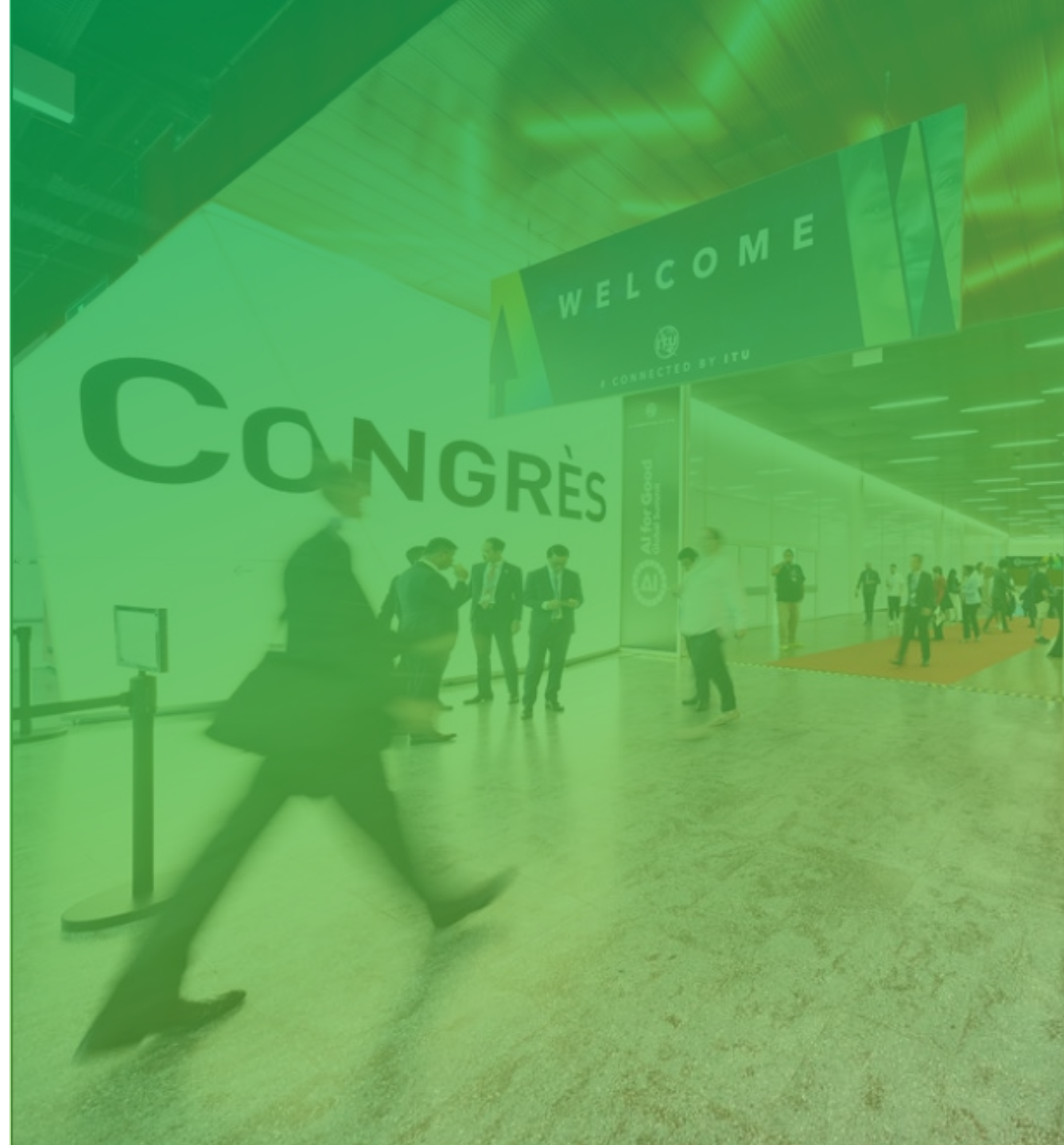
## ITU Headquarters

- 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 of charge and open to all stakeholders.

**Registration is mandatory for all participants** to attend the Forum.

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

## Accreditation and Visa

- Accreditation is required in order to participate on-site to attend the Forum.
- Accreditation requests should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than **15 May 2026** to ensure timely administrative processing of the requests.
- A nominative registration confirmation (e-confirmation) will be the sole document provided for visa support.



# 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



# 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

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## Suggest innovative formats

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

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## Request exhibition space

Showcase your innovative work to WSIS Forum participants

## Drive engagement

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



**DEADLINE: 31 March 2026 23:00 CEST**



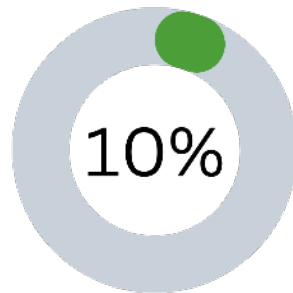
# Open Consultation Process

## Outcomes

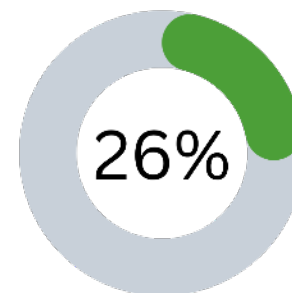


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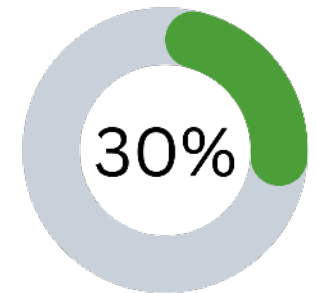
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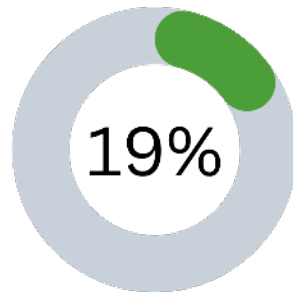
Academia / Technical  
Community



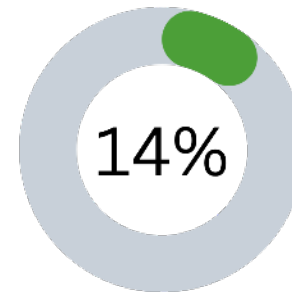
Civil Society



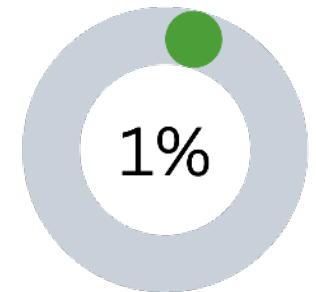
Governments



International  
Organizations



Private Sector



Other

# Open Consultation Process Outcomes

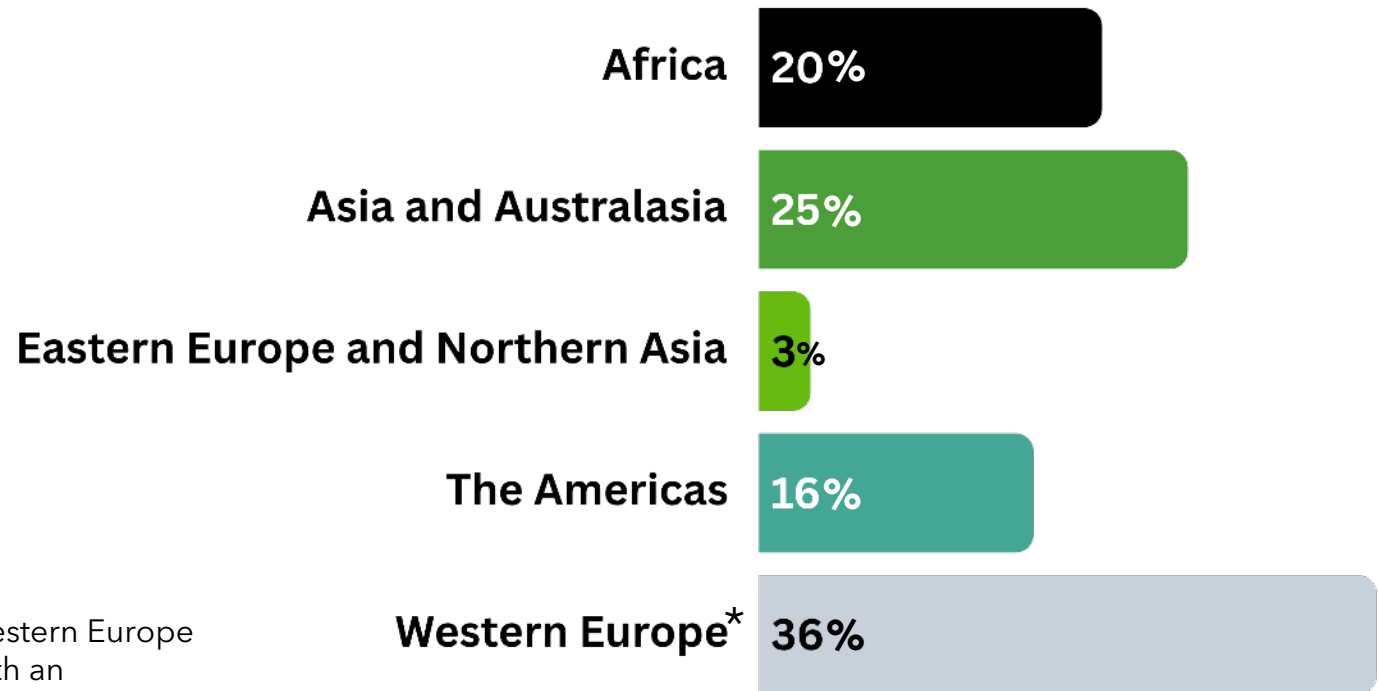


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\*It is important to note that submissions from Western Europe came from the headquarters of organizations with an international presence



# Open Consultation Process

Topics to consider following WSIS+20 Review process

<b>Universal Meaningful Connectivity and Financing for Digital Inclusion</b>	<b>Human Rights, Trust and Information Integrity Online</b>	<b>Green and Sustainable Digital Transformation</b>	<b>Strengthening Global Digital Cooperation through WSIS Forum, UNGIS and IGF ecosystem</b>
<b>DPI/DPG Interoperability and Global Standards</b>	<b>Cybersecurity and Resilient Infrastructure</b>	<b>Gender, Youth and Inclusive Digital Societies</b>	<b>WSIS Process and Global Digital Compact Coherence</b>
<b>AI Governance, Ethics and Capacity Building</b>	<b>Data Governance and Cross-border Digital Policy</b>	<b>WSIS Action Lines and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b>	<b>Refugees, Displaced Persons &amp; Connectivity for Digital Inclusion</b>



# Open Consultation Process

Topics requested by stakeholders



Well-being Climate  
Cybersecurity Business  
**Women and Girls** Capacity Building Inclusion  
Monitoring and Measurement  
**WSIS Framework** LLDCs  
**Artificial Intelligence**  
Action Lines Roadmaps  
Digital For Development  
Human Rights and Ethical Dimensions  
Financing for Development  
**Quantum** Enabling Environment SMEs  
Multilingual Circular Economy Youth  
Learning Parliamentarians  
Internet Intelligence  
Smart City  
Resilience



# 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 CEST  
ITU HQ and remote



# 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

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 Sessions by all stakeholders



WSIS Prizes 2026



Hackathon



Ambassadors & Regulators Roundtables



Ministerial Roundtable



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

## High-Level engagements

- High-Level Dialogues
- 8-9 July: Leaders TalkX
- 9 July: Regulators Roundtable (invitation-only)
- 9 July: Ministerial Roundtable (invitation-only)

**Requests for High-Level speaking slots open**

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2026/HighLevel>

**Deadline 1 May 2026**



# WSIS Forum 2026

## High-Level Track Facilitators

- Objective: capture the vision, identify emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the High-Level speakers in the TalkX
- Representation from : Private Sector, Civil Society, Technical Community, Academia and International Organizations
- Call for nominations open until: **1 May 2026**
- <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2026/HighLevel>



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**Record number of submissions**

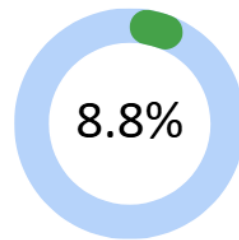
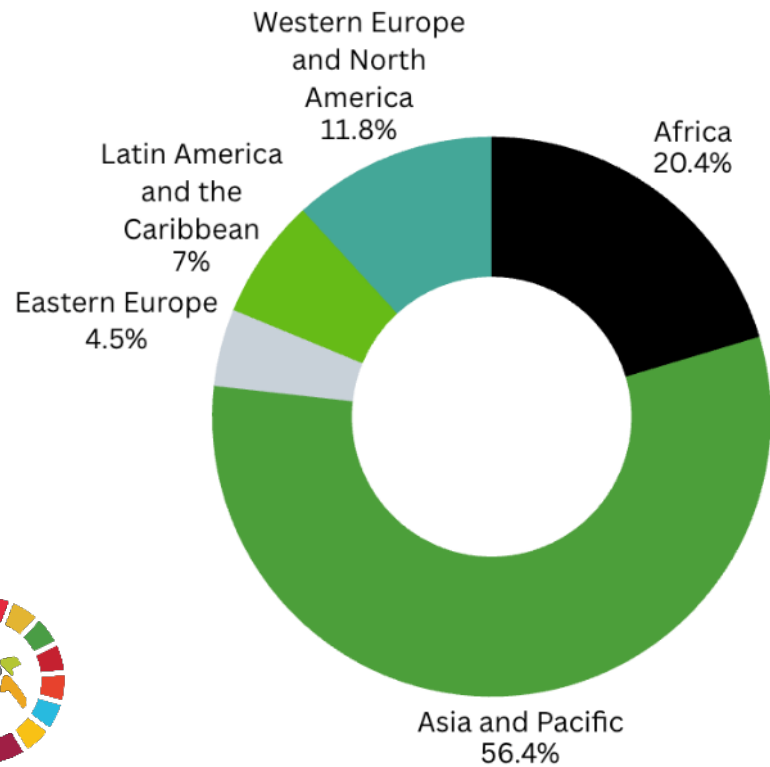
**Get ready to cast your vote!**

**Voting opens in 10 days**

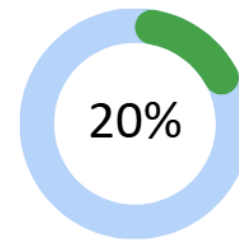
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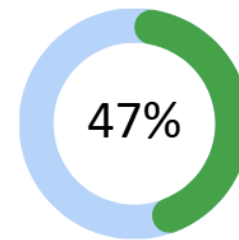
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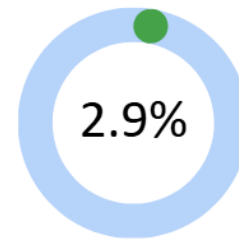
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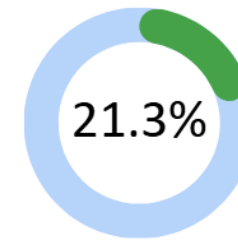
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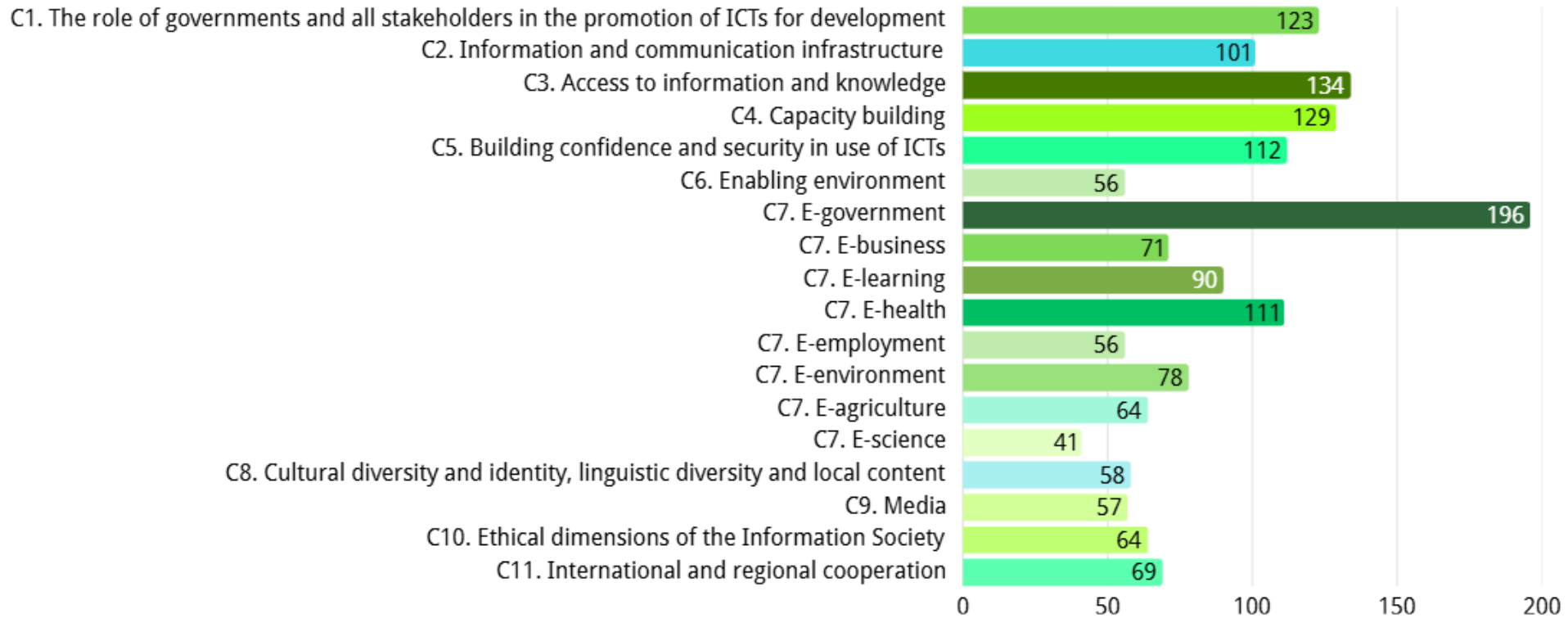
International Organization



Private Sector



# WSIS Prizes Submissions Analysis



# WSIS Prizes 2026

## Timeline

**Submission Phase** ● 18 December - 20 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: 31 March 2026



# Global iSAFE Hackathon: Inclusive & Secure AI For Everyone

A global innovation challenge designed to harness the power of technology and generative AI to

- address emerging threats in online environment
- empower digital citizens
- strengthen trust in digital systems



## 5 Challenge areas



Detect the deceptive:  
tracing synthetic  
realities



Defend the digital citizen:  
AI for protection and  
empowerment



Build the Guardrails of  
Trustworthy AI



Create for Peace:  
Generative AI for Social  
Good and Digital Civility



Enhance the CyberPeace  
Chatbot with Generative &  
Agentic AI



CyberPeace



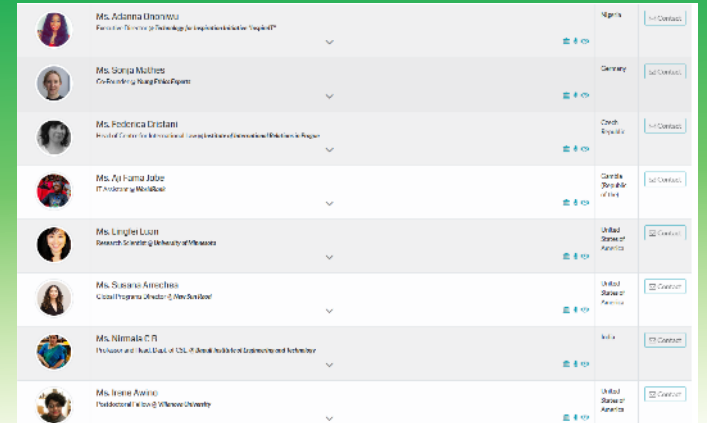
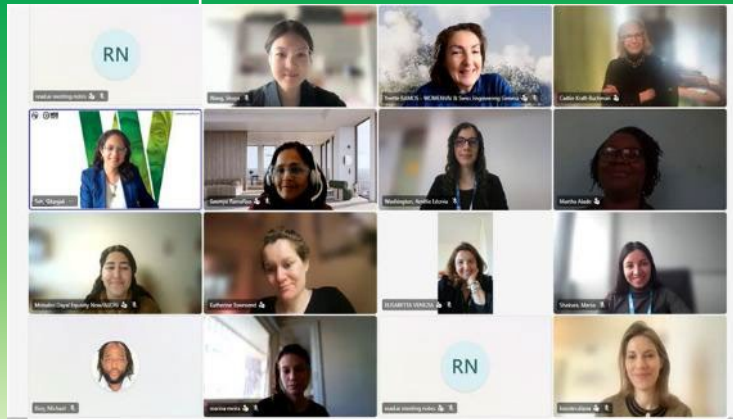
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**DEADLINE EXTENDED: 7 April 2026**

# Women and Girls in Digital Special Track



Brainstorming sessions on the **WSIS and Girls Action Plan towards 2035**

**Call for Nomination!**  
Second cohort of the WSIS Women and Girls Empowerment Trendsetters: global leaders shaping a more inclusive future in technology

**Repository of Women in Tech:** repository for mapping and engaging women from every region and across all ICT disciplines

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

# 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

## Activities at the annual WSIS Forum

High-Level and working-level meetings



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

# WSIS Action towards 2035

## UNGIS Activities

Inter-agency coordination

Learn more

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

### Mandates from UNGA Resolution

**Financing mechanisms:** 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

Nominations of experts from interested UN agencies received

- 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

Launch of a multistakeholder consultation group to consult with all stakeholders

## WSIS Action Lines

coordination

Scaling action together

Learn more

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

### 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

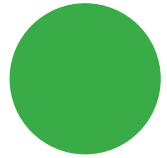
Develop targeted implementation roadmaps linking WSIS Action Lines to SDG targets and Global Digital Compact commitments, including monitoring indicators. To be reported to CSTD in 2027

Regular coordination meetings with Action Line Facilitators

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

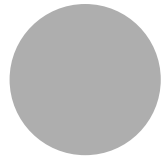
# Partnership on measuring ICT for Development

## Objectives



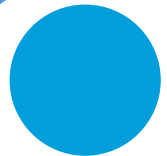
### Development of indicators

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.

# Partner with us!

[https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Documents/Fund2026/WF26\\_FundInTrust-Invitation+Packages-en.pdf](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Documents/Fund2026/WF26_FundInTrust-Invitation+Packages-en.pdf)

 Strategic Partner: Diamond

 Strategic Partner: Platinum



 Strategic Partner: Gold

 Silver Partner



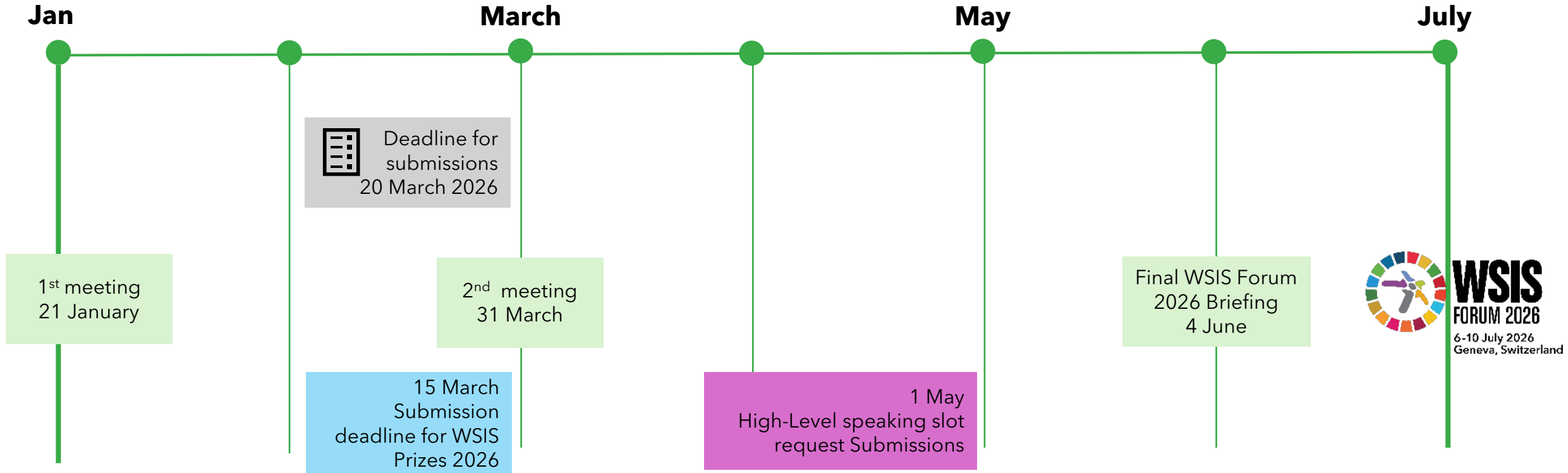
 Innovation Partner

 Supporting Partner



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

# 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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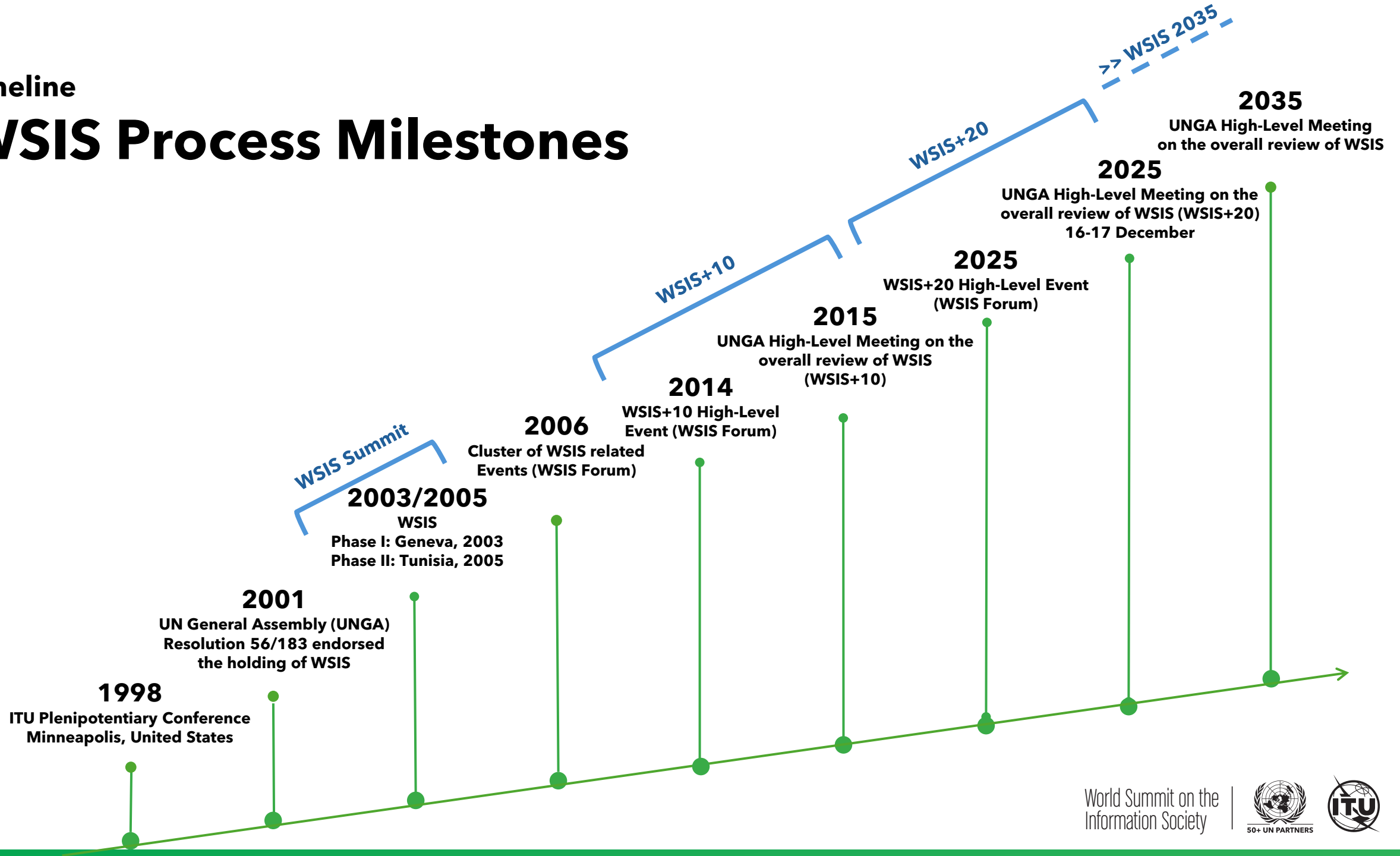
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# WSIS Process Milestones

# Timeline

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# 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>

A large, modern conference hall with a high ceiling and a large audience seated at long tables. A speaker is visible on a stage in the background, and a large screen on the left shows a close-up of the speaker. The United Nations emblem is visible on the wall behind the stage. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

**UNGA High-Level Meeting  
on the overall review  
of the implementation of  
the Outcomes of the WSIS**

# UNGA High-Level Meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the Outcomes of the WSIS

- Convened by UN General Assembly in New York from 16-17 December
- Provided a key opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders to take stock of the progress, identify remaining challenges, and set priorities for the next phase of global digital cooperation.
- The meeting highlighted the inclusive and collaborative nature of global efforts in the information society
- 120 statements delivered by Member States, representatives of the UN system and other stakeholders



**Read  
more**

World Summit on the  
Information Society



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