



The Secretary-General

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To: All WSIS Stakeholders

- Governments
- Private Sector
- Civil Society
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Subject: World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Stocktaking 2023: Call for Update and New Entries

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to contribute to the WSIS Stocktaking process undertaken in support of the WSIS Implementation and Follow-up. Information and communication technologies continue to play a vital role and the International Telecommunication Union is now more than ever committed to bringing the benefits of these technologies to people everywhere. I would like to thank you for your efforts so far in sharing your ICT projects and initiatives reflected on our [WSIS Stocktaking platform](#), maintained by ITU since 2004.

This publicly accessible international repository (established by [Tunis Agenda for the Information Society](#), para 120), currently with more than 15,000 entries and a growing community of close to half a million stakeholders, is a unique global tool for collecting information and regular reporting on ICT initiatives and projects, carried out by governments, international organizations, the private sector, civil society, academia and other entities, in the context of 11 WSIS Action Lines.

In 2015, the UN General Assembly within the framework of the ten-year review of the WSIS ([Res. A/70/125](#)) called for a close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([Res. A/70/1](#)). The WSIS Stocktaking process responded by highlighting the contribution of 11 WSIS Action Lines to the achievement of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [ECOSOC Resolution 2022/15](#) reiterates the importance of sharing best practices at the global level, and, while recognizing excellence in the implementation of the projects and initiatives that further the WSIS goals, encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform.

WSIS Stocktaking continues to diversify its database by introducing new repositories, including the special report on [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response – ICT Case Repository](#) launched in April 2020, [Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize](#) (2021), [Women in Technology](#) (2022), and the recently proposed repository of Indigenous Languages Prize. New repositories are in line with the WSIS Forum special tracks on ICTs and Older Persons, Gender Mainstreaming, and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures.

Therefore, I am pleased to invite you to submit new entries at <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking>. For submission to be included in the 15th edition of the WSIS Stocktaking Global Report, we look forward to receiving it by **31 January 2023**. Submitted activities will be released and promoted at the WSIS Forum 2023 (13-17 March).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Houlin Zhao', is located below the 'Yours faithfully,' text.

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