

Consultation on the Joint Implementation Road Map for WSIS-GDC Coherence by UNGIS

(Paragraph 122, A/RES/80/173)



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WSIS-GDC Joint Implementation Road Map for WSIS-GDC coherence by UNGIS:

Mandates and objectives

The road map strengthens coherence between WSIS and the Global Digital Compact, ensuring a unified UN approach by leveraging existing mechanisms and the UNGIS Matrix.



Mandates

ECOSOC Resolution

(E/RES/2025/18, para. 133)

that recommends further that, as an outcome of the World Summit 20-year review, the United Nations Group on the Information Society be tasked with developing a joint implementation road map, to be presented to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-ninth session, to integrate the Global Digital Compact commitments into the World Summit architecture, ensuring a unified approach to digital cooperation that avoids duplication and maximizes resource efficiency.

UNGA Resolution

(A/RES/80/173, para.122)

we request the United Nations Group on the Information Society, within existing mandates and resources, to prepare a joint implementation road map, to be presented for the consideration of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-ninth session, in 2026. The road map should aim to strengthen coherence between the World Summit and the Global Digital Compact, ensuring a unified, resource efficient approach to digital cooperation that avoids duplication and maximizes synergies across the UN system.

Objectives

Coherence



Enhance coherence between the WSIS framework and the Global Digital Compact

Unified approach



Foster a unified UN system strategy, avoiding duplication while maximizing all synergies

Joint Implementation Road Map for WSIS-GDC coherence

Submission for consideration by the CSTD, 29th Session, 20-24 April 2026

Methodology



Brainstorming and Consultation

Collecting ideas through a series of collaborative exchanges within the Chair, Vice-Chairs, and UNGIS members and observers to brainstorm the road map's structure and design, aware of the tight deadline of submission to the CSTD one month prior to the session



Initial Draft Preparation

Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Secretariat, held meetings to prepare the initial draft of the road map based on the discussions of the initial ideation and brainstorming



Engagement and Feedback

Draft circulated to all UNGIS members and observers for feedback, with a two-week period provided to ensure effective participation. The Secretariat, Chair, and Vice-Chairs remained available throughout to support members, address questions, and facilitate an inclusive and collaborative process



Input Integration

UNGIS Secretariat collected all received feedback and organized subsequent follow-up meetings with the Chair and Vice-Chairs to refine and complete the draft. The road map was subsequently circulated to the Group



Submission

The road map submitted to the CSTD Secretariat one full month ahead of the scheduled 29th CSTD session for consideration. Road Map made available on CSTD and UNGIS websites

Joint Implementation Road Map for WSIS-GDC coherence

Structure

- Context and Mandate
- Analytical Framework
- WSIS-GDC Coherence: Ongoing progress
- Advancing policy coherence and programme coordination
- Timeline and Milestones
- Annex: existing mechanisms and activities for implementation and coordination



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1. Context and Mandate

This proposed Joint Implementation Road Map takes into account the following mandates:

- ECOSOC Resolution ([E/RES/2025/18](#), para. 133) that recommends further that, as an outcome of the World Summit 20-year review, the United Nations Group on the Information Society be tasked with developing a joint implementation road map, to be presented to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-ninth session, to integrate the Global Digital Compact commitments into the World Summit architecture, ensuring a unified approach to digital cooperation that avoids duplication and maximizes resource efficiency.
- United Nations General Assembly Resolution ([A/RES/80/173](#), para.122) that noted the World Summit process and 2030 Agenda–Global Digital Compact matrix, prepared by the United Nations Group on the Information Society, which maps the objectives and commitments of the Global Digital Compact to existing World Summit structures, mechanisms and activities, providing a structured approach for effective follow-up and implementation. Building on this work and consistent with the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, we request the United Nations Group on the Information Society, within existing mandates and resources, to prepare a joint implementation road map, to be presented for the consideration of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-ninth session, in 2026. The road map should aim to strengthen coherence between the World Summit and the Global Digital Compact, ensuring a unified, resource-efficient approach to digital cooperation that avoids duplication and maximizes synergies across the United Nations system.
- Pact for the Future ([A/RES/79/1](#)), especially its Annex I Global Digital Compact (GDC). GDC Paras (para 5): We have strong foundations on which to build. Our digital cooperation rests on international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, international human rights law and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; (para 17): We remain committed to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society reflected in the Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action 18 and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society; (para 19): The United Nations provides a critical platform for the global digital cooperation we need, and we will harness existing processes to do so.

2. Analytical Framework

The WSIS Framework comprehensively addresses all dimensions of the information and knowledge societies, encompassing an extensive range of topics and thematic areas. The WSIS Framework is the global blueprint for how the world advances inclusive, rights-based, development-oriented digital societies. Established in the Geneva Declaration of Principles (2003) and the Tunis Agenda (2005) and reinforced by the WSIS+10 and WSIS+20 reviews, it consists of:

- A shared vision for an inclusive Information Society
- A set of principles for digital development
- A structured implementation mechanism (WSIS Action Lines), WSIS Forum, and Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
- A follow-up and review system across the UN
- A multistakeholder model for digital cooperation

