



The Secretary-General

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To: WSIS Stakeholders

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**Subject: UNGIS Task Force — Invitation to contribute best practices for strengthening financial mechanisms for digital development and participate in open consultations**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The adoption of the WSIS+20 Outcome Document Resolution ([A/RES/80/173](#)) by the United Nations General Assembly marks a significant milestone in strengthening the global digital development agenda. Pursuant to paragraph 67 of the Resolution, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), as the secretariat of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS), has established the **UNGIS Task Force on Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development**, bringing together experts from 25 UNGIS members and observers: ITC, ITU, ODET, OECD, OHCHR, UN DESA, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UN-OHRLS, UNIDO, UNOPS, UNU, UPU, WFP, WHO, WMO, WTO, the World Bank Group, and the five United Nations regional commissions. Further information, including the timeline, is available at <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Home/TaskForce>.

In this regard, I have the pleasure of inviting you to contribute best practices on financing digital development, which will complement the UNGIS Task Force's work on the assessment of gaps and challenges, and its recommendations to strengthen financial mechanisms in developing countries, to be reported to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) at its 30<sup>th</sup> session. Contributions should be submitted **by 9 November 2026, 23:59 (New York time)**, through the online form available at <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Home/TaskforceSubmission>.

In addition, the UNGIS Task Force will hold two virtual open consultations. I warmly encourage you to take part and to share this invitation within your networks:

- **UNGIS Task Force – [1st open consultation](#)**: Thursday, 29 October 2026, 14:00 – 15:15 CET
- **UNGIS Task Force – [2nd open consultation](#)**: Thursday, 21 January 2027, 14:00 – 15:15 CET

Thank you for your continued commitment to the WSIS process and to advancing inclusive digital development for all, particularly in developing countries. I look forward to your valuable contributions to this important work.

Yours faithfully,

A blue ink signature of Doreen Bogdan-Martin is located below the text 'Yours faithfully,'.

Doreen Bogdan-Martin