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Turning targets into action
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CSTD 2021-2022 Inter-sessional Panel

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels

19 November 2021

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WSIS Process Timeline

1998 — ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution on Proposing to hold a WSIS

2000-2015 — The UN Millennium Declaration: A/RES/55/2

2001 — UNGA Resolution 56/183 endorsed holding of the Summit in two phases

2003 & 2005 — WSIS
Phase I: Geneva Phase
(10-12 December 2003)
Phase II: Tunisia Phase
(16-18 November 2005)

2006-2008 — Cluster of WSIS related events

2009-2013 — WSIS Forum
2013: Review Event
"Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development"

2014 — WSIS+10
High-Level Event, Extended version of the WSIS Forum

2015
- UNGA WSIS Overall Review
- UNGA Resolution A/70/125
- SDG Summit UNGA Resolution A/70/1

2016 - 2021 — HLPF Themes (2016-2021)
- 2016: "Ensuring that no one is left behind"
- 2017: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world"
- 2018: "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
- 2019: "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality"
- 2020: "Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development "
- 2021: "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development".

2019 — WSIS Forum – 10th Year Anniversary of the WSIS Forum

2025 — WSIS Review:
WSIS Process Beyond 2025

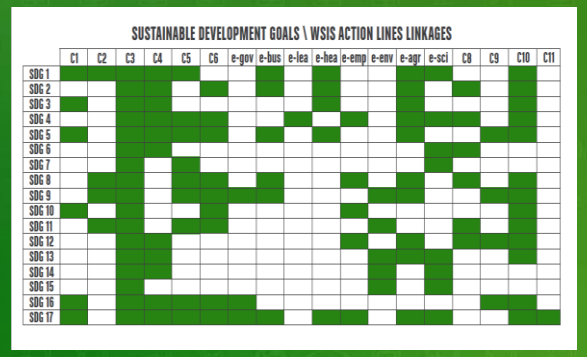
2030 — SDG Review

WSIS FORUM IS HELD EVERY YEAR

2017: 12-16 June
2018: 21-25 May
2019: 8-12 April
2020: 22 June - final week (7-10 September)
2021: January onwards - final week (17-21 May)
2022: March Onwards – final week 30 May – 3 June

WSIS Action Lines – Sustainable Development Goals

Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals



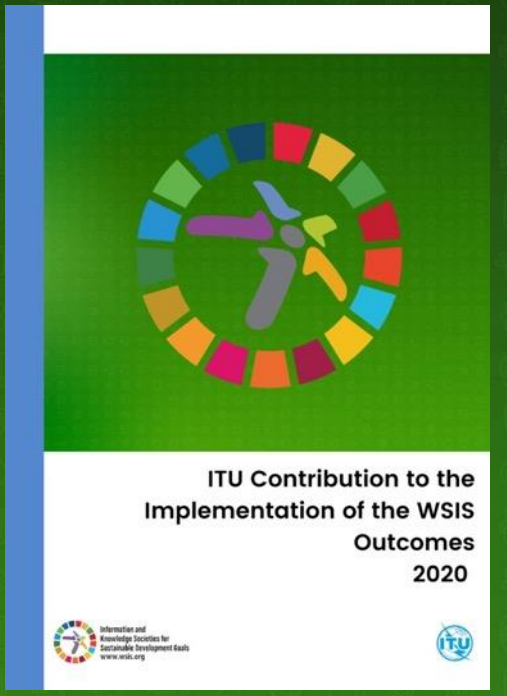
The WSIS implementation mechanism at the international level is organised taking into account the themes and action lines in the Geneva Plan of Action, and moderated or facilitated by UN agencies when appropriate.

WSIS-SDG Matrix: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/sdg/

ITU Annual Report on WSIS Implementation

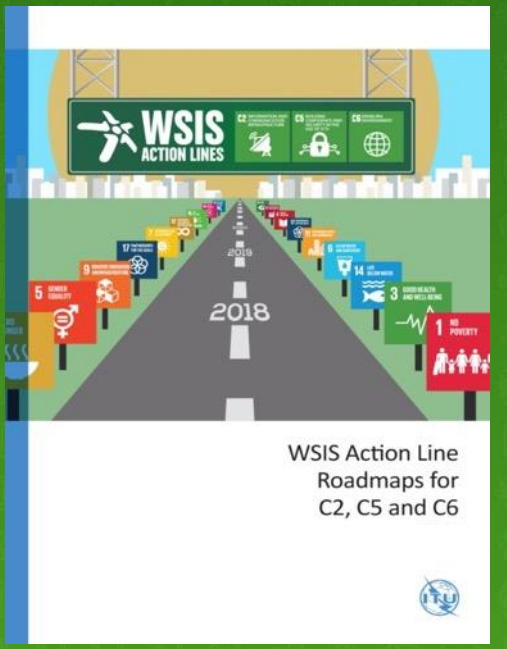
ITU Contribution to the WSIS Implementation of the WSIS outcomes

https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Contribution.aspx



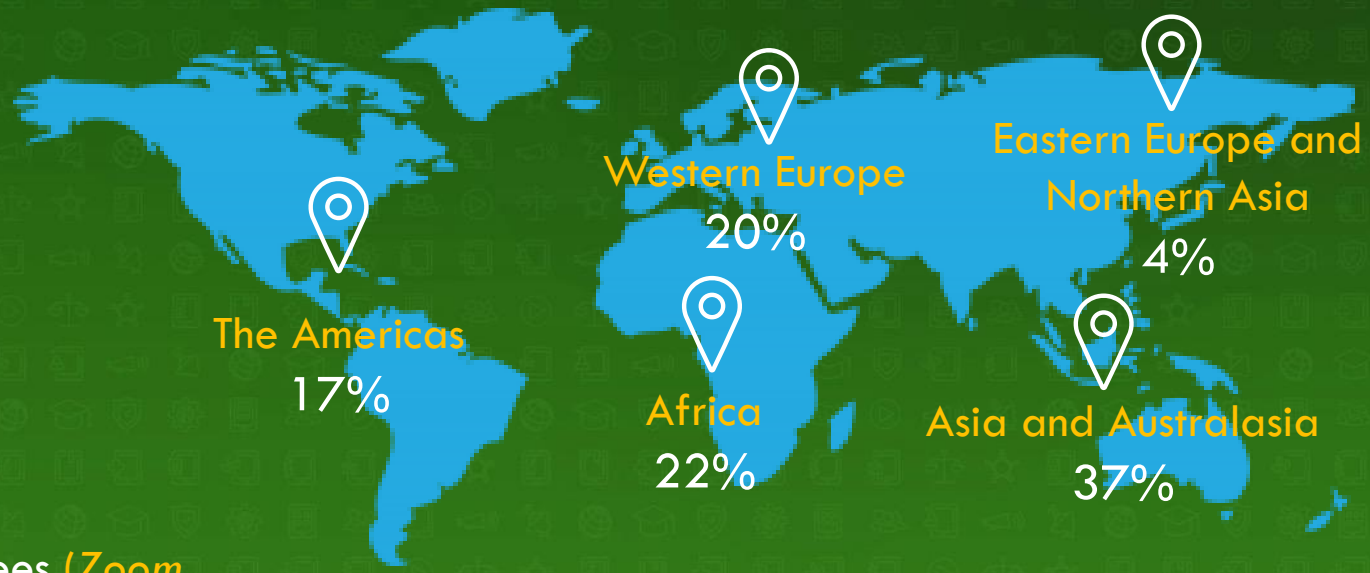
WSIS Action Line Roadmaps

https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Roadmaps.aspx



WSIS FORUM 2021
Starting from January
Final Week 17-21 May 2021

WSIS Forum 2021 Participation

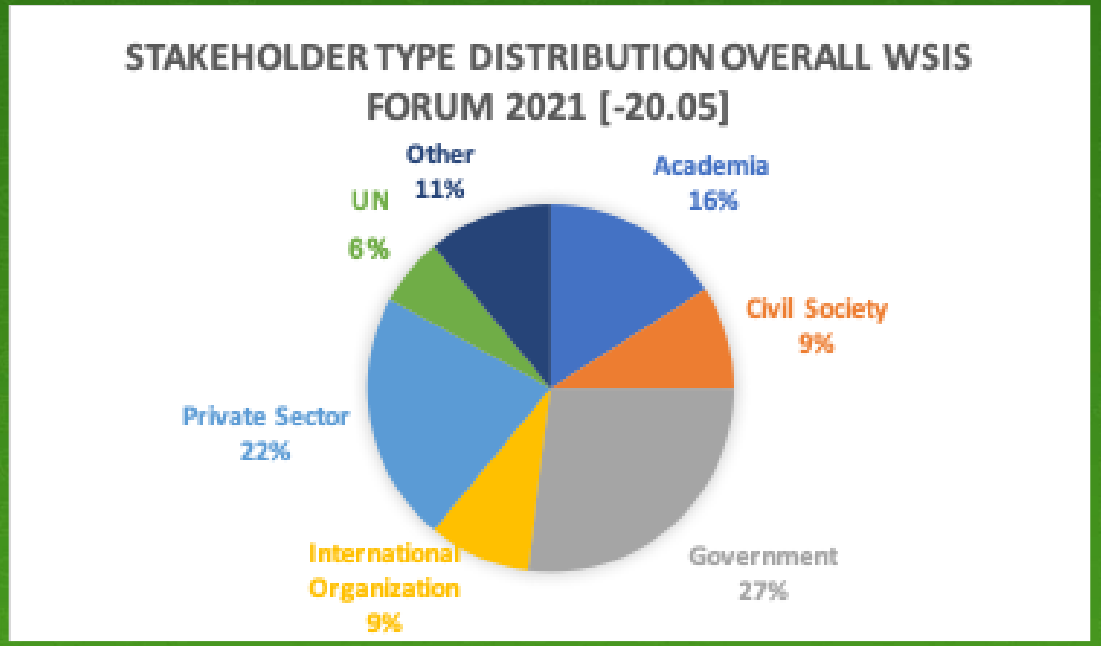


a cumulative attendance of over 50,000 virtual attendees (*Zoom room, Zoom recording, Facebook Live videos, YouTube, and other format*) over 150 countries

Men
57%

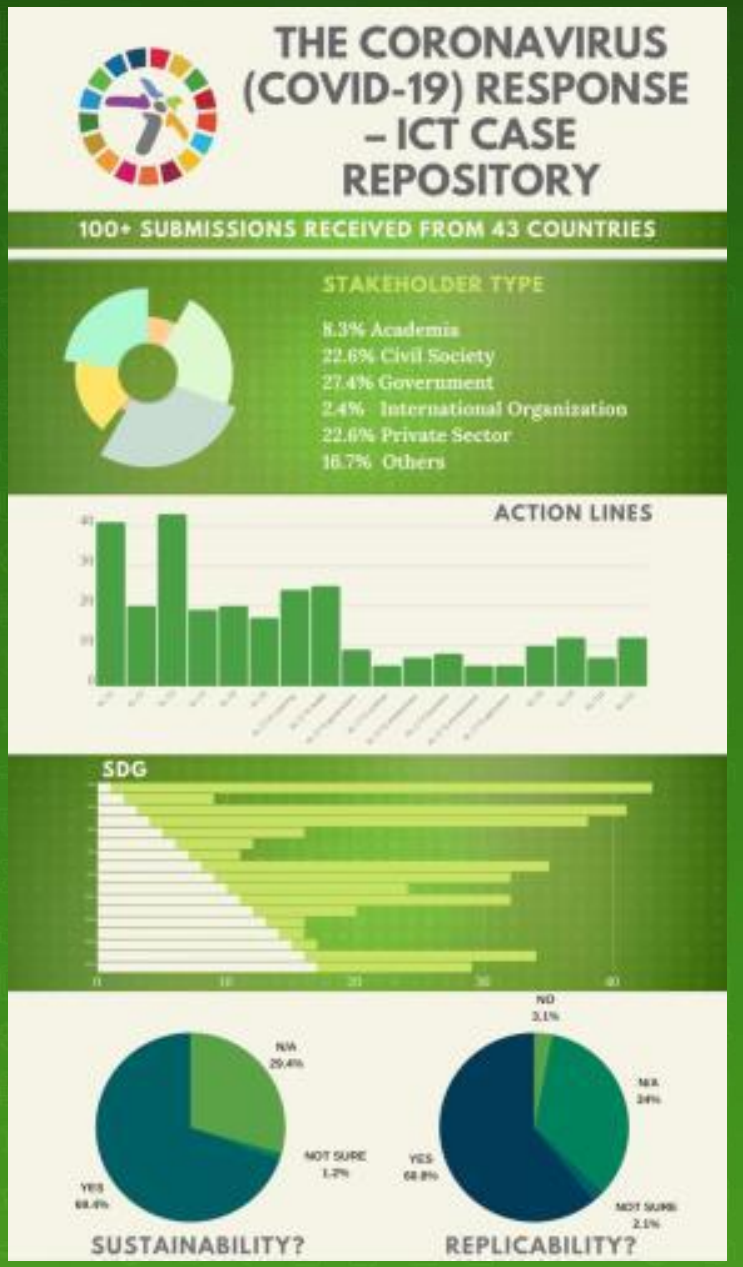
Women
43%

More than 250 sessions, including workshops, live interviews, WSIS TalkX, the high-level track, Hackathon and many more



The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response – ICT Case Repository

The repository was initiated for collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by this extraordinary pandemic. Several interviews were conducted with stakeholders and A Global WSIS Response - Amid the Pandemic documentary has been produced. Link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOSw0VydvpE&list=PLh5wUIxznUUUlc57A7IZWBwuzfC7I-81m&index=11



WSIS FORUM 2022

Starting 15 March 2022 with

Final Week: 30 May – 3 June 2022

WSIS Forum 2022 components: Forum Track, High-Level Track, Special Tracks, Hackathons (ICTs and Indigenous Languages & Designing A Sustainable Future using ICTs), Exhibition Space, WSIS TalkX, etc.

- Open Consultation Process
- Best Practices
- WSIS Prizes
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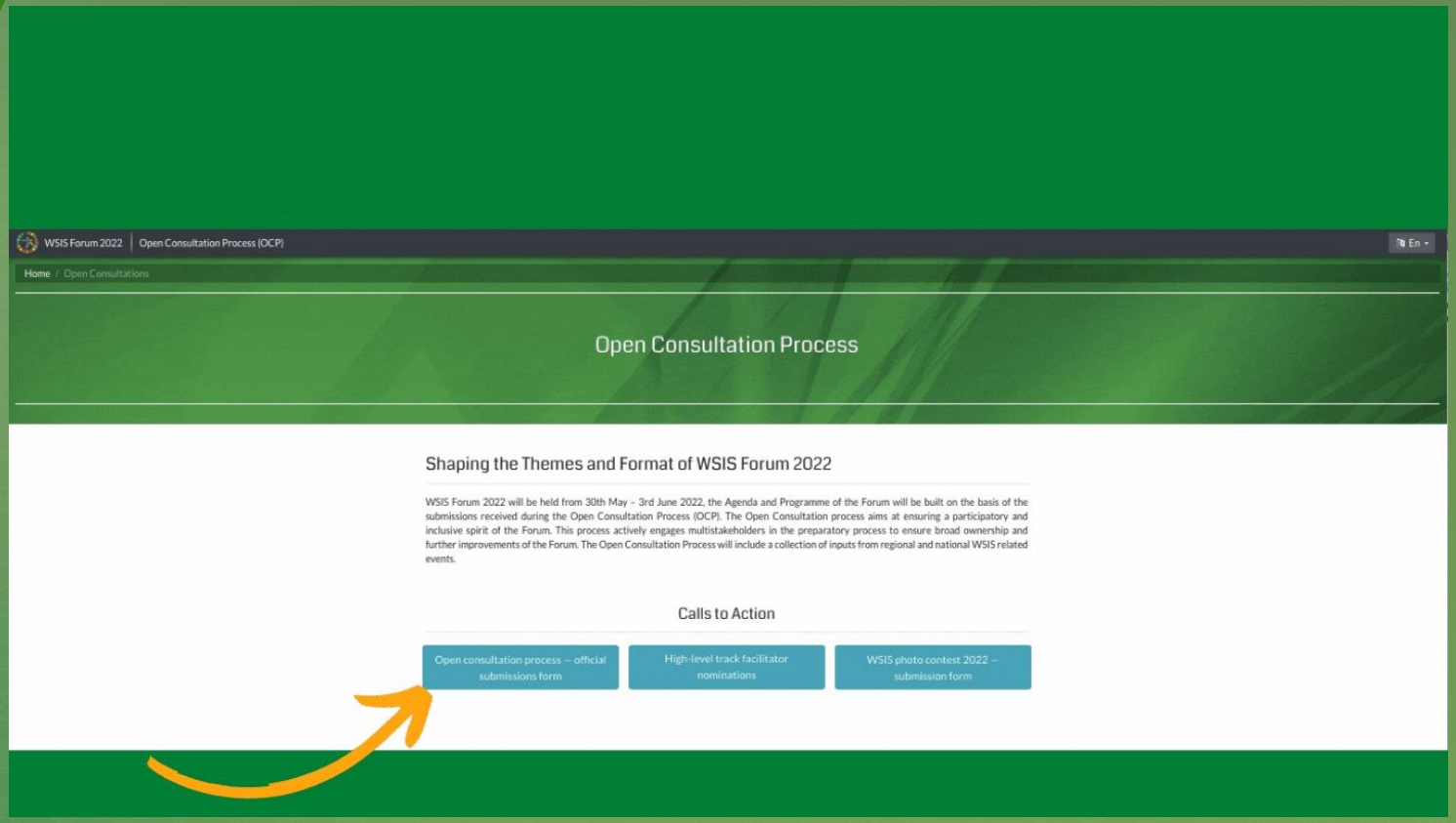

Official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

1) Login with your existing account or Sign up as a new user
2) Fill out the OCP Form

www.wsis.org/forum

Deadline: 7 March 2022

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The Open Consultation process (OCP) aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum. This process actively engages multistakeholders in the preparatory process to ensure broad ownership and further improvements of the Forum. The Open Consultation Process will include a collection of inputs from regional and national WSIS related events.

The Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2022 is structured in five phases as follows:

Phase 1:
Launch of the OCP
19 August 2021

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Phase 2:
1st Meeting
8 December 2021, 13:50-14:50 CEST, Katowice, Poland (during IGF 2021)

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Phase 3:
2nd Meeting
31 January 2022, 14:00-15:00 CET

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Phase 4:
Deadline for Submissions
7 March 2022

→

Phase 5:
3rd Meeting
2 May 2022
14:00-15:00 CEST

WSIS FORUM 2021
High-Level Track

- High-level Policy Sessions
- Ministerial Round Table
- High-level Dialogues

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Open Call WSIS Forum 2022: High-Level Track Facilitators

- Open Call for Major Stakeholder Coordination Mechanisms following the WSIS Process to Identify and Nominate High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) for the WSIS Forum 2022.
- The main task of the HLTF is to capture the vision, Identify emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the leaders of their session.
- The High-Level Policy Sessions will be moderated by the High-Level Track Facilitators nominated and identified by each stakeholder type i.e Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Technical/ Academic community and International Organization.
- Each stakeholder type is invited to launch an Open Call to identify HLTF to represent their respective communities.

Nominations should be submitted to the WSIS Secretariat at wsis-info@itu.int by 7 March 2022

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WSIS Stocktaking: 2021-2022

Call for Update and New Entries

Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database currently with 13,000+ submitted projects and initiatives from 350,000+ registered stakeholders has been vigilant and started collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

NEW Call for Submission:
www.wsis.org/stocktaking

WSIS Stocktaking 2021 publications:

- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2021
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2021
- WSIS Stocktaking: The Coronavirus Response - ICT Case Repository
- WSIS Stocktaking Interview Series: COVID-19 Response

WSIS Forum 2022 Photo Contest: Call for New Entries

Following the successful of previous Photo Contests editions, WSIS Forum continues to exercise the Photo Contest in 2022 and invites the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participate in building a collage of ICT for Sustainable Development photographs from around the world by promoting the Photo Contest within your networks and communities.

The three winning entries in the WSIS photo contest will be awarded and presented at the WSIS Forum 2022.

Deadline: 7 March 2022

WSIS PRIZES 2022

New Call for Submission - 2022

Submit your ICTs projects to the most globally recognised ICT for Development international annual award.

FIVE PHASES OF THE CONTEST

- The first phase: Submission phase
  1 September 2021 – 21 January 2022 (Deadline for last submission: 23:00 Geneva time)
- The second phase: Nomination Phase. Revision of submitted projects that will result with a list of 360 nominated projects, twenty (20) projects per Action Line Category (18) 1 February – 25 February 2022 (twenty projects per each category will be nominated)
- The third phase: Public online voting (identification of five projects per category with the highest number of votes)
  1 March – 31 March 2022 (Deadline for casting last vote: 23:00 Geneva time)
- The fourth phase: Selection of winning projects by the ITU Expert Group that will result with a list of winning projects
  1 April – 15 April 2022
- The fifth phase: Announcement of winners to the public during WSIS Prize 2022 Ceremony at WSIS Forum 2022, and the release of publication "WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2022", which is a compilation of extended descriptions of the 18 winning projects and 72 champion projects.

Deadline: 21 January 2022

www.wsis.org/prizes

WSIS Forum 2022 Calls to Action

WSIS Prizes 2022

Submit your outstanding project that leverage the power of ICTs

Deadline:
21 January 2022

Open Consultation Process

Request workshops/exhibition space/speakers and provide inputs on the format and themes

Deadline:
7 March 2022

WSIS Photo Contest 2022

Submit your photo that shows how ICTs are playing an enabling role in achieving the SDGs

Deadline:
7 March 2022

High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF)

Nominate your representative for the HLTF

Deadline:
7 March 2022

Special Tracks emerging for WSIS Forum 2022

ICTs and Youth

ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming

ICTs and Emerging Technologies for sustainable development

ICTs for Well-being and Happiness

ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs

ICTs and Older Persons

Cybersecurity

ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Culture

ICTs for LDCs

ICTs for Industry 4.0

ICTs and Older Persons special track

Launched in 2020, this special track addresses the role of ICTs in combating age-based discrimination in the workplace, achieving healthier ageing, building smarter cities, ensuring the financial inclusion of older persons and supporting millions of caregivers across the world and in digital inclusion across the generations to enable the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030.

This special track involved collaboration with various stakeholders that work around this matter, including Global Coalition of Aging (GCOA), Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (CSEND), E-Seniors, UN Agencies such as ITU, WHO, UN DESA and others.

Workshops, Exhibitions & WSIS TalkX

A series of workshops, virtual exhibitions, and WSIS TalkX sessions were organised by stakeholders during the WSIS Forum to highlight ICTs and Older Persons.

WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize

A special WSIS Prize was launched in 2021, in collaboration with GCOA. an exceptional international recognition of WSIS stakeholders as leaders for their excellence in supporting innovation that brings sustainable solutions for the ever-increasing global population of older people.

This special WSIS Prize will be continued for the WSIS Forum 2022.

WSIS Forum 2020 Hackathon: Ageing better with ICTs

The WSIS Forum 2021 Hackathon was organised virtually under the theme of Ageing Better with ICTs by ITU, GCOA, and other stakeholders like WHO, UN DESA, etc. The virtual hackathon gathered more than 1,100 participants joining from 48 countries.

UN Secretary General Report

The reference of this activity was included in the:

- *UN Secretary General Report "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing" (A/75/218) submitted pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 74/125.*
- *UN Secretary General Report "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing" (A/76/156) submitted pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 75/125.*

ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs special track

In 2019, the WSIS Forum launched a WSIS Accessibility Day to inform and observe how ICTs can help people living with disabilities whilst focusing on progressing towards the SDGs as well as to raise awareness on the critical role of ICTs to enable and accelerate the social and economic inclusion.

In collaboration with the WSIS stakeholders and at their request, a special track on ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs was developed for the WSIS Forum 2020 to continue the discussions on ICT accessibility. The special track continued during the WSIS Forum 2021.

Workshops, Exhibitions & WSIS TalkX

A series of workshops and virtual exhibitions were organised by stakeholders during the WSIS Forum to highlight the role of ICTs in the development of inclusive society.

Tools for stakeholders' engagements

WSIS Forum provided tools for stakeholders' engagements, such as sign language interpreter and captioning in sessions to create an inclusive and equitable experience for all

Collaboration with various types of stakeholders

WSIS engaged different accessibility communities, including hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, autism, etc.

WSIS Forum 2022 Hackathon

Hackathon: ICTs for Indigenous Languages

ITU, UNESCO and relevant stakeholders will jointly organize a WSIS Forum 2022 Hackathon on ICTs for Indigenous Languages

The Hackathon is calling on stakeholders to form teams to explore the use of ICTs in preventing, revitalising, and promoting the indigenous languages.

Linked with The Global Action Plan for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages, WSIS Action Lines, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Hackathon — Designing a Sustainable Future using ICTs

The Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) of the United Arab Emirates in cooperation with the WSIS Forum 2022 is organizing an International Hackathon across three challenge areas to promote achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) using ICTs.

Three challenge areas: (1) Digital Safety; (2) Blockchain for a better life; (3) Climate Change.

A representative from each winning team will be given a chance to attend the United Nations Public Service Forum that will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 13 to 15 December 2021.

Register now:
www.wsis.org/forum

ICTs and Indigenous Languages

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Organized by ITU, UNESCO, and other stakeholders

WSIS Forum 2022 Special Track: ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Culture

WSIS Forum 2022 will initiate a special track on ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Culture, which will provide space for discourse on the important role that indigenous peoples and culture could play towards sustainable development with ICTs that are made accessible, inclusive and affordable for all.

Submit request for workshops/exhibition spaces through the Open Consultation Form by 7 March 2022 at www.wsis.org/forum

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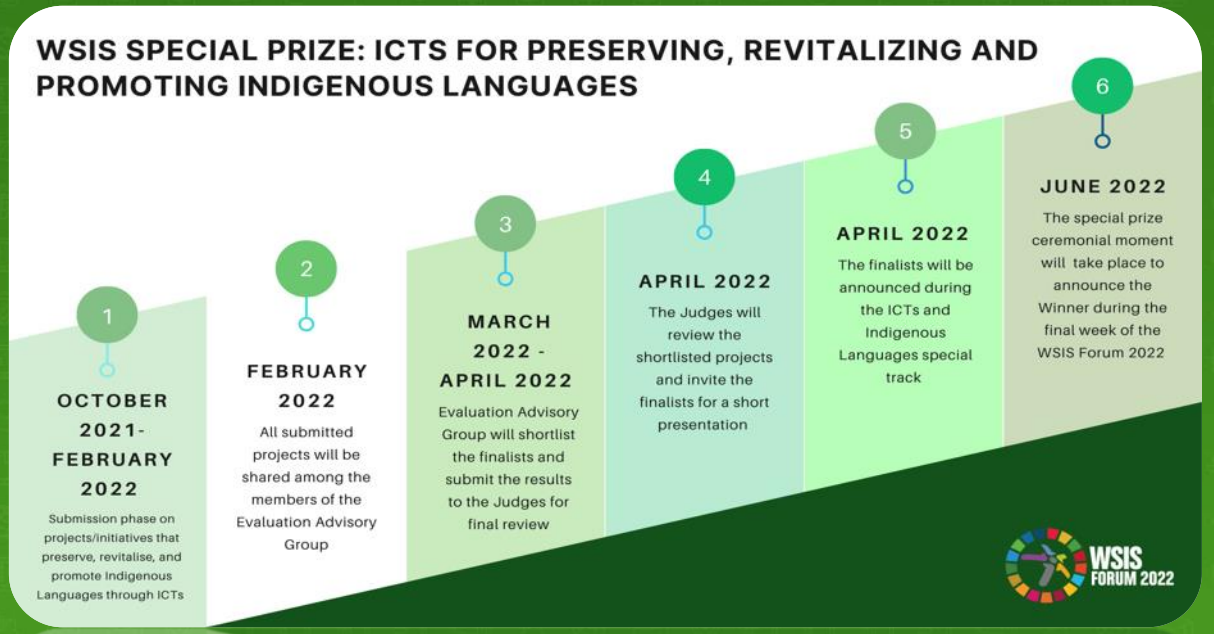
Special Prize: ICTs for Preserving, Revitalizing and Promoting Indigenous Languages

WSIS Forum 2022 will initiate a **WSIS Special Prize on ICTs for Preserving, Revitalizing and Promoting Indigenous Languages**

Call for submission will be issued in November and will be open until February 2022

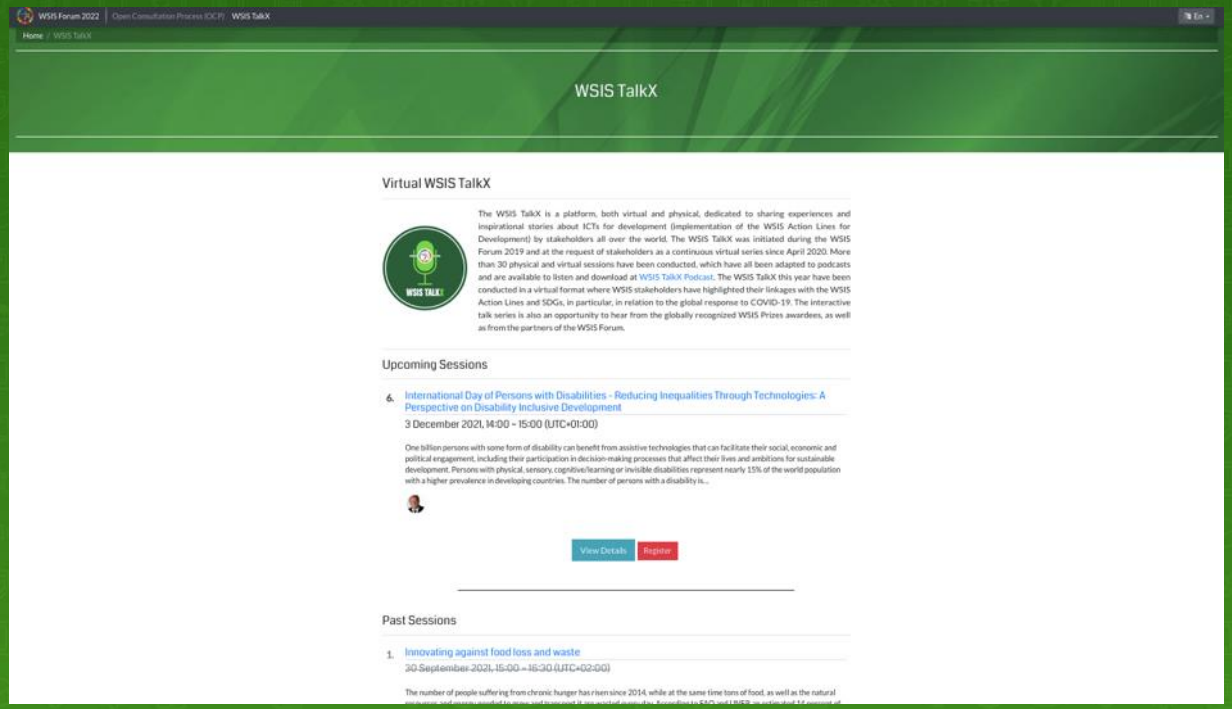
Finalists will be announced in April 2022 and winners will be announced during the final week of the WSIS Forum 2022 (30 May – 3 June 2022)

Winners will be presented with 1,000 EUR cash award



WSIS TalkX

The WSIS TalkX is a platform, both virtual and physical, dedicated to sharing experiences and inspirational stories about ICTs for development (implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for Development) by stakeholders all over the world.



Upcoming Event:

International Day of Persons with Disabilities - Reducing Inequalities Through Technologies: A Perspective on Disability Inclusive Development

3 December 2021, 14:00-15:00 CET

Organised by ITU, WIPO, UN DESA

Visit our page:

www.itu.int/go/WSISTalkX

Listen to our Podcasts

https://wsistalkx.buzzsprout.com

UN Regional Commissions

Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group:
UN ESCWA (2021-2022)
Permanent Secretariat: ITU

Annual meetings held at the WSIS Forum.

In the outcomes of the UN General Assembly overall review on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (GA Resolution A/70/125), Regional Commissions are invited to continue their work in implementation of WSIS and their contribution to the reviews thereof, including through regional reviews. Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the regional Level and strengthening alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes .

Coordination of regional approaches and harmonization
Engagement of stakeholders into the regional implementation
Strengthening of the regional perspective at the global level of the WSIS Process.

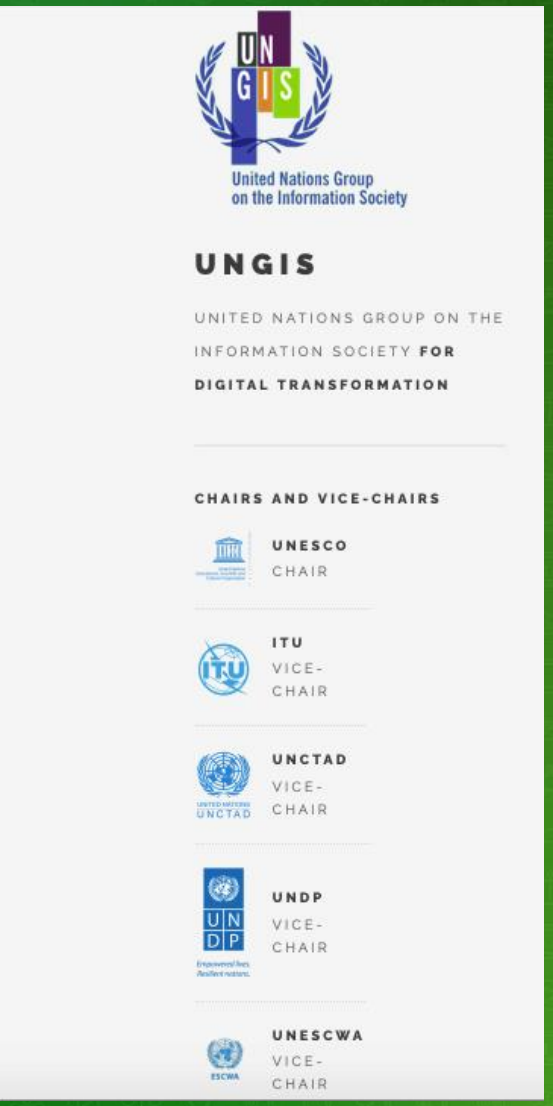
Upcoming Event:

Arab High-Level Forum & Conference on Digital Development & Digital Cooperation (AHLF&C)

Organised by: ECSWA
13-23 December 2021

- WSIS Session: WSIS Action Lines for achieving the SDGs
  15 December 2021
  1 pm CET

United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)



31 Members of UNGIS reiterated commitment to the WSIS Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes.

www.ungis.org

Current Chair: UNESCO
Vice-Chairs: ITU, UNCTAD, UNDP, UN ESCWA

Annual meeting at the WSIS Forum

UNGIS' objective is to develop extensive collaboration and partnerships among the CEB members in order to contribute to the achievement of the WSIS objectives, to help to maintain ICT-related issues as well as science and technology at the top of the UN Agenda and finally to mainstream ICT for Development issues in the mandate of CEB members

Contributions to the HLPF process:

- Side-Event sessions
- Joint Statements

Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT

- Launched in 2004 to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries.
- The Partnership work is coordinated by a Steering Committee, which is elected every 3 years. The current Steering Committee is made up of ITU, UNCTAD, and UIS. ITU is the Chair of Steering Committee from January – June 2021.
- The Partnership helps developing countries collect ICT statistics, particularly through capacity-building and hands-on training for national statistical offices and collects and disseminates information society statistics. Its membership has grown from originally 11, to today 14 regional and international organisations.

Special Initiatives and Products

WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology

http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender

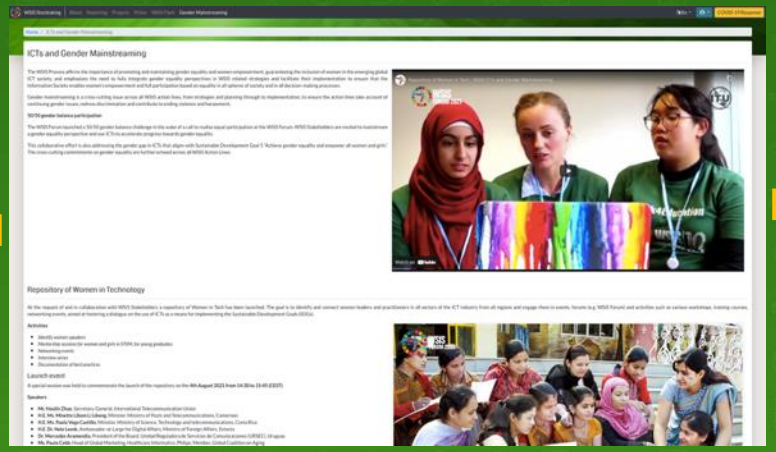
The WSIS Process affirms the **importance of promoting and maintaining gender equality and women empowerment**, guaranteeing the inclusion of women in the emerging global ICT society, and emphasizes the need to fully integrate gender equality perspectives in WSIS related strategies and facilitate their implementation to ensure that the Information Society enables women's empowerment and full participation based on equality in all spheres of society and in all decision-making processes.

Launch of the Repository: 4 August 2021

Recording link: **http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender**

Repository of Women in Tech

At the request of and in collaboration with WSIS Stakeholders a repository of Women in Tech has been launched. The goal is to identify and connect women leaders and practitioners in all sectors of the ICT industry from all regions and engage them in events, forums and activities.



50/50 gender balance participation

The WSIS Forum launched a 50/50 gender balance challenge in the wake of a call to realise equal participation at the WSIS Forum. This collaborative effort is also addressing the gender gap in ICTs that aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". The cross-cutting commitments on gender equality are further echoed across all WSIS Action Lines.

Activities

- Identify women speakers
- Networking events
- Interview series
- Mentorship sessions for women and girls in STEM, for young graduates
- Documentation of best practices

WSIS Youth Campaigners

WSIS YOUTH CAMPAIGNERS

Join us in scaling up the ICTs and Youth special track at the WSIS Forum

- *Awareness Building*
- *Partnerships and Collaboration*
- *Youth Empowerment*

ICTs & CLIMATE ACTION

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WSIS Forum 2022 - Visibility and Partnership Packages

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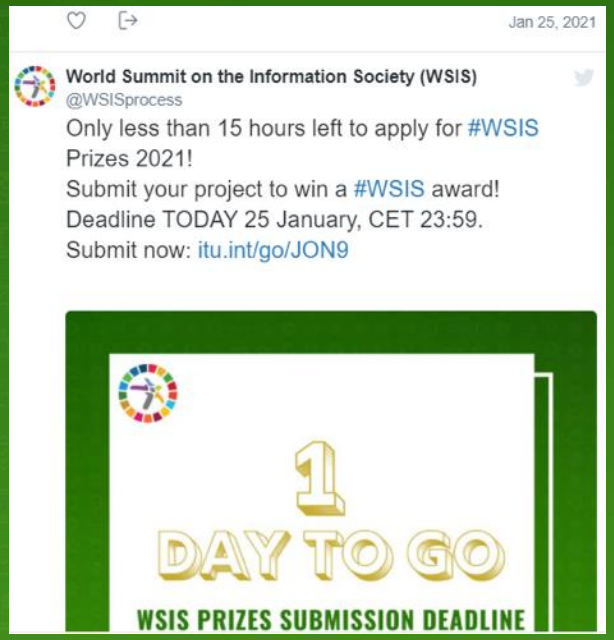

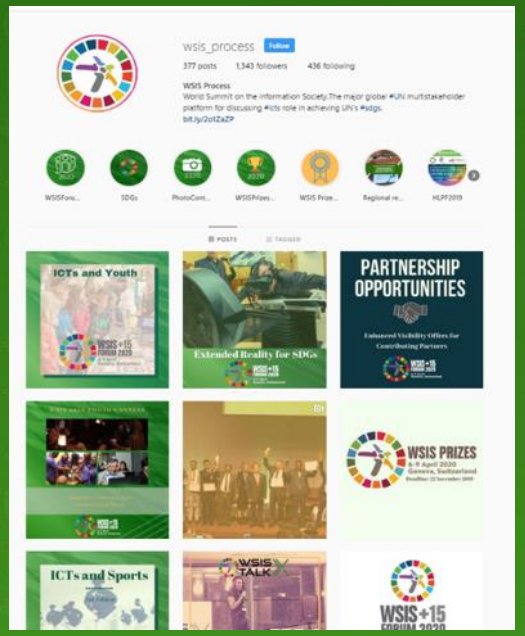

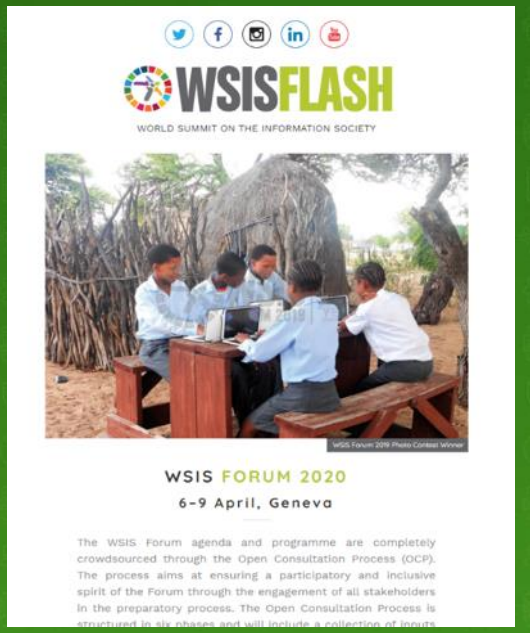

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