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# WSIS Implementation Process

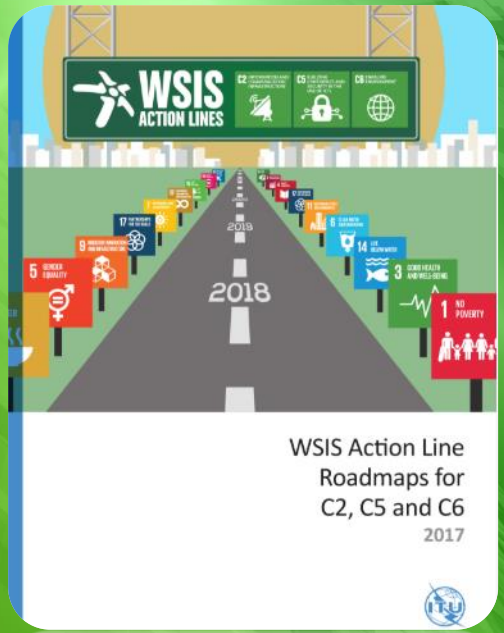
- Facilitation and Implementation of WSIS Action Lines
- WSIS Forum
- WSIS Stocktaking
- WSIS Prize
- WSIS Implementation Regional Level
- United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)
- Partnership on Measuring ICTs for Development

# ITU Contribution to the WSIS Implementation

The Report provides updates on the tasks carried out by the ITU at the operational and policy level, covering all assigned mandates with reference to the WSIS Process, in particular:

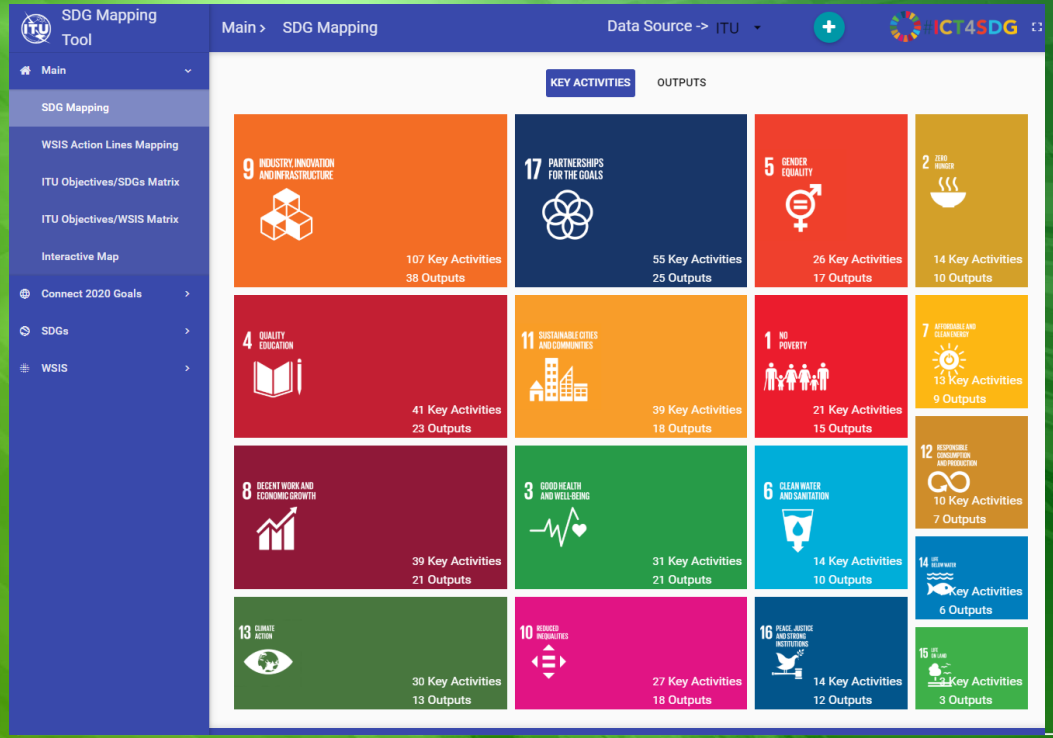
- Lead facilitator (along with UNESCO and UNDP) in coordinating the multistakeholder implementation of the *Geneva Plan of Action*.
- Facilitator of Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure) and C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs); upon the UNDP's request the ITU accepted to play the role of the Facilitator of Action Line C6 (Enabling environment).
- Co-facilitator of Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7 and C11; and partner for Action Lines C8 and C9.
- Rotating Chair of the United Nations Group on Information Society (UNGIS).
- Steering committee member of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Measurement.
- Facilitator of the WSIS Stocktaking Process.
- Initiator and facilitator of the WSIS Project Prize.
- Implementation of other WSIS outcomes.

# WSIS Action Line Roadmaps for Action Lines C2,C5 and C6




- Roadmaps are detailed plans to guide progress towards achieving the WSIS Implementation goals.
- Direct links between the activities and the strategic goals and relevant resolutions, programmes and initiatives of the ITU are highlighted that also clearly display the linkages with the SDGs.
- The roadmaps include timeframes, expected results, as well as list relevant partners.

# ITU SDG Mapping Tool




- Comprehensive overview of how **ITU activities** contribute to the **SDGs**
- Linkage of **ITU strategic framework**, **Connect 2020**, **WSIS Action Lines** and **SDGs**
- Integration with the **WSIS Stocktaking** via interactive map

- **www.itu.int/sdgmappingtool**

# United Nations Group on the Information Society UNGIS

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UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) reiterated commitment to the WSIS Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes.
Upcoming Activities:

- UNGIS Joint Statement at HLPF 2019
- UNGIS Side-event at HLPF

*CURRENT Co –CHAIRS: ITU and UNDP Vice- Chairs: UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNESCAP*

# High-Level Political Forum 2019 (HLPF)

- WSIS Forum 2019 Outcomes submitted as substantive input to the HLPF, taking place in New York from Tuesday, 9 July, to Thursday, 18 July
- WSIS UN Action Line Facilitators report on WSIS Forum 2019: Implementation of WSIS Action lines for Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity in a Changing World
- UNGIS/ WSIS side event
- UNGIS Joint contribution to the HLPF 2019

# UN Regional Commissions at the WSIS Forum 2019

- All five UN Regional Commissions participated actively in the preparatory process and the discussions at the WSIS Forum 2019
- Annual UN Regional Commissions Meeting that discussed the implementation of Activities in 2018-2019
  - Current Chair: UNESCAP
  - Secretariat: ITU

# Connecting Dots at the Regional Level

In accordance to Para 109 of the Tunis Agenda ITU, UNESCO and UNDP continues playing leading facilitating roles in the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and organize a meeting of moderators/facilitators of action lines.

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.

UN Regional Commissions in collaboration with other working towards regional WSIS UN Agencies Implementation reviews.

# PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT

- **Improving** the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries
- **Guiding** policy makers in producing ICT statistics that are crucial to decision-making, including the identification of a core list of ICT indicators and methodologies to collect these indicators
- **Helping** countries collect ICT statistics, particularly through capacity-building and hands-on training for national statistical offices, and collects and disseminates information society statistics.
- **Coordinating** Partnership Task Group on ICT for SDGs, co-lead by ITU and UIS as the main activity of the Partnership between 2017 to Sept 2018
- **Proposing** a thematic list of ICT indicators that could be used to measure ICT availability and use in sectors relevant to the SDGs that are not covered in the SDG indicators framework

# WSIS Forum 2019: KEY FIGURES

WSIS FORUM 2019
8-12 APRIL
Geneva, Switzerland

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**3000+** ICT experts and implementation actors attended

**300+** content-rich sessions organized

**150+** countries engaged

**500+** high-level representatives participated

**#WSIS** 3rd most trending **Worldwide** @High-Level opening

# WSIS Forum 2019: High-Level Track

**WSIS Forum 2019 Chairman**

H.E. Mr. Mustafa Jabbar,
Minister, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology,
**Bangladesh**

Policy Statements were delivered during the High-Level Track by the WSIS Stakeholder community, representing the Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and International Organizations.

The high-level track consisted of the opening segment, interactive policy dialogues, ministerial round table, and a high-level networking program.

"WSIS Forum 2019: Policy Statements and Executive Brief" was issued to encapsulate the outcomes.

# WSIS Forum 2019: High-Level Track

Policy Statements were facilitated by High level Track Facilitators nominated by the WSIS Stakeholder community, representing the Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and Technical Community.

# Outcomes and Highlights of the WSIS Forum 2019

- WSIS Forum 2019: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2019 High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Action Lines Supporting Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2019)
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019
- WSIS Forum 2019 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2019
- WSIS Forum 2019: Report - WSIS Action Lines Contributing towards Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality

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# WSIS Forum 2019:
# WSIS Action Lines aligned to the SDGs

- Building on the WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by UN WSIS Action Line Facilitators, a **mapping tool** was available to emphasize the linkages between the Action Lines and the SDGs identified by WSIS Stakeholders in their respective sessions and workshops.

- **WSIS/ SDGs Matrix WSIS Forum 2019: Outcomes**- WSIS Stakeholders identified a clear relation and connection between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs for their respective workshops and session at the WSIS Forum,

- **Report by WSIS AL Facilitators:** WSIS Action Lines Contributing towards Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality

# WSIS Stocktaking Process: An Opportunity for Global Promotion

***ICT-related projects and initiatives implementing WSIS Action Lines and enabling the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals***

Established in 2005, and coordinated by ITU, WSIS Stocktaking database reached new records with 12.000+ entries and a growing community of 350,000 stakeholders.

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# WSIS Prizes: An Integral Part of the WSIS Stocktaking

## *Most globally recognized contest awarding best ICT practices for SDGs*

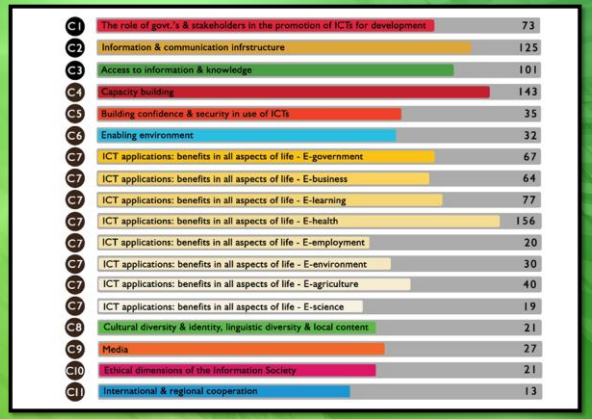
The International Telecommunication Union has announced the top 90 ICT-related projects recognized for implementing the WSIS Action Lines, competing for the prestigious WSIS Prizes 2019. With participants emerging from across the globe, **72 champions and 18 winners** were honored and awarded for each of the 18 categories on **9 April at the WSIS Prizes 2019 Ceremony**, held during the WSIS Forum 2019 in Geneva.

**Since 2012, WSIS Prizes** has been recognizing remarkable efforts made by entities and organizations from around the globe that focus on accelerating the socio-economic progress of the whole world as a community.

The submission phase, which began on 2 July 2018 to 5 December 2018, received a **record number of 1,140 submissions**, out of which **1,062 exceptional projects were nominated** for WSIS Prizes 2019. This is a **216% increase since WSIS Prizes 2018**, where we had 492 nominated projects.

From 21 December 2018 to 10 February 2019, **over 2 million votes** were cast for these projects, and following a comprehensive review by the Expert Group, 90 extraordinary ICT-related projects and initiatives were selected for the eighth edition of the WSIS Prizes contest.

# WSIS Prizes 2019: *Statistics on the Nominated Projects*




## ENTITIES

## BENEFICIARIES

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# WSIS+15 FORUM 2020

## *30 March to 3 April*

## Geneva, Switzerland

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