

Twenty-sixth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development:

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international level

Mr Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary-General of ITU

Good afternoon. It is a pleasure to join the 26th CSTD session and I would like to thank UNCTAD for inviting me to provide updates on the WSIS implementation process.

The WSIS process provides a framework for the digital development through the WSIS Action Lines that are implemented in collaboration with all stakeholders and more than 30 UN agencies.

In 1998, at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Minneapolis, USA, Tunisia had submitted the request for a framework of WSIS. Since then, ITU has been committed to playing a key role in the coordination and implementation of the WSIS process with all stakeholders.

WSIS 20 years. From 12% internet penetration rate in 2003 to two thirds now.

There are several components of the WSIS implementation process, and I will be highlighting some of the crucial ones today.

The WSIS Action Lines are a key framework for progress on the achievement of SDGs. ITU has been working with all WSIS stakeholders to strengthen the alignment of the WSIS process with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As you all know, the WSIS Forum is a crucial component of the WSIS process, which provides an inclusive and equitable platform to discuss, network, and share best practices on ICTs for sustainable development. The recent WSIS Forum 2023, which ITU hosted from 13 to 17 March 2023 in Geneva, brought together multistakeholder community - a diverse range of experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from around the world to engage in meaningful discussions and explore innovative solutions for sustainable development. The Forum is being continued with virtual sessions in April until May and the agenda is available online. I invite all of you to participate.

The WSIS Forum 2023 hybrid week was a successful event with the following key figures:

- 2,700 participants attending on-site and remotely
- 150 countries worldwide
- Forum track, including 250+ sessions, including open space talks, thematic workshops, WSIS Action Line Facilitation Meetings, knowledge cafes, country workshop and high-level sessions
- high-level track presence of 46 Ministers, 50 Ambassadors, and 15 Mayors
- 18 WSIS prize winners awarded and 72 WSIS champions recognized.
- 1 winner of the WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize
- 4 WSIS Forum 2023 Hackathon winners: Digital GovHack: Advancing the Digital Economy by Leveraging Emerging Technologies
- 1 winner, 5 finalists WSIS Digital Service Design Prize 2023
- 30+ exhibitions spaces showcasing ICTs for sustainable development.

- Yoga: wellbeing and mindfulness sessions with professional instructors

Some innovations this year:

- Innovative sessions formats

In response to suggestions received through the WSIS Forum 2023 Open Consultation Process (OCP), the sessions at this year's Forum were structured in innovative formats, such as open space talks, roundtable discussions, knowledge cafes, and a walk in Geneva, which provided an opportunity for participants to share their own research and practice relating to the interactions between digital tech and the environment. The introduction of these new formats for discussions at the WSIS Forum 2023, which deviated from the traditional panel discussions, fostered organic dialogue among stakeholders.

- Ministerial Roundtable

Led by the Ministers in breakout rooms, resulting in concrete outcomes and engaged discussions.

A number of special tracks:

- ICTs and Youth
- ICTs and gender mainstreaming
- ICTs and Emerging Technologies for SDGs and Industry 4.0
- ICTs for Well-being and Happiness
- ICTs and Accessibility
- ICTs and Older Persons
- Cybersecurity
- ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures
- ICTs and Sports
- NEW: ICTs and Clean Technologies for Climate
- NEW: Digital Citizenship and Public Services

The WSIS Forum 2023 was also monumental as we had the first female Minister as a Chairperson. We extend our appreciation to H.E. Dr. Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Minister of Digital Transformation, Republic of Slovenia, for serving as the Chairperson of the WSIS Forum 2023. We also had our 11 High-Level Track Facilitators who were nominated and identified by each stakeholder type to moderate the High-Level Policy Sessions. We thank their support in facilitating the discussions and capturing the outcomes of the sessions.

WSIS Forum 2023: Key Highlights - ministerial

- i) ICTs rescuing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Harnessing the power of digital will be vital to rescuing the SDGs. ICTs are a powerful tool that should be fully leveraged towards this goal. The WSIS process provides an existing and well-functioning framework for accelerating the achievement of the SDGs. I would also like to inform you that the ITU, together with the UN System and Partner2Connect will convene the SDG Digital Day in support of the SDG 2023 Summit in September; and
- ii) Potential of space for all as a driver of sustainable development. Space holds enormous potential in global efforts to connect the unconnected and beyond. All stakeholders are encouraged to work together to ensure that space is leveraged in a safe and sustainable manner.

- iii) WSIS+20 Review and Global Digital Compact complementary nature of the two digital cooperation processes.

The WSIS Forum 2023 also provided a valuable multistakeholder platform for the consultations on the WSIS+20 review and the Global Digital Compact (GDC). The co-facilitators of the GDC, H.E. Mr. Claver Gatete, Ambassador of Rwanda, and H.E. Ms. Anna Karin Eneström, Ambassador of Sweden were present at the WSIS Forum and had the opportunity to interact and listen to the views of multistakeholders on the future on GDC and the importance of the WSIS process beyond 2025. Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology was also present at the Forum. The discussions on the Global Digital Compact are complementary to the WSIS framework. Therefore, there is a need of a continuous dialogue with all stakeholders to leverage the learnings of the implementation of the WSIS framework and related process in the deliberations of Our Common Agenda.

I would also like to highlight the complementarity of the WSIS Forum and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The two Secretariats have been working closely to align our activities. IGF is focusing on internet governance issues, and the WSIS Forum on the ICTs for sustainable development. We were present in Ethiopia at the IGF 2022 and will contribute to the next IGF 2023 in Kyoto, Japan.

The United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) remains a key platform for the UN system to come together.

I would also like to highlight that ITU is chairing the Steering Committee of Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development in first half of 2023. The Partnership is a response to the WSIS call for countries and international organisations to develop appropriate indicators and produce official statistics to monitor the Information Society, particularly in developing countries.

As we are approaching the WSIS+20 review, I would like to highlight that the WSIS Forum next year in 2024 will be organized together with the Swiss Confederation as the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, celebrating the achievements of the WSIS process and identifying the opportunities and challenges in implementing the WSIS Action Lines. In preparations towards the celebration of 20 years of WSIS and WSIS Beyond 2025, the evaluation and assessment of several reports will be discussed and prepared, including *WSIS+20 Progress Report*. The WSIS Forum 2024 will be held from 27 to 31 May 2024. I cordially invite everyone to mark these dates on their calendars and actively contribute to the Forum. I encourage all of you to share your insights, experiences, and recommendations for the way forward. We will be looking to all your involvement.

These are important times to advance on digital cooperation.

A presentation on all the updates is made available to the CSTD Secretariat to share with all stakeholders.

**PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE
OUTCOMES OF THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY AT
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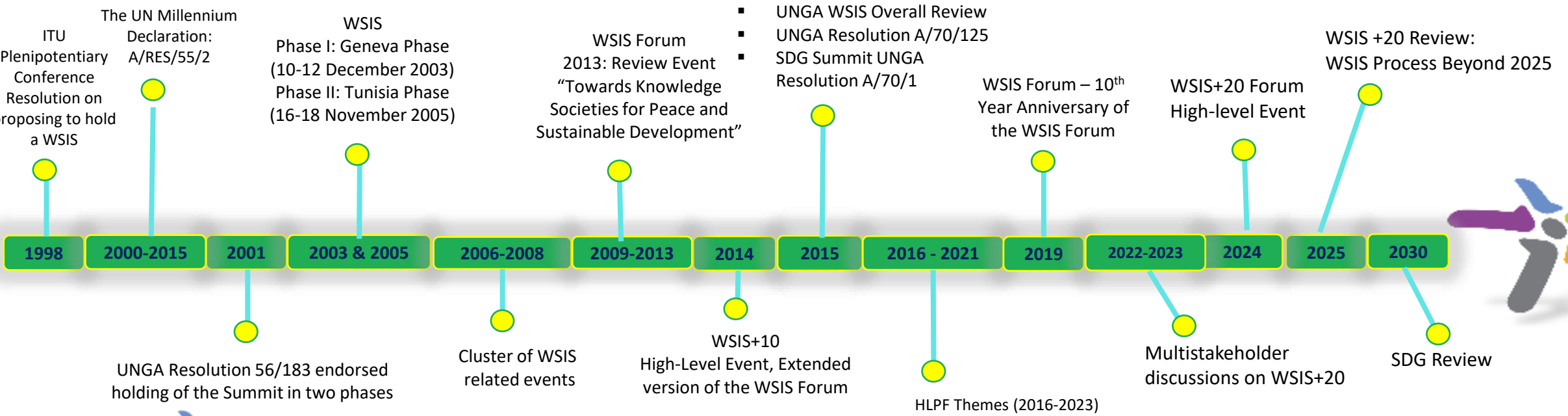


WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY





WSIS Process timeline



WSIS 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
- 2023: 13-17 March – virtual sessions (April – May)
- 2024: 27-31 May
- 2025: 26-30 May

- 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"
- 2022: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"
- 2023: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels





2023

WSIS Forum 2023 (13-17 March 2023)

- WSIS+20 Multistakeholder Consultations
- Global Digital Compact Multistakeholder Consultations

2024

WSIS Forum 2024 (27-31 May 2024)

- WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event

2025

WSIS Forum 2025 (26-30 May 2025)

- WSIS +20 Review: WSIS Process Beyond 2025



WSIS Action Lines – Sustainable Development Goals

Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals



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

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.



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WSIS FORUM 2023

13-17 March 2023

Virtual Workshops in April & May

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KEY FIGURES

+150

COUNTRIES

+2700

PARTICIPANTS
ON-SITE AND REMOTE

+250

SESSIONS

- *Thematic Sessions* • *Country Sessions* •
- Knowledge Cafés* • *WSIS Action Lines Meetings* •
- Open Space Talks* • *Special Tracks* • *High-Level Dialogues* • *Ministerial Roundtable*

KEY FIGURES: HIGH-LEVEL TRACK



WSIS FORUM 2023 SESSION FORMATS



OPEN SPACE TALKS



GENEVA WALK

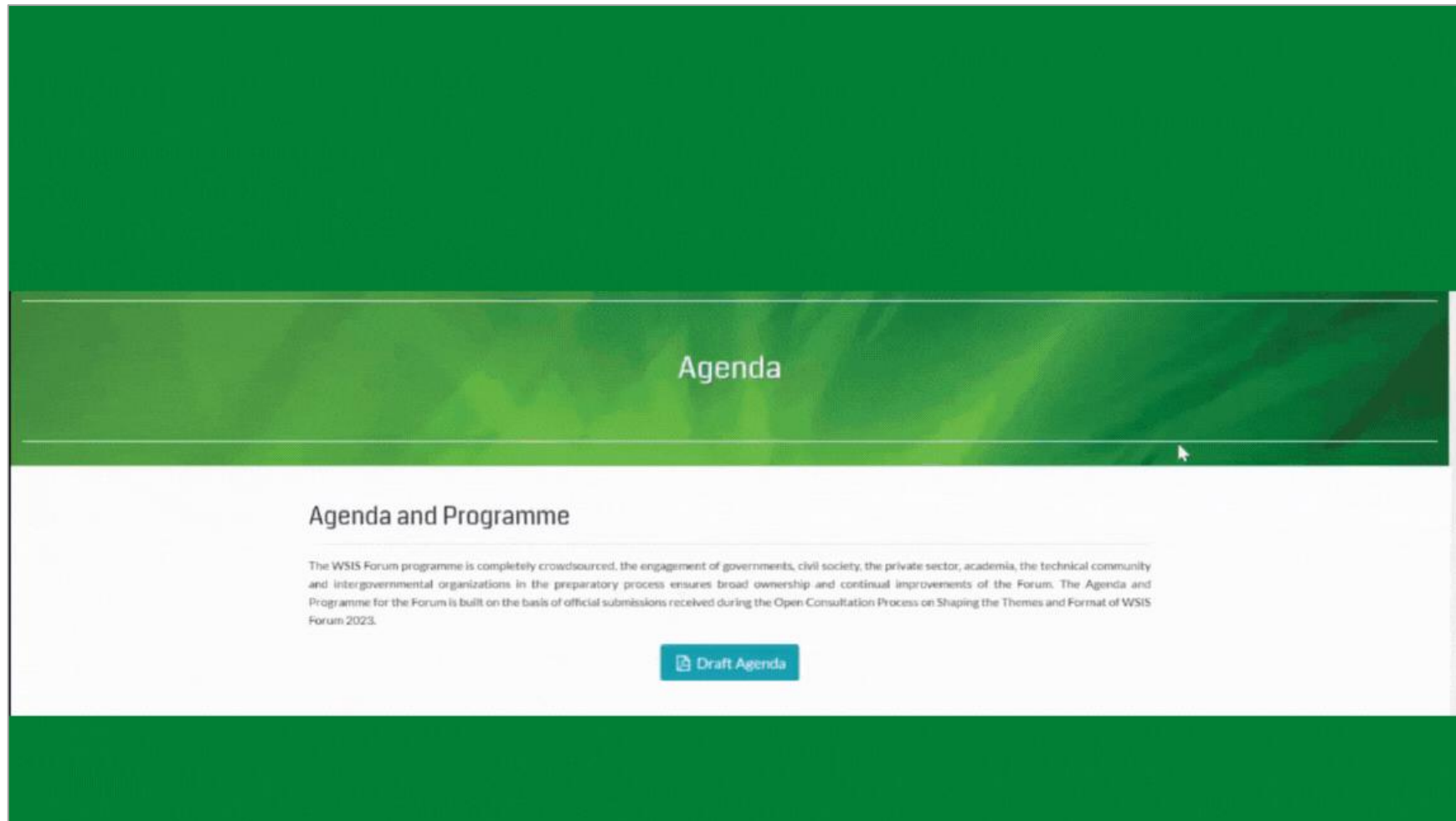


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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

WSIS FORUM 2023 AGENDA



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Agenda

Agenda and Programme

The WSIS Forum programme is completely crowdsourced, the engagement of governments, civil society, the private sector, academia, the technical community and intergovernmental organizations in the preparatory process ensures broad ownership and continual improvements of the Forum. The Agenda and Programme for the Forum is built on the basis of official submissions received during the Open Consultation Process on Shaping the Themes and Format of WSIS Forum 2023.

[Draft Agenda](#)

WSIS FORUM 2023 HACKATHON

ITU, Digital Government Authority (DGA) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and relevant stakeholders organized jointly the WSIS Forum 2023 Hackathon on DigitalGov Hack: Advancing the Digital Economy by leveraging Emerging Technologies.

Award Ceremony

The winners were announced and awarded during the LEAP event in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 7 February 2023, with the presence of DGA Governor H.E. Eng. Ahmed Alsuwaiyan and ITU Deputy Secretary-General, Mr. Tomas Lamanuskas.



Hackathon — Digital GovHack *Advancing the Digital Economy by Leveraging Emerging Technologies*



Congratulations to the 4 winners !

- Track 1: Immersive Public Services >> Peranto Ci.Go | Citizen & Gov Ecosystem (Mexico)
- Track 2: Empowering Young Talent >> Learn 'o' Sys (India)
- Track 3: Productivity in Public Workplace >> KlintierAI (United Kingdom)
- Track 4: Financial Sustainability >> Nabtah (Egypt)

WSIS FORUM 2023 CHAIRPERSON

H.E. Dr Emilija Stojmenova Duh
Minister of Digital Transformation
Republic of Slovenia

WSIS FORUM 2023 HIGH-LEVEL TRACK FACILITATORS



WSIS 2023 High-Level Interactive Policy Sessions

The WSIS Forum 2023 serves as a key forum for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, with due regard to the global mechanism for follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (UNGA Resolution A/70/1). The WSIS Forum also provides a platform to track the achievements of WSIS Action Lines in collaboration with the UN Agencies involved and provides information and analysis of the implementation of WSIS Action Lines since 2005.

The WSIS Forum 2023 High-Level Track will take place on 14 and 15 March 2023, at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), in Geneva with enhanced remote participation, featuring an Opening segment, the appointment of the WSIS Forum 2023 Chairperson, High-Level Policy Sessions, a Ministerial round table, and High-Level dialogues.

The High-Level Policy sessions will gather High-ranking officials of the WSIS Stakeholder community representing the Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and International Organizations. Interactive policy statement sessions will be moderated by High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTFs), nominated and identified by each stakeholder type and will be grouped around different themes identified as important by the WSIS Stakeholders during the open consultation process. The main task of the HLTFs is to capture the vision, identify emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the leaders of their session.

Chairperson



H.E. Dr Emilija Stojmenova Duh
Minister of Digital Transformation
Republic of Slovenia

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WSIS FORUM 2023 HIGH-LEVEL TRACK



MINISTERIAL
ROUNDTABLE

HIGH-LEVEL
POLICY SESSIONS

HIGH-LEVEL
DIALOGUES

AMBASSADORS
ROUNDTABLE

MAYORS SESSIONS

KEY OUTCOMES

- ICTs rescuing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- SDG Digital Day during the SDG Summit in September 2023
- Multistakeholder Consultations:
 - WSIS+20 Review (and beyond 2025)
 - Global Digital Compact Consultations
- Potential of Space for all as a driver of sustainable development

WSIS Forum 2023 Outcomes and Publications

- WSIS Forum 2023: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2023: High-Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2023
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2023
- WSIS Forum 2023 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Forum 2023 Report WSIS Action Lines: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels

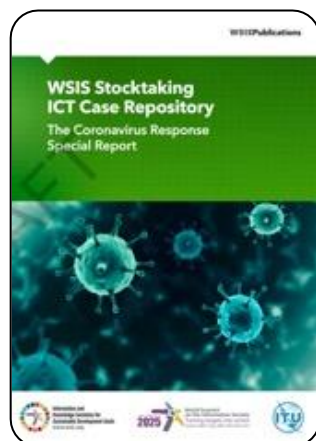


WSIS Stocktaking

Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database currently with **15,000+** 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.

UN General Assembly called for a close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: WSIS Stocktaking is highlighting the contribution of 11 WSIS Action Lines to the achievement 17 SDGs.

ECOSOC resolution 2022/15 reiterates the importance of sharing best practices at the global level and encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform.



www.wsis.org/stocktaking

2023

WSIS PRIZES



18 Winners



72 Champions



UNITED NATIONS GROUP ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY (UNGIS)



- ❖ UNGIS Leaders High-Level Meeting, 14 March 2023, 08:00-09:00 CET
- ❖ UNGIS Working-level meeting, 17 March 2023, 09:00-10:45 CET

WSIS FORUM 2023

SPECIAL TRACKS



ICTs and Youth



**ICTs and Gender
Mainstreaming**



**ICTs and Emerging
Technologies for
sustainable development
and ICTs for Industry 4.0**



**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 Cultures**



ICTs and Sports



**ICTs and Clean
Technologies for Climate
Change**



**Digital Citizenship and
Public Services**

WSIS SPECIAL INITIATIVES

ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming



WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology

Goal is to identify and connect women leaders and practitioners in all sectors of the ICT industry from all regions and engage them in trainings, forums, networking events, mentorship sessions for women and girls in STEM, for young graduates, speaking opportunities etc..

WSIS Gender Trendsetters

WSIS Gender Trendsetters have been appointed to act as trailblazers and take action in strengthening gender equality.

ICTs and Older Persons



WSIS Multistakeholder alliance on ICTs and Older Persons

The WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons has been created at the request of stakeholders. It is led by Chairs and Co-Chairs who try to develop solutions and projects for the ever growing population of Older Persons

Themes include:

- Design & Accessibility
- Cybersecurity
- Capacity Building
- Healthy Ageing
- Innovation

ICTs and Youth



WSIS Youth Campaigns

The WSIS Youth Campaigns strive to create a space for youth to network and share their vision for the efficient use of ICTs in enabling sustainable development, the challenges they might encounter on this path, and the solutions young people are already providing to their professional and personal communities.

WSIS Youth Campaigns will highlight the interplay between youth, ICTs and sustainability and how youth are using ICTs to scale up their ideas and solutions.

WSIS FORUM 2023 SPECIAL PRIZES

WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize: Third Edition



WSIS Digital Service Design Prize 2023



WSIS Generation Youth Connect Prize



WSIS FORUM 2023

PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

#TeachAChildHowToCode #1Billion Project



*Mediahooch Space, Zaria Kaduna
State, NIGERIA*

New Discovery



Ringim, Jigawa, NIGERIA

Klik Dengan Bijak - Be Informed, Be Protective



Terengganu, MALAYSIA

WSIS+20: Review and WSIS Beyond 2025

Report of the UNESCO Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes, 15 October 2021; *elaborates UNESCO's roadmap towards the WSIS+20 review*

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS Beyond 2025: WSIS+20 Roadmap; *elaborates the ITU Secretary-General's roadmap on the role of ITU in the WSIS+20 Review process and its preparations*

WSIS Forum 2022: Multistakeholder Dialogues and discussions

- *Knowledge Café: WSIS+20, 30 May 2022*
- *High-Level Strategic Dialogue: WSIS+20: Multistakeholder Digital Cooperation for Global Development (WSIS Action Lines to achieve the SDGs), 31 May 2022*
- *High-Level Dialogue: WSIS+20 – WSIS Beyond 2025, 2 June 2022*

WSIS Forum 2023: Multistakeholder Dialogues and discussions

- [WSIS+20 Multistakeholder Consultation Process: WSIS+20 Visioning Challenge, 13 March, 12:30-13:45](#)
- [High-Level Strategic Dialogue: WSIS+20 and the future of WSIS beyond 2025, 14 March, 11:15-12:15](#)

WSIS Forum 2024: WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event celebrating the achievements of the WSIS Process and identifying the opportunities and challenges in implementing the WSIS Action Lines.

WSIS+20 Stocktaking Report

CSTD Report on the implementation of WSIS

WSIS Action Lines advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

WSIS+20: Reporting

In preparations towards the celebration of 20 years of WSIS and WSIS Beyond 2025, the evaluation and assessment Reports to be discussed and prepared (this list is not exhaustive):

- WSIS+20 Progress Report (Quantitative Focus) (Initial Coordination by Partnership on the Measuring ICT for Development during the WSIS Forum 2022)
- Review Reports by Action Line Facilitators (11 Action Lines) (Template to be prepared by WSIS Action Line Facilitators' Meeting during the WSIS Forum 2022)
- WSIS+20 Reports by Civil Society, Private Sector, Academia and Technical Community
- Self-evaluation National Review Reports (Draft template to be prepared during WSIS Action Line Facilitators' Meeting of the WSIS Forum 2022)
- WSIS+20 Stocktaking Report (International Telecommunication Union)
- WSIS+20 Stocktaking Success Stories (International Telecommunication Union)
- UNGIS Review Report
- Report on the Contributions to the 2030 Agenda

Alignment with other UN processes

SIDE EVENT

**WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating
Progress on the SDGs**

ECOSOC Partnership Forum 2023

31 January 2023,
14:30-15:45 PM CET, Virtual

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SIDE EVENT

**Information and Communication Technologies
(ICTs) and Older Persons: Healthy Ageing in a
Digital World**

**61st Session of the Commission for Social
Development (CSocD61)**

9 February 2023, 15:45-17:00 PM CET
Virtual

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SIDE EVENT

**Side Event - CSocD61: Information and
Communication Technologies (ICTs), Innovation
and Accessibility: Towards Building Inclusive
Communities**

**61st Session of the Commission for Social
Development (CSocD61)**

10 February 2023, 15:45-17:00 PM CET
Virtual

[More Info](#)

Event: Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

*WSIS Forum and IGF are complimentary-
IGF is focusing on internet governance
issues, and the WSIS Forum on the ICTs for
sustainable development*

IGF 2022: [WSIS Forum 2023 Open
Consultation Process, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia](#)

IGF 2023: *WSIS Forum 2024 Open
Consultation Process, Kyoto, Japan*

SIDE EVENT

**WSIS Action Lines and ICTs for building back
better and accelerating the achievement of
the SDGs in LDCs**

**5th United Nations Conference on the Least
Developed Countries (LDC5)**

5 March 2023, 17:15-18:45pm
(Doha time)
Exhibition Hall 2, Doha, Qatar

SIDE EVENT

**WSIS Gender Trendsetters: ICTs for Gender
Inclusion**

67th Commission on the Status of Women

16 March 2023, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM New York
time /17:30 - 18:45 PM, CET

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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 initiative is a direct response to the request made by the WSIS to produce official statistics to monitor the information society.
- The Partnership, composed of 14 international and regional organizations, is led by a Steering Committee, which is elected every 3 years. The current Steering Committee is made up of ITU, UNCTAD, and UN DESA. ITU chairs in first half of 2023.
- The session organized by the Partnership during the WSIS Forum 2023 highlighted the:
 - importance of working with countries in producing high-quality and timely ICT statistics, and leveraging the potential benefits of using big data for official statistics;
 - capacity building needs of countries and other challenges faced, such as lack of resources to conduct surveys, to produce official ICT statistics;
 - urgent need to identify follow-up indicators to measure progress in development goals and for the upcoming Global Digital Compact, while acknowledging that we may be measuring a moving target.

ITU's contributions on priority themes

PRIORITY THEME 1: Technology and innovation for cleaner and more productive and competitive production

- ITU as the co-facilitator for the **WSIS Action Line C7: e-Environment** supports sustainable development, in the fields of public administration, business, education and training, health, employment, agriculture, science, and in this particular regard, field of green technology and innovation. ITU has been working closely with the lead facilitator WMO and other co-facilitators UNEP, UN-Habitat and the International Civil Aviation Organization.
- ITU-T plays a vital role in establishing the trajectory and **standardizing digital transformation in cities** supporting technology and innovation for cleaner and more productive and competitive production.
- ITU helps to create a **circular economy for electronics**, such as through improving expertise in the collection of **e-waste data**, increasing coverage of **national e-waste policy and regulation**, and identifying and mapping technological interventions in **the e-waste management space**.
- ITU provides a **platform** where diverse membership (international organisations, research institutions, academia etc.) can come together to **develop international standards** that help support developing countries with regard to digital transformation. Initiatives such as the United for Smart Sustainable Cities, the annual WSIS Forum and the WSIS Stocktaking database provide an open platform for knowledge sharing on how cities around the world can benefit from digital technologies.
- The WSIS Forum 2023 featured a **special track addressing ICTs and Clean Technologies**.
- There has been significant uptake of green technology globally, however there are **challenges in the uptake of green technology** in less developed nations. These challenges can include i. Financial resources ii. Policy incentives and economic instruments iii. Technological infrastructure – and one of ITU's key tasks is to connect the unconnected, and to build a digitally competent society for a sustainable future. iv. Access to information and awareness

PRIORITY THEME 2: Ensuring safe water and sanitation for all: a solution by science, technology and innovation

- ITU-T is setting the **standard for smart water management** to support access to safe water and sanitation, globally. International standards such as the ones developed by ITU help countries, cities and organizations better understand water management, identify the infrastructure needed to support smart water management and how to implement various policies and measures accordingly.
- ITU recently published a key resource **on Frontier technologies to protect the environment and tackle climate change** that highlights successfully implemented frontier technologies to address the issues surrounding water management.
- **WSIS Stocktaking database**, coordinated by ITU since 2004, has been collecting information and communication projects that are contributing to the implementation of WSIS Action Lines, including those for ensuring safe water and sanitation for all, which serve as examples of good practice from the ground.
- ITU, other 11 UN entities and ITU-T Study Group 20 on the Internet of things (IoT) and smart cities and communities (SC&C) have recently launched a **Toolkit on Digital Transformation for People-Oriented Cities and Communities** which supports strategizing and planning the digital transformation of cities and communities to promote sustainable, inclusive, resilient and improved quality of life for residents in cities and communities. It highlights case studies of regional/international cooperation in strengthening STI globally in managing water and improving their access for all.



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World Summit on the Information Society The major global multi-stakeholder platform for discussing ICTs role in achieving UN's SDGs
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WSIS FORUM 2020
6-9 April, Geneva

The WSIS Forum agenda and programme are completely crowdsourced through the Open Consultation Process (OCP). The process aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum through the engagement of all stakeholders in the preparatory process. The Open Consultation Process is structured in six phases and will involve a collection of inputs.

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