



## ANNOUNCED HIGH-LEVEL SPEAKERS at the WSIS FORUM 2016

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### GOVERNMENTS

	Country	Name, title and organization
1.	<b>Afghanistan</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Abdul Razaq Vahidi</b> , Minister, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT)
2.	<b>Algeria</b>	<b>H.E. Ms Houda Imane Faraoun</b> , Ministère Algérien de la Poste et TIC
3.	<b>Albania</b>	<b>H.E. Mrs Filloreta Kodra</b> , Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva
4.	<b>Argentina</b>	<b>H.E. Mrs Clarisa Lifsic</b> Secretary of Investment Promotion, Ministry of Communications of Argentina
5.	<b>Argentina</b>	<b>Mrs Maria Ines Baqué</b> , Secretary of Management and Innovation of the Ministry of Modernization of the National Government - <b>TBC</b>
6.	<b>Armenia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Gagik Beglaryan</b> , Minister, Ministry of Transport and Communication
7.	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Elmir Velizadeh</b> , Deputy Minister, Ministry of Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan
8.	<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Melford Walter Nicholas</b> , Minister, Ministry of Information, Broadcasting, Telecommunications and Information Technology
9.	<b>Bahrain</b>	<b>H.E. Kamal Ahmed</b> , Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications
10.	<b>Bangladesh</b>	<b>H.E. Mrs Begum Tarana Halim</b> , <b>State Minister</b> , Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology

11.	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>Mr Maximiliano Salvadori Martinhão</b> , Secretary of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications of the Federative Republic of Brazil
12.	<b>Burundi</b>	<b>S.E. Mr Nestor Bankumukunzi</b> , Ministre, Ministère des Postes, des Technologies de l'Information, de la Communication et des Médias
13.	<b>Chad</b>	<b>H.E. Mr BAMANGA Abbas Malloum</b> , Ambassador of Chad to the Swiss Confederation, Representative of The Minister of Posts and ICT
14.	<b>Colombia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr David Luna Sanchez</b> , Minister of Information Technologies and Communications
15.	<b>Comoros</b>	<b>S.E. Dr. Djaanfar Laguerre</b> , Ministre, Ministère des Postes et Télécommunications, de la Promotion des Nouvelles Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication - <b>TBC</b>
16.	<b>Costa Rica</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Emilio Arias</b> , Deputy Minister of Telecommunications, Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Telecomunicaciones
17.	<b>Côte d'Ivoire (Republic of)</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Bruno Nabagné Koné</b> , Ministre de la Poste et des Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication, Porte-parole du Gouvernement
18.	<b>Cuba</b>	<b>Prof. Mr Ernesto Rodriguez Hernandez</b> , Director General de Informatica, Ministerio de Comunicaciones de Cuba
19.	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Marios Demetriades</b> , Minister, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works
20.	<b>Democratic Republic of the Congo</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Thomas Luhaka Losendjola</b> , Vice-Premier Ministre, Ministère des Postes, Télécommunications et Nouvelles Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication
21.	<b>Djibouti</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Ali Hassan Bahdon</b> , Minister, Ministry of Communication, responsible for Posts and Telecommunications
22.	<b>Egypt</b>	<b>Dr Abeer Shakweer</b> , Minister's Advisor for social responsibility, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
23.	<b>Gabon</b>	<b>H.E. Pastor Ngoua N'Neme</b> , Minister, Ministry of Digital Economy and Posts
24.	<b>Gambia</b>	<b>H.E. Sheriff Bojang</b> , Minister, Ministry of Information and Communication Infrastructure
25.	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr David Khutsishvili</b> , Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
26.	<b>Ghana</b>	<b>Hon. Dr. Edward Kofi Omame Boamah</b> , Minister for Communications
27.	<b>Guinea Bissau</b>	<b>H.E. Mr João Bernardo Vieira</b> , Secretaria de Estado dos Transportes e Comunicações da Guiné-Bissau

28.	<b>Guinea (Republic of)</b>	<b>S.E. M Moustapha Mamy Diaby, Ministre,</b> Ministère des Postes, Télécommunications et de l'Économie Numérique
29.	<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>H.E. Ms Mariam Fatima Barata,</b> Vice Minister for Information Application, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology
30.	<b>Iran</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Mahmoud Vaezi,</b> Minister, Ministry of Information & Communication Technology
31.	<b>Iran</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Nasrollah Jahangard,</b> Vice-Minister, ICT Deputy Minister and Chairman of Information Technology Organization of Iran
32.	<b>Japan</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Yasuo Sakamoto, Vice-Minister</b> for Policy Coordination, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
33.	<b>Kazakhstan</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Saken Sarsenov,</b> Vice-Minister, Ministry for Investments and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan
34.	<b>Lao P.D.R.</b>	<b>H.E. Hiem Phommachanh,</b> Minister of Post and Telecommunications
35.	<b>Latvia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Janis Mazeiks,</b> Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Latvia, New York (UNGA Review WSIS Facilitator )
36.	<b>Liberia</b>	<b>H.E. Dr Frederick B. Norkeh,</b> Minister, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications
37.	<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Arijandas Šliupas,</b> Vice-Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania
38.	<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Neypatraiky André Rakotomamonjy,</b> Minister, Ministry of Post, Telecommunications and new technologies
39.	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Jailani Bin Johari, Deputy Minister,</b> Ministry of Communications and Multimedia
40.	<b>Malawi</b>	<b>H.E. Mrs Patricia Kaliati, MP.,</b> Minister of Information, Tourism and Civic Education
41.	<b>Mali</b>	<b>H.E. Dr Choguel Kokalla Maïga, Ministre,</b> Ministère de l'Économie numérique, de l'Information et de la Communication
42.	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>H.E. Umar Naseer,</b> Minister of Home Affairs
43.	<b>Mauritania</b>	<b>S.E. M. Moctar Malal Dia,</b> Ministre, Ministère de l'Emploi, de la Formation professionnelle et des Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication
44.	<b>Mauritius</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Etienne Sinatambou,</b> Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation

45.	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>Ms Alejandra Lagunes Soto Ruíz</b> , National Digital Strategy Coordinator, Office of the Mexican Presidency
46.	<b>Namibia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Tweya Tjekero</b> , Minister of Information and Communication Technology
47.	<b>Nepal</b>	<b>H.E. Mr. Sherdhan Rai</b> , Minister Ministry of Information and Communication (MoIC)
48.	<b>Niger</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Yahouza Sadissou</b> , Ministre des Postes, des Télécommunications et de l'Economie Numérique
49.	<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>H.E. Dr Zainab Shinkafi Bagudu</b> , First Lady of Kebbi State, Northern Nigeria, Nigeria ( <i>as high-level Guest</i> )
50.	<b>Oman</b>	<b>H.E. Dr. Salim bin Sultan Al Ruzaiqi</b> , CEO, Information Technology Authority
51.	<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>H.E. Ms Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan</b> , Minister of State for Information Technology
52.	<b>Paraguay</b>	<b>S.E. Ing. David Ocampos</b> , Ministro, Secretaría Nacional de Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicación (SENATICs)
53.	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>H.E. Mr. Louis Napoleon C. Casambre</b> , Undersecretary, Executive Director, Information and Communications Technology Office
54.	<b>Poland</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Witold Kolodziejski</b> , Secretary of State, Ministry of Digital Affairs <b>TBC</b>
55.	<b>Portugal</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Manuel Heitor</b> , Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education
56.	<b>Qatar</b>	<b>Mr Khalid Al-Hashimi</b> , Assistant Undersecretary of Minister of Transport
57.	<b>Russia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Nikolay Nikiforov, Minister</b> , Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation
58.	<b>Russia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Rashid Ismailov, Deputy Minister</b> , Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation
59.	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Faisal bin Hassan Trad, Ambassador</b> , Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Office in Geneva
60.	<b>Serbia</b>	<b>Prof. Irimi Reljin, Assistant Minister</b> , Ministry Of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications
61.	<b>Senegal</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Yaya Abdoul Kane, Minister</b> , Minister of Posts and Telecommunications
62.	<b>South Africa</b>	<b>H.E. Dr Siyabonga Cyprian Cwele</b> , Minister, Ministry of Telecommunications and Postal Services

63.	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>H.E. Ravinatha Aryasinha</b> , Ambassador and Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN
64.	<b>State of Palestine</b>	<b>H.E. Dr. Allam Mousa, Minister</b> , Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology
65.	<b>Sudan</b>	<b>H.E. Dr Tahani Abdalla Attia</b> , Minister, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology
66.	<b>Swaziland</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Dumsani Ndlangamandla</b> , Minister, Ministry of Information Communications and Technology
67.	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>Mr Philipp Metzger</b> , Director, Office fédéral de la communication (OFCOM) of Switzerland
68.	<b>Thailand</b>	<b>Mrs Arada Fuangtong</b> , Chief of Digital Group, Office of Digital Commerce Department of International Trade Promotion
69.	<b>The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</b>	<b>H.E. Ms Marta Arsovska Tomovska</b> , Minister, Ministry of Information Society and Administration
70.	<b>Timor Leste</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Gastão De Sousa</b> , Minister, Ministry Of Public Works, Transport and Communications
71.	<b>Tonga</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Samiuela 'Akilisi Pohiva, Prime Minister of Tonga</b>
72.	<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>M. Hamed Ghaddab</b> , Chargé de la coopération internationale au Cabinet de M. le Ministre des Technologies de la communication et de l'économie numérique
73.	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Mr Mustafa Erol</b> , Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Justice of Turkey
74.	<b>Tuvalu</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Laafai Monise</b> , Minister, Ministry Of Communication And Transport
75.	<b>Uganda</b>	<b>H.E. Mr John Nasasira, Minister</b> , Ministry of Information and Communications Technology
76.	<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Oleksandr Danchenko</b> , Parliamentary of Ukraine, Head of the Parliament Committee of Telecommunications - <b>TBC</b>
77.	<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Majed El Mesmar, Deputy Director General</b> , Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA)
78.	<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Julian Braithwaite</b> , UK Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva
79.	<b>United States of America</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Daniel A. Sepulveda</b> , Ambassador, Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, US Department of State
80.	<b>Uruguay</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Ricardo González Arenas</b> , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to UN in Geneva
81.	<b>Venezuela</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Camilo Torres</b> , Deputy Minister for the Development of Communication Technologies and Information

82.	<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>H.E. Mr PHAM Hong Hai</b> , Deputy Minister of Ministry of Information and Communication
83.	<b>Zambia</b>	<b>His Excellency Mr. Kapembwa Simbao, Minister</b> Ministry of Transport, Works, Supply and Communications
84.	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	<b>H.E. Dr. Win B. J. Mlambo</b> , Deputy Minister of Information Communication Technology, Postal and Courier Services

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85.	<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Mr Jack Hamande</b> , President, Institut belge des services postaux et des télécommunications (IBPT)
86.	<b>Cabo Verde</b>	<b>Mr David Gomes</b> , Président du Conseil d'Administration de l'Agence Nationale des Communications (ANAC)
87.	<b>Comoros</b>	<b>Mr. Mohamed Hassane Alfeine, Directeur general</b> , Autorité Nationale de Régulation des Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication (ANRTIC)
88.	<b>India</b>	<b>Mr Rajiv Bansal</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Joint Secretary, Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India
89.	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>Mrs. Adriana Labardini Inzunza</b> , Commissioner, Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones
90.	<b>Moldova</b>	<b>Mr Grigore Varanita</b> , Director, National Regulatory Agency for Electronic Communications and Information Technology
91.	<b>Poland</b>	<b>H.E. Ms Magdalena Gaj</b> , President of Office for Electronic Communications (UKE)
92.	<b>Portugal</b>	<b>Mr Manuel Costa Cabral</b> , ANACOM
93.	<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>Prof. Umar Danbatta</b> , Executive Vice Chairman, Nigerian Communications Commission
94.	<b>Singapore</b>	<b>Mr Keng Thai Leong</b> , Deputy Chief Executive, Infocomm Development Authority (IDA)
95.	<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Mr Ömer Fatih Sayan</b> , Head of Information and Communication Technologies Authority

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96.	<b>ITU</b>	<b>Mr Houlin Zhao</b> , Secretary-General
97.	<b>ITU</b>	<b>Mr Malcolm Johnson</b> , Deputy Secretary-General

98.	<b>ITU</b>	<b>Mr Brahim Sanou</b> , Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau
99.	<b>ITU</b>	<b>Mr Chae-Sub Lee</b> , Director, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
100.	<b>ITU</b>	<b>Mr François Rancy</b> , Director, Radiocommunication Bureau
101.	<b>UNESCO</b>	<b>Dr Indrajit Banerjee</b> , Director of the Knowledge Societies Division
102.	<b>UNCTAD</b>	<b>Mr Joakim Reiter</b> , Deputy Secretary-General
103.	<b>International Trade Centre (ITC)</b>	<b>Ms Arancha González</b> , Executive Director
104.	<b>International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP)</b>	<b>Mr Leon Strous</b> , Head of Organization
105.	<b>International Professional Practice Partnership (IFIP IP3)</b>	<b>Ms Brenda Aynsley</b> , Head of Organization
106.	<b>Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)</b>	<b>Ms Areewan Haorangsi</b> , Secretary General
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108.	<b>Universal Postal Union (UPU)</b>	<b>Mr Pascal Clivaz</b> , Deputy Director General
109.	<b>African Telecommunications Union (ATU)</b>	<b>Mr Abdoukarim Soumaila</b> , Secretary General
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111.	<b>United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)</b>	<b>Mr Moin Karim</b> , Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia
112.	<b>World Economic Forum (WEF)</b>	<b>Mr Richard Samans</b> , Member of the Managing Board
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114.	<b>United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)</b>	<b>H.E. Mr Alex Mejia</b> , Senior Manager, Representing Head of Organization

115.	<b>Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO)</b>	<b>Mr Shola Taylor</b> , Head of Organization
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117.	<b>United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)</b>	<b>Ms Marion Barthelemy</b> , Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM)
118.	<b>United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)</b>	<b>Mr Haidar Fraihat</b> , PhD, Director of Technology of Department Division - <b>TBC</b>
119.	<b>United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)</b>	<b>Mr Frank Van Rompaey</b> , Geneva Office
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121.	<b>United Nations University (UNU)</b>	<b>Professor Michael Best</b> , Director of the UNU Institute on Computing and Society (UNU-CS)

### Representatives of the Civil Society and Academia

122.	<b>University of Oxford, Technology &amp; Management for Development Centre; ODID</b>	<b>Prof Xiaolan Fu</b> , Professor of Technology and International Development; Director, Technology & Management for Development Centre; ODID, University of Oxford
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125.	<b>Center for Democracy &amp; Technology, Washington, USA</b>	<b>Mr Matthew Shears</b> , Director, Global Internet Policy and Human Rights
126.	<b>African Civil Society on the Information Society (ACIS)</b>	<b>Dr. Cisse Kane</b> , President of the African Civil Society on the Information Society (ACSIS)
127.	<b>Association for Proper Internet Governance (APIG)</b>	<b>Mr Richard Hill</b> , Head of APIG



128.	<b>Just Net Coalition</b>	<b>Mr Norbert Bollow</b> , Co-Convenor
129.	<b>Somali Youth Development Foundation (SYDF)</b>	<b>Mr Abdullahi Mohamed</b> , Head of Organization
130.	<b>DiploFoundation and Geneva Internet Platform</b>	<b>Mr Jovan Kurbalija</b> , Head of Organization
131.	<b>Association of Scientists, Developers and Faculties International</b>	<b>Dr Kokula Krishna Hari Kunasekaran</b> , Head of Organization
132.	<b>Union Nationale des Travailleurs Démocrates</b>	<b>Mr Mouhamadou Bamba KA</b> , Head of Organization
133.	<b>African Network Information Center and Carnegie Mellon University</b>	<b>Ms Aminata Garba</b> , Director of AFRINIC & Assistant Professor at CMU
134.	<b>Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication</b>	<b>Mr Bazlur Ahm Rahman</b> , CEO of Organisation
135.	<b>EUROLINC, France</b>	<b>Mr Louis Pouzin</b> , Project Director
136.	<b>Association for Progressive Communications (APC)</b>	<b>Mrs Anriette Esterhuysen</b> , Executive Director
137.	<b>EC MEDICI Framework of Cooperation</b>	<b>Prof. Alfredo M. Ronchi</b> , Secretary General
138.	<b>Rwenzori Center for Research and Advocacy, Uganda</b>	<b>Mr Jostas Mwebembezi</b> , Head of Organization
139.	<b>Health and Environment Program (HEP)</b>	<b>Ms Madeleine Scherb</b> , Head of Organization
140.	<b>ChunriChoupaal-The Code To Change</b>	<b>Ms Iffat Gill</b> , Head of Organization
141.	<b>Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CoNGO)</b>	<b>Mr Cyril Ritchie</b> , President

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142.	<b>Internet Society (ISOC)</b>	<b>Mr Raúl Echeberría</b> , Vice President
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143.	<b>Internet Society (ISOC)</b>	<b>Ms Constance Bommelaer</b> , Senior Director, Global Internet Policy
144.	<b>ICANN</b>	<b>Mr Akram Atallah</b> , President and CEO
145.	<b>Asociación Interamericana de Empresas de Telecomunicación (ASIET)</b>	<b>Mr Pablo Bello</b> , Secretary General
146.	<b>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)</b>	<b>Mr Oleg Logvinov</b> , Chairperson of the IEEE Internet Initiative
147.	<b>Swiss Engineering UTS</b>	<b>Ms Yvette Ramos</b> , MSci.Eng. – MBA President of Swiss Engineering Genève President of the Committee, Swiss Engineering Romandie
148.	<b>25th Century Technology Limited</b>	<b>Dr Kwaku Oforu-Adarkwa PhD</b> , Chief Executive Officer
149.	<b>International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Business Action to Support the Information Society (BASIS)</b>	<b>Ms Dominique Lazanski</b> , Public Policy Director, GSMA
150.	<b>VimpelCom</b>	<b>Mr Tomas Lamanuskas</b> , Group Director Public Policy
151.	<b>CYBERLAWS.NET</b>	<b>Mr PAVAN DUGGAL</b> , President of Cyberlaws.net and advocate for Supreme Court of India
152.	<b>Nokia</b>	<b>Mr Marc Vancoppenolle</b> , Global Head of Nokia Government Relations
153.	<b>Silent Circle</b>	<b>Mr Phil Zimmermann</b> , Co-founder & Chief Scientist
154.	<b>Affordable Access &amp; Smart Financing, Microsoft 4Afrika Initiative</b>	<b>Mr Frank McCosker</b> , General Manager
155.	<b>Samsung Electronics</b>	<b>Mr Wouter van Tol</b> , Director of Sustainability & Citizenship
156.	<b>WorldVRforum</b>	<b>Mr Salar Shahna</b> , Creative Director & Co-founder
157.	<b>MMIproconnect</b>	<b>Ms Malgorzata Olszewska</b> , CEO
158.	<b>Africa ICT Alliance - AfICTA</b>	<b>Mr Jimson Olufuye</b> , Chairman

159.	<b>Intervale</b>	<b>Dr Yuri Grin</b> , Deputy Director General
160.	<b>Green Data Center LLP</b>	<b>Mr Matthew Rajendra</b> , Founder and CEO
161.	<b>Bridge Africa</b>	<b>Ms Maxine Moffett</b> , CEO