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WSIS FORUM 2020
1st Physical Meeting of the Open Consultation Process
20 June 2019

WSIS Forum 2019: KEY FIGURES

3000+ ICT experts and implementation actors attended

300+ content-rich sessions organized

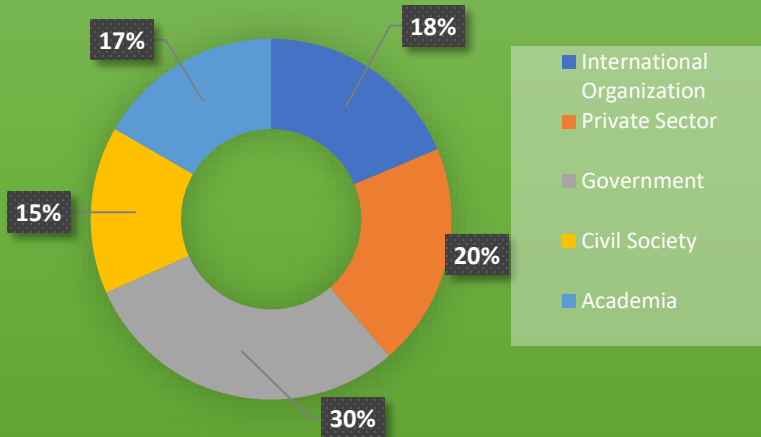**150+** countries engaged

500+ high-level representatives participated
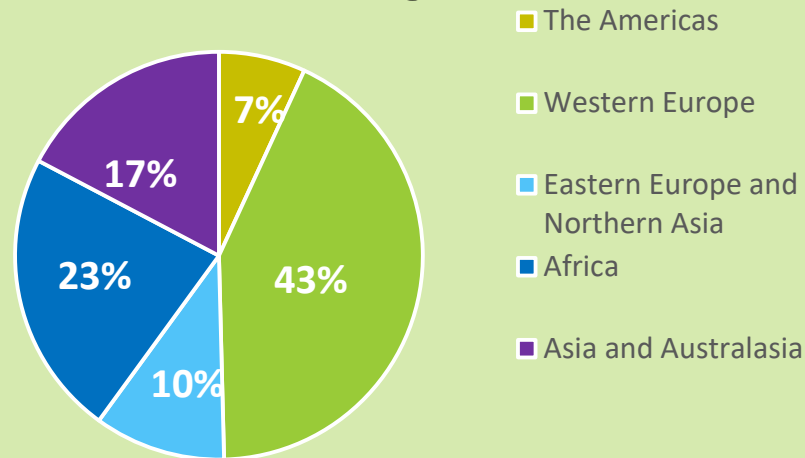
#WSIS 3rd most trending **Worldwide** @High-Level opening

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8-12 APRIL
Geneva, Switzerland

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WSIS Forum 2019: PARTICIPATION

Representation of Participation by Stakeholder Type

- International Organization
- Private Sector
- Government
- Civil Society
- Academia

18%
17%
15%
20%
30%

Representation of Participation by Region

- The Americas
- Western Europe
- Eastern Europe and Northern Asia
- Africa
- Asia and Australasia

7%
17%
23%
10%
43%

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WSIS Forum 2019: PARTICIPATION

Gender Participation in the WSIS Forum 2019

Female 41%

Male 59%

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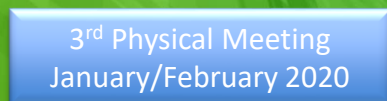
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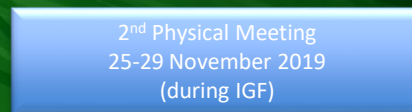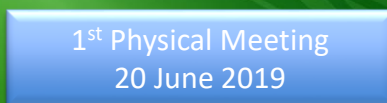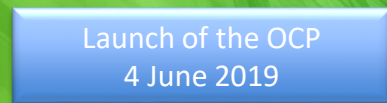**Partner With Us**
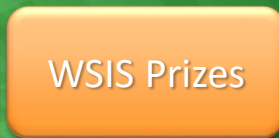
The Open Consultation process (OCP) aims at ensuring a **participatory and inclusive** spirit of the Forum. This process actively engages multistakeholders in the preparatory process to **ensure broad ownership** and further improvements of the Forum. The Open Consultation Process will include a collection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

The Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2020 is structured in six phases as follows:
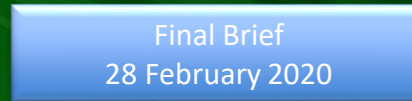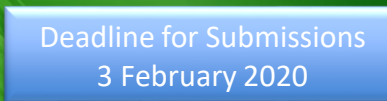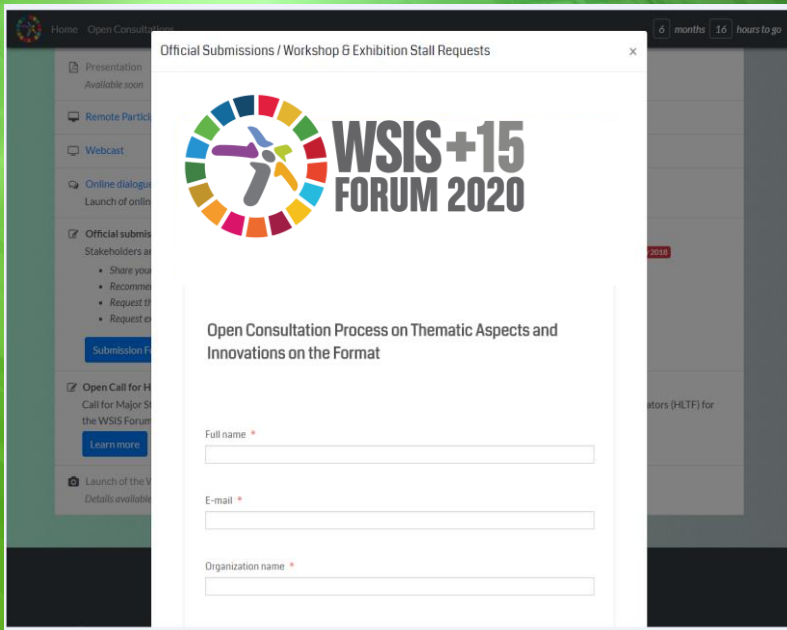
Launch of the OCP
4 June 2019

1st Physical Meeting
20 June 2019

2nd Physical Meeting
25-29 November 2019
(during IGF)

3rd Physical Meeting
January/February 2020

Deadline for Submissions
3 February 2020

Final Brief
28 February 2020

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

www.wsis.org/forum

· Step 1 Create your account: –this step has been added in response to the demand by several stakeholders. With this account you will be able to save your form and also save it and complete it in stages.
· Step 2: Confirm your account and you can fill out the official form and submit it well in advance –before the deadline

by 3 February 2020

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OPEN CALL: WSIS Forum 2020 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 2020;

At the WSIS Forum 2020, the **High-Level Policy Sessions of the High-level Track (HLT) will take place on 31 March and 1 April 2020**. 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 Policy Sessions will be moderated by **High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) 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 3 February 2020**

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New Call for WSIS Prizes 2020 contest will be launched soon 2019 – inviting WSIS Community to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives that also **help advance SDGs**.

All WSIS Stakeholders are encouraged to **SUBMIT** their project descriptions to the WSIS Prizes contest from **June 2019** **until 1 December 2019** **www.wsis.org/prizes**

Champions will be announced in February 2019 while the **Winners** will be announced during the **WSIS Prizes Ceremony** at the WSIS Forum 2020 (30 March – 3 April 2020).

Public announcement of
winners during
WSIS Prize 2020 Ceremony - 31 March 2020

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WSIS Forum 2020 Photo Contest: Call for New Entries

Following the successful third edition in 2019, **WSIS Forum continues to exercise the Photo Contest in 2020** and invite 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.

<u>The contest will be launched in June 2019 and will collect photos until **3 February 2020**.</u>

The three winning entries in the WSIS photo contest will be awarded and presented at the WSIS Forum 2020.

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Virtual Reality for SDGs

WSIS TalkX

Hackathon

Pursuing a first partnership in 2016, WSIS and World VR Forum join forces to be at the forefront of Virtual Reality for advancing development. A shiny new Virtual Reality Track will be held at the WSIS Forum 2020 bringing together high-level personalities, world class VR experience and a very special focus on education.

Open Space Talk platform dedicated to share experience and inspirational stories from determined ICT practitioners from around the world.
Experiences of both daily podcasts and the evening event of WSIS TalkX will be presented.

As a continuation of the discussions initiated at the 2016 WSIS Forum, first ever Hackathon was held successfully in 2017 on e-Health, in 2018 on e-Agriculture, and the recent one on education. We invite all interested coders to participate in the next year's hackathon at the WSIS Forum 2020

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ICT and Sport

Encourage the international community to promote Sport as an Enabler of Sustainable Development, highlighting the aspects of youth empowerment and innovative Technologies in the form of vibrant multi-stakeholder discussions, workshops, and showcasing sport technology products.

Youth and ICT

WSIS aims to include youth perspectives and engage young people in discussions about how technology can provide a platform where youth can offer their insights and understanding of the information society, its challenges and opportunities, and where they can raise questions but also propose solutions to harvesting the power of ICTs towards equally distributed social impact.

ICT Accessibility

The Accessibility track aims to inform and observe how ICTs can help people living with disabilities whilst focusing on progressing towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Other tracks:

- ❖ Ageing and ICT
- ❖ Gender mainstreaming
- ❖ ICT-Startups
- ❖ Space and SDGs
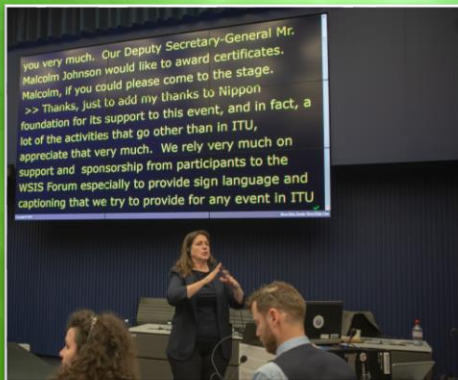
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Activities

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

WSIS Forum 2019
- **UNGIS High-Level Leaders Breakfast, 9 April 2019, Geneva**
- **UNGIS Working Level Meeting, 12 April 2019, Geneva**

HLPF 2019:
 - UNGIS Joint Statement
- Side Event *"Fostering digital transformation and global partnerships for SDG achievement"* [Aligning WSIS process with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 11 July 2019, New York
- UNGIS Technical Meeting, 11 July 2019, New York

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Annual Regional Commissions Meeting at WSIS Forum

- Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group: **UNESCAP (2019-2020)**
- Permanent Secretariat: **ITU**
- Annual meetings held at the WSIS Forum
- Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the Regional Level and 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:**

The Meeting on the Regional Review of the WSIS Action Line Implementation
28 August 2019, Bangkok

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The UN Regional Commissions
Voicing regional perspectives on global issues

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CONTRIBUTING PARTNER

PARTNER:
SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

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WSIS Fund in Trust

Call for WSIS Fund in Trust 2020

Member states, sector members and associates (and WSIS Stakeholders) are invited to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust in 2020 to accelerate the implementation of the WSIS related activities undertaken by ITU.
https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/WSIS-Fund-in-Trust.aspx

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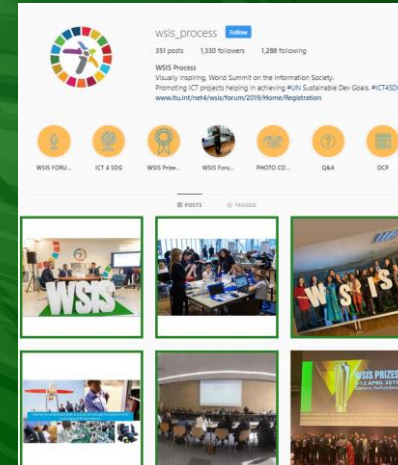Open Consultation Process

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