# WSIS Forum 2019: Key Figures

**WSIS FORUM 2019**
**8-12 APRIL**
**Geneva, Switzerland**
**10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

- 3000+ ICT experts and implementation actors attended
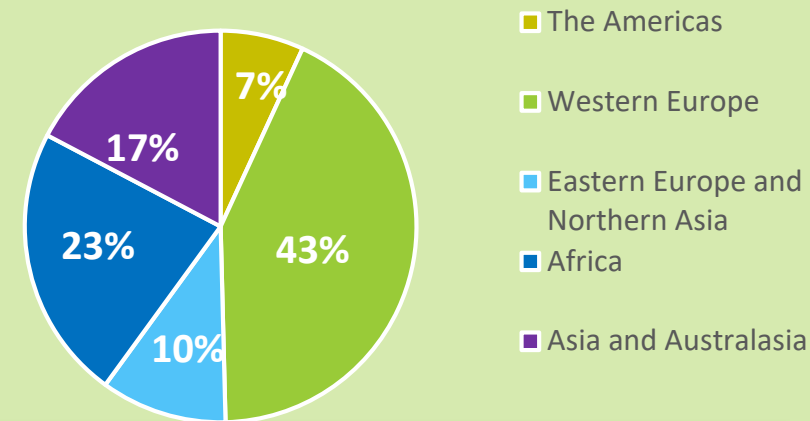- 300+ content-rich sessions organized
- 150+ countries engaged
- 500+ high-level representatives participated
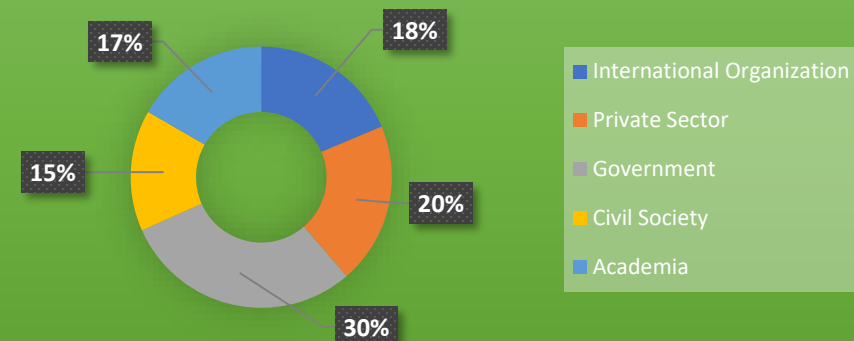- #WSIS 3rd most trending Worldwide @High-Level opening

## Representation of Participation by Region



- The Americas — 7%
- Western Europe — 43%
- Eastern Europe and Northern Asia — 10%
- Africa — 23%
- Asia and Australasia — 17%

## Gender Participation in the WSIS Forum 2019

Male(59%)
Female (41%)

## Representation of Participation by Stakeholder Type



- International Organization — 18%
- Private Sector — 20%
- Government — 30%
- Civil Society — 15%
- Academia — 17%

# WSIS FORUM 2020

*World Summit on the Information Society Forum*

**WSIS+15 FORUM 2020**
6-9 April
Geneva, Switzerland

**UN multistakeholder platform** facilitating the implementation of the **WSIS Action Lines** for advancing the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

Co-organized by **ITU**, **UNESCO**, **UNDP** and **UNCTAD**, in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line Facilitators/Co-Facilitators and UN Agencies

**WSIS Forum 2020** will be held on **6-9 April 2020** in Geneva, Switzerland

The Forum provides an opportunity for **information exchange**, **knowledge creation** and sharing **best practices** of ICTs for development

# WSIS+15



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The WSIS Forum 2020 (WSIS+15) will provide an opportunity to serve as a platform to **track the achievements of WSIS Action Lines** in collaboration with the UN Agencies involved and provide information and analyses of the implementation of WSIS Action Lines since 2005.

WSIS Forum 2020 **components**: Forum Track, High-Level Track, Special Tracks, Hackathon, Exhibition Space, WSIS TalkX, etc.
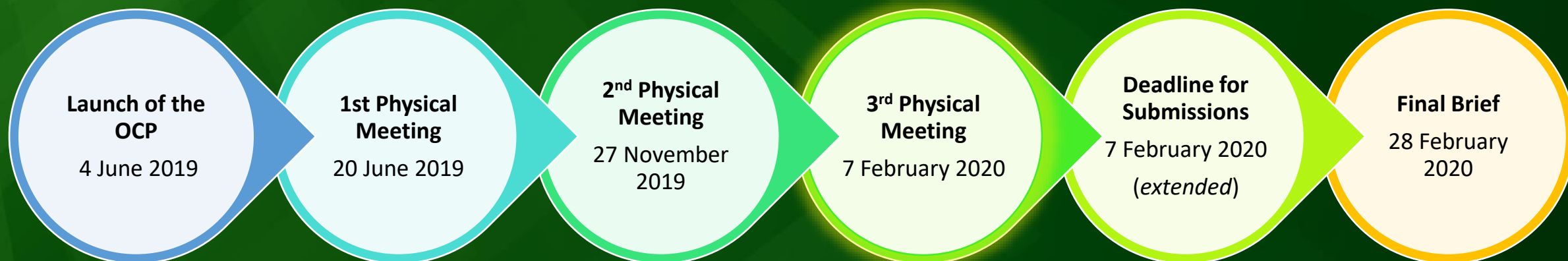


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# Phases of the Open Consultation Process

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The Agenda and Program of the WSIS Forum are built through an Open Consultation Process (OCP); a multistakeholder preparatory process where entities are actively engaged 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.

**Launch of the OCP**
4 June 2019

**1st Physical Meeting**
20 June 2019

**2nd Physical Meeting**
27 November 2019

**3rd Physical Meeting**
7 February 2020

**Deadline for Submissions**
7 February 2020 (*extended*)

**Final Brief**
28 February 2020

# WSIS Forum 2020 – Agenda (draft)

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| Sunday, 5 April 2020 | Monday, 6 April 2020 | Tuesday, 7 April 2020 | Wednesday, 8 April 2020 | Thursday, 9 April 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities | Exhibition Inauguration / Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Hackathon / Special Tracks / Youth Track / Innovation Track (IT) | HLM UNGIS / Opening Segment | Women's Networking Breakfast | WL UNGIS / Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks |
| Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities | Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Hackathon / Special Tracks / Youth Track | Opening Segment | HL Statements/ Dialogue | AL Facilitators Meeting |
| Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities | Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Special Tracks / Youth Track | WSIS Prizes / Exhibition | HL Statements/ Dialogue | WSIS Prizes Cafe (TBC) |
| Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities | Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks / Youth Track | HL Statements/ Dialogue | Ministerial RT/HL Dialogue | Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Special Tracks |
| Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities | Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks / Youth Track | HL Statements/ Dialogue | Closing of HL Segment | Closing |
| Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities | Donors Dinner / Youth Speak / WSIS TalkX | Reception / Certificates | Gala Dinner | |

**Note:**

TW: Thematic Workshop
AL: Action Lines
CW: Country Workshop
HLM: High-level Meeting
HL: High-level
RT: Round Table
WL: Working-level

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# High-Level Track: Themes

**Themes for Policy Statements**

- WSIS Action Lines and the 2030 agenda
- Bridging digital divides
- Enabling environment
- Capacity building
- Financing for development and role of ICT
- Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- Inclusiveness - access to information and knowledge for all
- Gender mainstreaming
- ICT applications and services
- Digital economy and trade
- Climate change
- Media
- Ethical dimensions of Information Society
- Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

- **Number of Speakers:** 100+
- **Total Length of HL Panels:** 8 hours approximately.
- **Services:** Interpretation and captioning
- **Length of intervention:** 3-4 minutes
- **Structure of Intervention**
  - General
  - Theme-related
  - Recommendations
- **Outcome of each session to be reported by HL Track Facilitator**

# High-Level Dialogues

**UN 75ᵗʰ anniversary**

**ITU:**

- Ensuring Trustworthy Healthcare in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) World

-Saving Lives in Disaster using ICTs

**UNESCO**

**will propose two sessions (TBD)**

# WSIS Forum 2020: KPI

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| **3000+** | Physical participants at Forum |
| **150+** | Countries represented |
| **100+** | Ministers and Deputies |
| **20+** | Ministers and Deputies other than ICT |
| **500+** | High-level representatives |
| **250+** | Workshops and sessions |
| **18** | WSIS Prize winners |
| **72** | WSIS Champions |
| **35+** | Stands at the Exhibition |
| **Balanced** | Multistakeholder participation |
| **50/50 Challenge** | Equal gender representation |

# Forum Track at the WSIS Forum 2020

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Country and Thematic Workshops

Exhibition

WSIS Action Line Facilitators Meetings

Open Space Talks

Special Tracks

Prizes Café

WSIS TalkX

Youth Speak

Hackathon on Smart and Sustainable Cities

UNGIS

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# Hackathon – Smart and Sustainable Cities at the WSIS Forum 2020

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**When?**

- 5-6 April 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland

**What?**

- Develop your ideas into tech solutions to help ensure Smart and Sustainable cities!
- #Hack4SmartSustainableCities is part of collaborative effort to organize an annual hackathon at WSIS Forum, which this year aims to identify and support innovative solutions to address cities' challenges globally.

**Who?**

- No age limit
- Passionate about technology and innovation for positive social/environmental impact

**How?**

- More info: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2020/Home/Hackathon
- Link to apply: https://form.jotformeu.com/form/93373750487366

# Connecting Dots at the Regional Level



- *ITU, UNESCO and UNDP continue playing leading facilitating roles in the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and organize a meeting of UN Regional Commissions at the WSIS Forum*

    - Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group: **UNESCAP (2019-2020)**
    - Permanent Secretariat: **ITU**
    - Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the Regional Level and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes
    - Strengthening of the regional perspective at the global level of the WSIS Process



- *UN Regional Commissions in collaboration with other working towards regional WSIS UN Agencies implementation reviews.*

    - WSIS Regional Review Asia-Pacific was recently held on 28 August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting was jointly organized by ITU and UN ESCAP.
    - Regional review of the WSIS action lines implementation in accordance with ESCAP resolution 72/10.

    - Contributing as the regional formal submission to the WSIS Forum 2020 Open Consultation Process by bringing the regional trends, challenges and opportunities to the global dialogue on the WSIS implementation

# 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.

*Current co-chairs: ITU and UNDP*

*Vice- Chairs: UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNESCAP*

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**Activities in 2019**

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
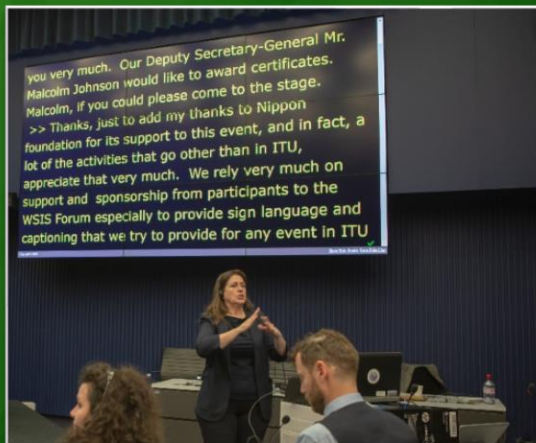
**Upcoming activities**

WSIS Forum 2020
- UNGIS High-Level Leaders Breakfast, 7 April 2020, Geneva
- UNGIS Working Level Meeting, 9 April 2020, Geneva

HLPF 2020
- UNGIS Joint Statement
- UNGIS Side-event
- UNGIS Technical Meeting

# New Services & Tools for Stakeholders Engagement

Sign Language

WSIS Forum website in six UN official languages

Machine Captioning

# WSIS Stocktaking

Your Opportunity to Search, Submit, Promote
Your ICT Projects and Databases

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

- Besides *WSIS Prizes*, also hosting repositories on *Artificial Intelligence, Accessibility, eHealth* etc.

- Explore more online and contact us if you want collaborate in producing the largest ICT for development global database

- *www.wsis.org/stocktaking*

# WSIS Prizes 2020

- More than **800 Submitted Projects**

- **354 Projects Nominated** for the Online Voting Phase

- **Deadline for Voting 24 January**

- 90 WSIS Prizes 2020 **Champions will be announced on 10 February**

- 18 winning projects and 72 champion projects will be recognized at the **WSIS Prizes 2020 Ceremony on 7 April** 2020, during the WSIS Forum 2020 in Geneva

www.wsis.org/prizes

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Through Graphic Lenses

Africa 133
Asia & Pacific 353
Eastern Europe 28
Latin America & Caribbean 97
Western Europe & North America 165

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

165  Western Europe & North America
28  Eastern Europe
353  Asia & Pacific
133  Africa
97  Latin America & Caribbean

Through Graphic Lenses

Capacity Building 77
Access to Information 75
ICT Infrastructure 68
ICT Application eGov 66
ICT Application eHea 64
ICT Application eLea 63
ICT Application eBus 59
Promotion of ICTs 54
ICTs and Cultural Diversity 39
Building Confidence in ICTs 36
ICT Application eAgr 30
Ethical Dimension 25
International Cooperation 24
Enabling Environment 23
Media 23
ICT Application eEnv 22
ICT Application eSci 13

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER
WSIS ACTION LINE CATEGORY

C1: THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PROMOTION OF ICTS FOR DEVELOPMENT
C2: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE
C3: ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE
C4: CAPACITY BUILDING
C5: BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY IN THE USE OF ICTS
C6: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT
C7: E-GOVERNMENT
C7: E-BUSINESS
C7: E-LEARNING
C7: E-HEALTH
C7: E-EMPLOYMENT
C7: E-ENVIRONMENT
C7: E-AGRICULTURE
C7: E-SCIENCE
C8: CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND IDENTITY, LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY AND LOCAL CONTENT
C9: MEDIA
C10: ETHICAL DIMENSIONS THE INFORMATION SOCIETY
C11: INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

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**Through Graphic Lenses**

Women 56%

Youth 47%

Remote and Rural Communities 35%

People with Disabilities 31%

The Poor 28%

Older Persons 28%

The Unemployed 26%

Indigenous and Nomadic People 16%

Migrants 13%

Refugees & Internally Displaced 10%

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER
TARGET BENEFICIARY GROUP

56% Women
47% Youth
31% People with disabilities
26% The unemployed
28% Older persons
35% Remote and rural communities
13% Migrants
10% Refugees and internally displaces people
28% The poor
16% Indigenous and nomadic peoples

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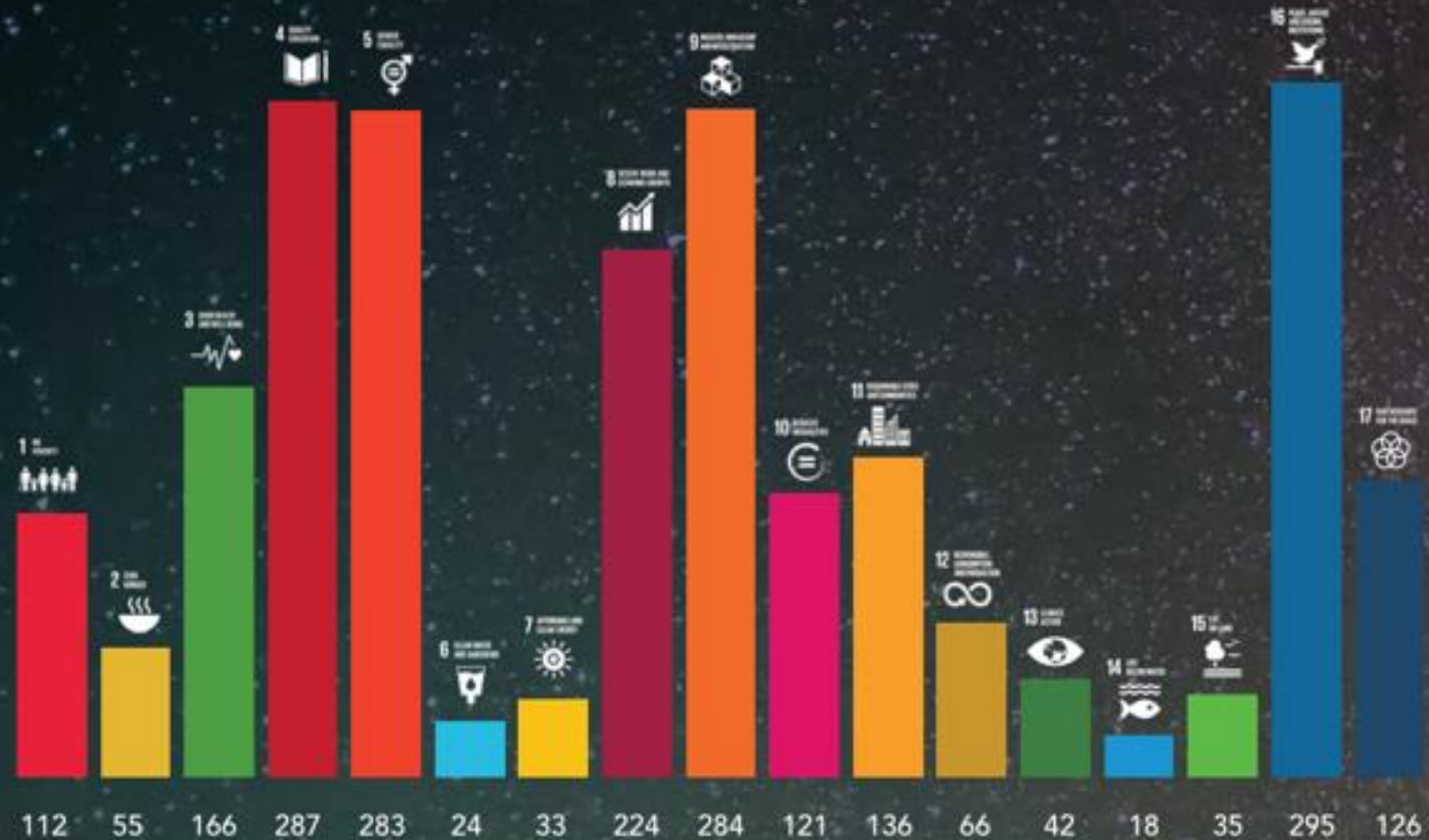
# Impact of the WSIS Forum

- Training Course for the "Amazons of the Digital" 16 -18 October 2019, Cotonou, Benin  by the Ministry of Digital Economy and Communication of Benin

- World XR Forum was invited to Rwanda to showcase innovative platform for the development of immersive technologies focusing on e-education

- The Village Broadband Internet Project, a winning project of the WSIS Prizes 2019 from the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES) Thailand has enabled social economic development and received global recognition

- WSIS Regional Review meeting in Bangkok, co-organized by UNESCAP was attended by several stakeholders who came to the WSIS Forum 2019 and they initiated collaborations for the next year's Forum

- Women's empowerment NGO from Pakistan has received  funding from GTZ after organized a session at the WSIS Forum 2019

- Co-Creating New Opportunities for Drone Applications, 26 – 28 June 2018, Cotonou, Benin by Benin's Agency for Digital Development. A half-day theory part was presented by WeRobotics Co-Founder Sonja Betschart, laying the foundations of basic knowledge on drone technology and use cases pursued in our Flying Labs across the Global South.

# Reminder of Open Calls

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**WSIS Prizes 2020**

Submit your outstanding project that leverage the power of ICTs

*Deadline:*
*29 November 2019*
*(Application closed)*

**Open Consultation Process (OCP)**

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

*Deadline:*
*7 February 2020*

**WSIS Photo Contest 2020**

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

*Deadline:*
*7 February 2020*

**High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF)**

Nominate your representative for the HLTF

*Deadline:*
*7 February 2020*

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# WSIS Forum 2020: Visibility and Partnership packages



STRATEGIC PARTNER:
**PLATINUM**

ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNER PLATINUM (EXCLUSIVE)

| STRATEGIC PARTNER: **GOLD** | STRATEGIC PARTNER: **SILVER** |
|---|---|
| ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNER GOLD | ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNER SILVER |
| PARTNER: **CONTRIBUTING** | PARTNER: **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES** |
| ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR CONTRIBUTING PARTNER | ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR PARTNER FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES |

# WSIS FORUM 2020 | PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

- Japan
- Oman
- Poland
- Qatar
- Rwanda

- Senegal
- Switzerland
- United Arab Emirates

- IEEE
- IFIP
- ISOC
- University of Geneva – Geneva Tsinghua Initiative
- Global Coalition on Aging (GCOA)

# Social Media channels

*Follow **#WSIS** and stay up to date with our latest news across our different social media channels.*
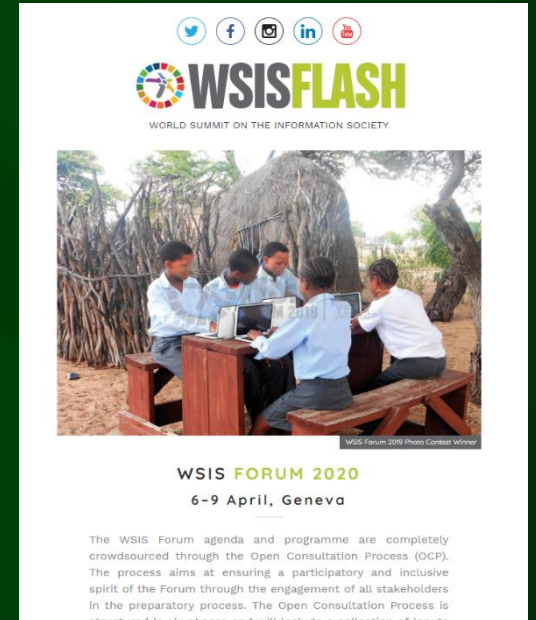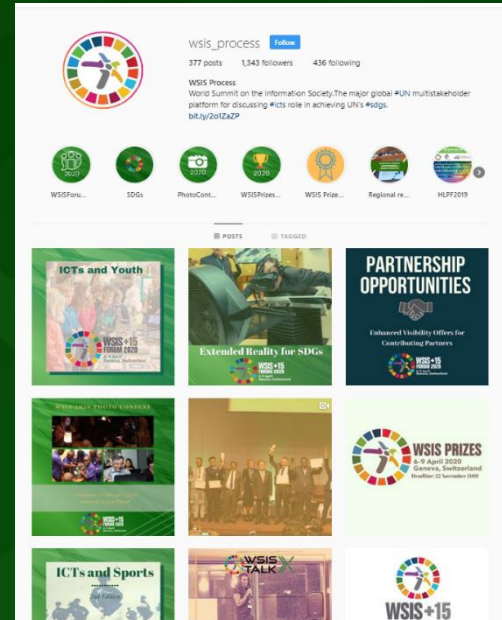
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