# Third Meeting of the WSIS Forum 2023 Open Consultation Process

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# WSIS FORUM 2023

## 13-17 March 2023

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# Open Consultation Process

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 Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2023 is structured in five phases as follows:

**Phase 1**

**Launch of the OCP**

7 September 2022

**Phase 2**

**1st Meeting**

30 November 2022, 10:00-11:15 CET/12:00-13:15 EAT: Open Forum on Implementation of WSIS Action Lines and WSIS Forum (during IGF 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

**Phase 3**

**2nd Meeting and Special WSIS Forum 2022 Chairman**

27 January 2023, 14:00-15:00 CET

*Popov Room, ITU Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland with remote participation*

**Phase 4**

**Deadline for Submissions**

1 February 2023

**Phase 5**

**3rd Meeting**

13 February 2023 14:00-15:00 CET

*Popov Room, ITU Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland with remote participation*

## Registration Process for on-site participation

The WSIS Forum 2023 is scheduled to be held from 13–17 March 2023 at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, with the support of remote participation. Virtual workshops will continue in April & May. The Forum is open to all WSIS stakeholders.

In order to register, please log in to the **Registration Form** with your **ITU User Account** credentials, complete and submit the registration form for accreditation.

If you don't have an ITU User Account you can create it by using the respective link below.

Create ITU User Account | Registration Form

If applicable, complete the e-questionnaire mentioned in the accreditation process below.

### Accreditation Process

Accreditation is required in order to participate on-site to ITU WSIS Forums.

**ITU Membership**: Delegates who are part of the ITU Membership (Administration Member States, Resolution 99, ITU Sector Members) can log-in with their ITU User Account/TIES; their requests will be sent for validation to the WSIS accreditation team, or their Delegate Focal Point. Further information may be requested to new delegates from an ITU Membership, if deemed necessary.

**Non-ITU Members**: Participants from organizations non-members of ITU (ex. Civil society, NGOs, Private sector that are not part of the ITU Membership, etc.) will be prompted to fill out the e-questionnaire for accreditation, accessible here or during the registration process once the registration form has been submitted.

Accreditation requests should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than 21 February 2023 so as to ensure timely administrative processing of the requests. Please note that the ITU reserves the right to request further documents to each participant if it deems necessary.

See full accreditation procedure »

Invitation Letter | Badging Information | Practical Information

# Registration OPEN!

- On-site Registration to the WSIS Forum 2023 is available online at the following link:

[Registration | WSIS Forum 2023 (itu.int)]

- **Virtual Registration will be made available soon.**

# WSIS Forum 2023 Venue

**13 - 17 March 2023**

- CICG - The International Conference Center Geneva / ITU Headquarters

**April - May 2023**

- Virtual Workshops

# Badging

- ✓ Badging will be located at ITU Headquarters, Montbrillant building (2, rue de Varembé – CH-1220 GENEVA)
- ✓ **NO registration desk at CICG premises**; badges have to be collected at the ITU Montbrillant building
- ✓ Badges should be picked up personally as these are photo badges and picture is compulsory

# WSIS Forum 2023 Agenda & Programme

| Monday, 13th March | Tuesday, 14thMarch | Wednesday 15th March | Thursaday, 16 March | Friday 17, March |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Exhibition Inauguration / Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Hackathon / Special Tracks | UNGIS Leaders High-Level Breakfast Meeting (UNGIS only) | High-Level Policy Sessions (HLPS) | Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks | Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks |
| Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Hackathon / Special Tracks | Opening segment | Academia Round Table (Academia Only) | Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks | UNGIS Working Level Meeting |
| Knowledge café | Knowledge café / | Knowledge café | Knowledge café | Knowledge café |
| Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Hackathon / Special Tracks | Global Digital Compact | Global Digital Compact | Global Digital Compact | Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Hackathon / Special Tracks |
| Ambassadors High-Level Meeting (TBC) (Ambassadors Only) | High-Level policy Sessions (HLPS) | Ministerial Roundtable/ High-Level Dialogue | Parliamentarians High-Level Meetings (TBC) | WSIS Action Lines Facilitators Meeting |
| Mayors Round Table (Mayors Only) | WSIS Prizes 2023 Ceremony: Winners + Champions | Closing of the High-Level Policy Sessions | WSIS Regional Commission Meeting | Closing Ceremony |
| Reception by Poland (TBC) | Official Reception Sponsored by Switzerland/ Certificates for ESIS Forum 2023 Partners | Gala Dinner | WSIS & SDG TalkX followed by the Networking Cocktail | |

Notes:

TW: Thematic Workshop

AL: Action Lines

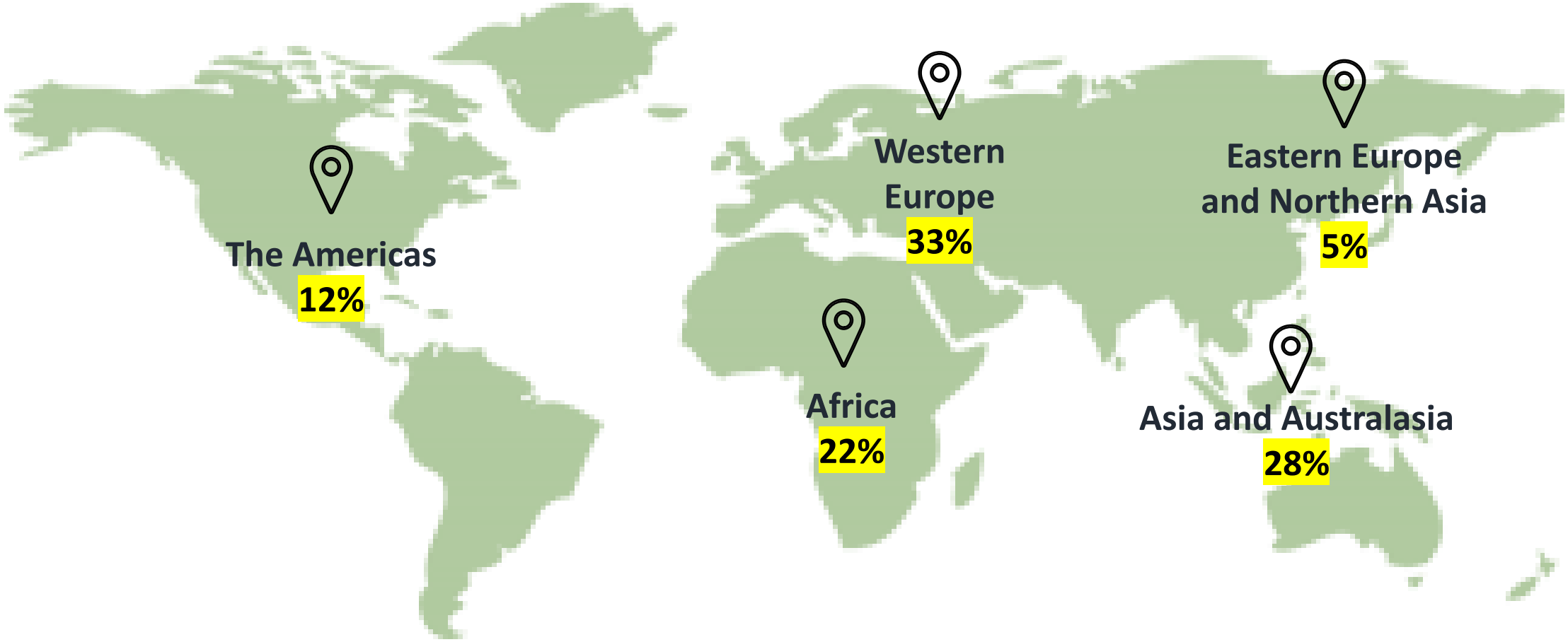
CW: Country Workshop

HL: High-level

# Results of the OCP

- Innovative and constructive submissions received during direct official submissions, online discussions and physical meetings.
- Agenda and program are crowdsourced and designed in collaboration with the multistakeholder community on the basis of the submissions received during the OCP.
- Highest number of submissions received from Government (23%), International Organizations (21%), Civil Society (20%), Academia (17%), Private Sector (15%) and Others (4%).
- Enhanced participation from the wider community, including parliamentarians, youth, women and older persons.
- Enrich the dialogue, networking and partnership

# CONTRIBUTIONS BY REGION



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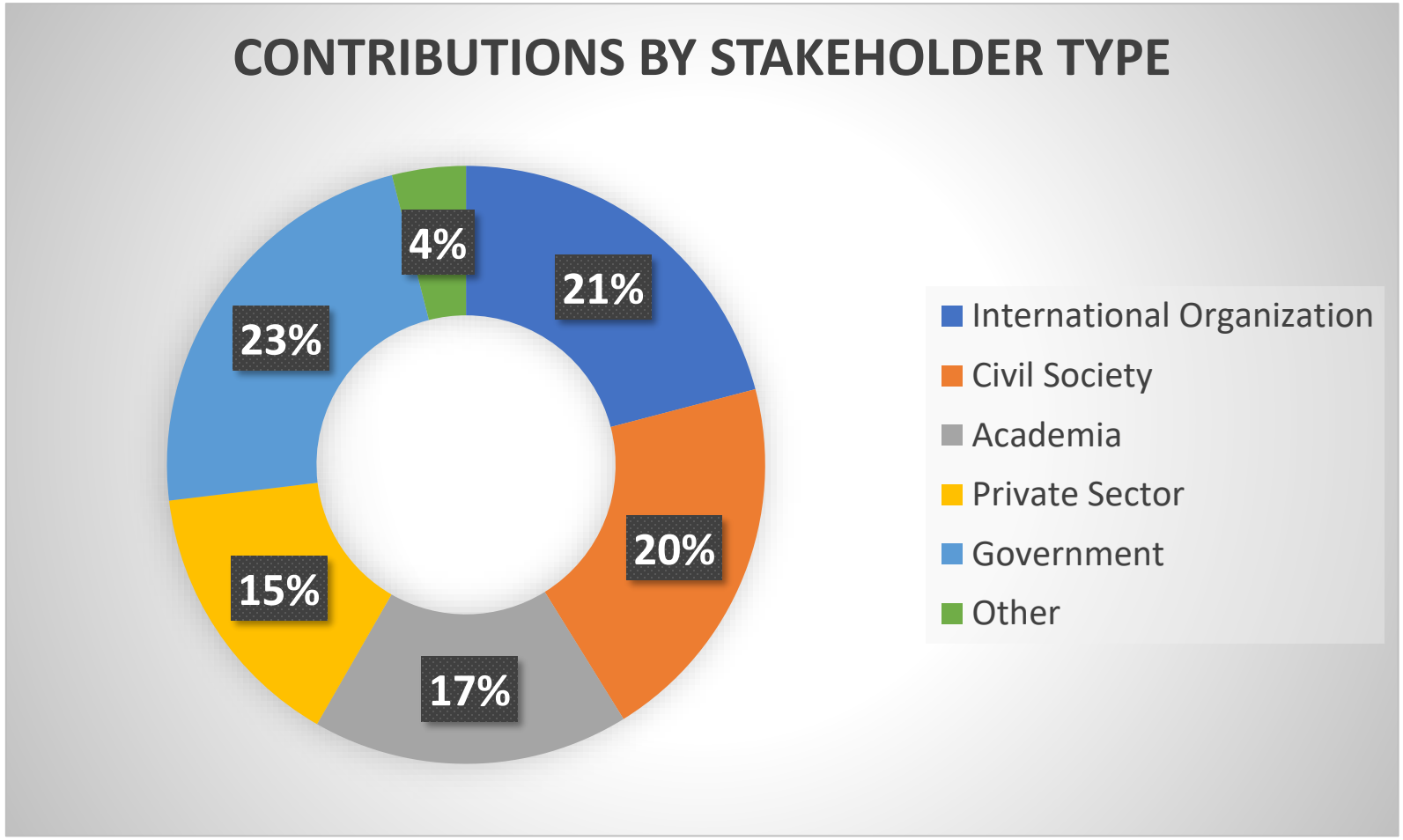



*Please note that the agenda of the WSIS Forum includes the engagement of more than 32 United Nations (UN) Agencies, including UN Regional Commissions.*

*The statistics represent the submissions and suggestions received through the Open Consultation Process of the WSIS Forum 2023.*

# Format

- **Workshops:**
  - no panel discussion
  - aim to  enhance dialogue, Q&A sessions, audience interaction, collaborative format
  - dynamic & interactive
- **Types :** fishbowls, knowledge cafés, thinktanks, round table & expert sessions
- **Regional sessions**
- **Participation:** increase the participation of the youth, experts, women, Ministers and Parliamentarians, influential stakeholders
- **Surveys & Interviews**
- **Open spaces:** increases organic dialogues
- **Formats linked with the SDGs process**

# Suggested Topics

- Cybersecurity
- Gender Mainstreaming
- Digital infrastructure in LDCs
- Connectivity
- Digital Inclusion
- ICTs and Older Persons
- Ethics of AI
- ICTs and Youth
- Impact of emerging technologies on the SDGs
- Intergenerational exchanges
- The role of universities in shaping the future
- E-Environment and Climate Change
- ICTs and Clean Technology
- IP in a Brave New Virtual World
- E-employement
- Digital harassment prevention
- Metaverse in cities
- Accessibility
- Disaster risk reduction
- Digital finance
- Standards in broadband infrastructure
- Cyberlaw and cybercrime
- 5G & 6G technologies
- Data protection
- ICT Success Stories
- WSIS Review
- Global Digital Compat

# Suggestions on strengthening the outcomes

- Each annual Forum should continue producing a consolidated document containing the outcomes of each session to provide a summary of the discussions.
- Result-focused approach for each session should be applied. All sessions should be explicitly linked to the WSIS Action Lines and the SDGs.
- WSIS Action Lines should present a concise annual progress report consisting of emerging trends, statistics and supplemented by case studies, if necessary, to be presented during the WSIS Action Line Facilitation Meetings and forwarded to the UN follow ups of WSIS and SDG processes.
- Annual report and sharing of examples of global best practices through the WSIS Stocktaking.
- Annual review by Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development might enrich monitoring of implementation of the WSIS outcomes.
- Pre-WSIS Forum national and regional meetings that then feed into the annual WSIS Forum in Geneva.
- Further collaboration and implementation of the WSIS Action lines and SDGs Matrix.

# Suggestions on strengthening the WSIS Forum for the SDGs implementation and the 2030 Agenda

- The WSIS Forum is an annual opportunity to benchmark progress, share success stories and learning experiences and incentivize further action on ICTs for sustainable development.
- The WSIS Forum can provide a space for stakeholders to exchange and nurture collaboration in the implementation of SDGs, in line with the UN SG Our Common Agenda, the Roadmap on Digital Cooperation and in support and complement to the Global Digital Compact.
- Content creation and the maintenance of interactive, accessible-to-all and multilingual content relating to the ICTs as well as aspirations and goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable on the dedicated WSIS webpage.
- To develop a methodology and a reporting framework to monitor the implementation of the concrete actions taken by stakeholders. This would enable stakeholders to measure their impact and provide a clear and transparent communication on the contributions of the WSIS Forum to the SDG.
- Increase involvement with all stakeholders, including civil society, policymakers, entrepreneurs and startups that are visioning, designing and implementing approaches and solutions that assist with achieving the 2030 agenda, as well as technical standards development bodies.
- Increase the focus on action and progress. Enhance the monitoring and measuring of the SDGs and the WSIS Action Lines.

# High-Level Track (1/2)

## High-Level Policy Sessions (HLPS) Date and Time

- Tuesday, 14 March  from 14:00 – 17:00 CET
- Wednesday, 15 March from 9:00 – 12:00 CET

**High-Level Policy Sessions confirmed speakers available here** https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/HighLevel

## Interpretation Services

provided for French and Arabic.

***Contact us for sponsorship opportunities for Chinese, Spanish, and Russian***

## High-Level Policy Sessions (HLPS) Format

- Duration of each session: 1-hour
- Length of intervention for each High-Level Speaker : **4-5 minutes**
- Outcome of each session to be reported by the High-Level Track Facilitator

## Topics

- WSIS Action Lines and the 2030 agenda
- Bridging digital divides
- Enabling environment
- Capacity building
- Financing for development and role of ICT
- Digital economy and trade
- Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- Inclusiveness  - access to information and knowledge for all
- Gender Mainstreaming
- ICT applications and services
- Climate Change
- Ethical dimensions of Information Society

# High-Level Track (2/2)

## Ministerial Roundtable

**Participation** RESTRICTED to the Ministers and Deputy Ministers (no replacements / no observers)

**Date & Time** The Ministerial Round Table meeting will be scheduled on **15 March from 13:30 – 15:30 CET**

## Golden Pin

All High-Level participants will receive a **Golden PIN** to be able to access Special High-Level Events

## Gala Dinner

ON INVITATION ONLY!

High-Level Gala dinner is scheduled on **Wednesday 15 March evening**

# WSIS Forum 2023 : Mayors High-Level Activities

**In collaboration with**

Following the appreciation of WSIS Stakeholders to the **first Mayors' High-Level Dialogue** at the WSIS Forum 2022, allowing Mayors and city stakeholders to share their progress in driving smart innovation in the city environment, the WSIS Forum 2023 is organizing a **Mayors' High-level events at the WSIS Forum 2023, on Monday 13 March.**

- ✓ **A Mayors' presentations on scalable best practices and challenges of digital solutions for climate change adaptation and energy transition**
- ✓ **A Mayors High-Level Networking Lunch** hosted by Geneva Cities Hub
- ✓ **An Interactive High-Level Dialogue with other stakeholders** (States and International Organizations) on building resilient cities for better climate change adaptation and achieving the SDGs.

This engagement of Mayors provides a unique opportunity to discuss local and national experiences and best practices to identify and scale up technology and innovative solutions in the ICT sector for urban development in a post COVID19 world.

# WSIS Forum 2023 Hackathon

## Hackathon — Digital GovHack

***Advancing the Digital Economy by Leveraging Emerging Technologies***

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.

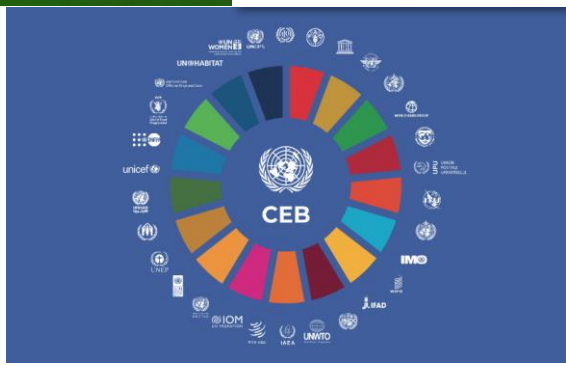
**Award Ceremony**

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 SG Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas.

## 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 >> KlinterAI (United Kingdom)
- Track 4: Financial Sustainability >> Nabtah (Egypt)

# United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)




More than 30 members of UNGIS reiterated commitment to the WSIS Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes.

**Current Chair: ITU**

**Vice- Chairs: UNDP, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UN ECA**

- **Invitation Letter to Heads of UN Agencies has been dispatched to UN Focal Points**

- **Confirmed participation to date:**
  - **On-site: UNESCO, UPU, World Bank, UNCTAD, WIPO**
  - **Virtual: FAO**
  - **Video message: ITC, UNDESA, UN Women, UN ESCAP, UNICEF, UNITAR, UN ECE**

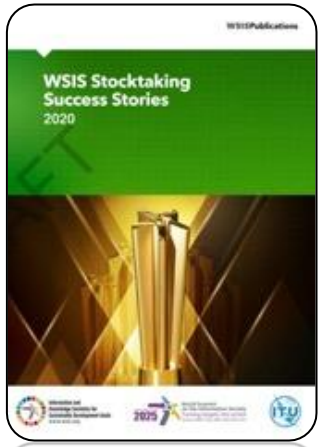
- UNGIS Leaders High-Level Breakfast Meeting, 14 March 2023, 08:00-09:00 CET
- UNGIS Working-level meeting, 17 March 2023, 09:00-10:45 CET

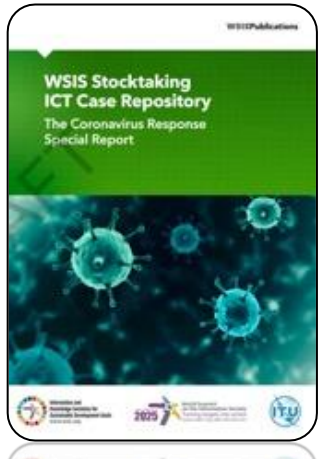
# WSIS Stocktaking: 2022-2023 Call for New Entries

Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database [www.wsis.org/stocktaking](www.wsis.org/stocktaking) 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.




**NEW Call for Submission:**
**www.wsis.org/stocktaking**

# WSIS Prizes 2023

- More than 900 submissions received to the WSIS Prizes 2023

- 18 winning projects and 72 champion projects will be awarded during the WSIS Forum 2023 (13-17 March 2023)

# WSIS Forum 2023: Special Prizes

## WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize: Third Edition

## WSIS Digital Service Design Prize 2023

# WSIS Forum 2023 : Special Tracks

ICTs and Youth

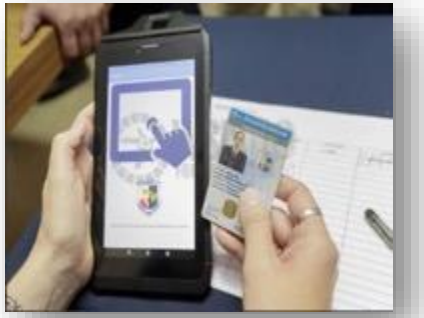
ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming

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 for Developing Countries (and LDCs)

ICTs and Clean Technologies for Climate Change

Digital Citizenship and Public Services

# WSIS Gender Trendsetters

## MEET THE WSIS GENDER TRENDSETTERS!

**Mr. Vala Afshar**
Chief Digital Evangelist, SalesForce

**Ms. Susana Arrechea**
Digital Community Center Project Director, New Sun Road for-profit public benefit company

**Ms. Elena Estavillo Flores**
CEO, Centro-i para la Sociedad del Futuro Think Tank

**Ms. Mei Lin Fung**
Chair and Cofounder, People Centered Internet

**Ms. Gab-Hingonne Gabdibe**
National Coord. Action pour l'Education & la Promotion de la Femme, TCHAD

**Ms. Mikaela Jade**
CEO and Founder, Indigital EduTech

**Ms. Kirthi Jayakumar**
Coder and Creator at Saahas

**Dr. Tawfik Jelassi**
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

**Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin**
Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union

**Ms. Tatyana Kanzaveli**
Founder and CEO, Open Health Network

**H.E. Ms. Lotte Knudsen**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, European Union

**Ms. Fang Li**
Deputy Director Research Institute of Technology and Standard, CAICT

**Mr. Benoit Louvel**
Service Design Front Office Director, Customer Service & Operations, Orange Business Services

**Hon. Neema Lugangira**
Member of Parliament of Tanzania & Founder of NGO, Omuka Hub

**Ms.Samantha Paoletti**
Research and Business Dev. Manager CSEM

**Ms. Ari Qayumi**
Founder and CEO, Mindful Venture Capital

**Ms. Yvette Ramos**
President, WomenVai

**Ms. Natalja Rodionova**
Founder, Sisters of Code & IT Academy STEP Cambodia

**Ms. Magatte Wade**
Entrepreneur, Magatte Wade

**Ms. Vidhya Y.**
Cofounder and Trustee, Vision Empower

WSIS Gender Trendsetter

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# WSIS: Global Digital Compact

- The Co-facilitators of the intergovernmental process on the Global Digital Compact, the Permanent Representatives of Rwanda and Sweden, have confirmed participation in the WSIS in mid-March 2023 and will hold two round tables 1) Civil Society 2) Private Sector at the WSIS Forum

- UN Tech Envoy is confirmed to attend the WSIS Forum 2023.

- High-level panel discussion on the Digital Compact : High-Level Session- 15 March 2023.
    - ITU, SG
    - Tech Envoy
    - 1 Co-facilitator – TBC
    - Cyber Ambassador, Regine Grienberger, Germany
    - Kenya or Mexico
    - Private Sector/ Civil Society

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# Alignment with other UN processes

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

**ECOSOC Partnership Forum 2023**

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

More Info

**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

More Info

**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

**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

# 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**

- *Knowledge Café: WSIS+20 Multistakeholder Preparatory Visioning Challenge – WSIS Beyond 2025*
- *High-Level Strategic Dialogue: WSIS+20 Vision Beyond 2025 Multistakeholder Digital Cooperation for Global Development (WSIS Action Lines to achieve the SDGs)*
- *High-Level Dialogue: WSIS+20 – WSIS Beyond 2025*

**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**

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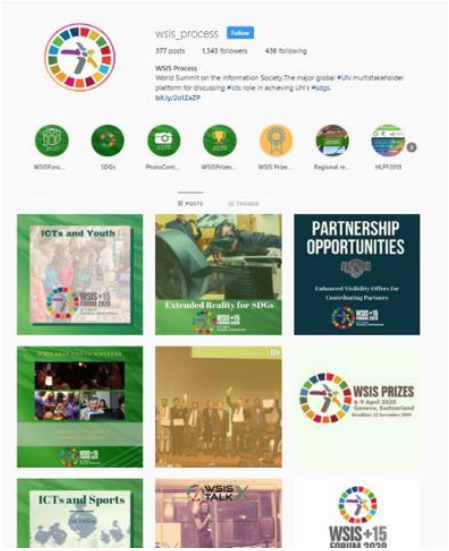

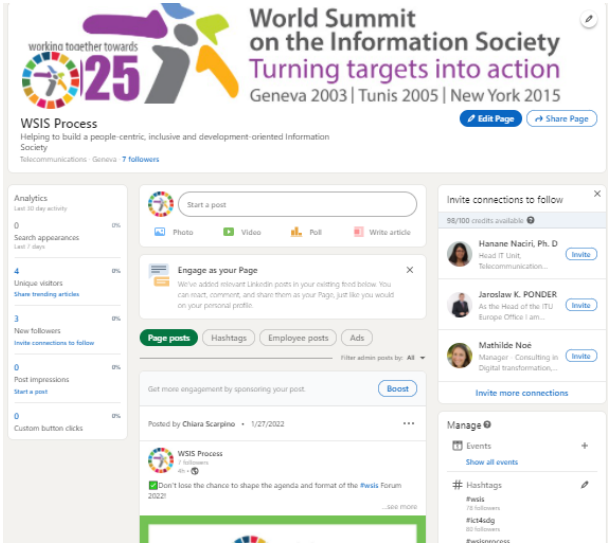

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