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**Report on WSIS Stocktaking Process**

The call for update and new entries 2016-2017 was launched in September 2016. All WSIS Stakeholders are invited to submit entries online by **15 February 2017** (www.wsis.org/stocktaking). Provided information will form the basis for elaboration of the 9th edition of the WSIS Stocktaking report. Report aims to describe work contributing to the WSIS goals and SDGs accomplished by stakeholders worldwide. It will emphasize achievements, highlight trends and draw conclusions consistent with the action lines referenced in the Geneva Plan of Action. Its e-publication will provide key findings on emerging trends in the development of the information society, and a guide to major activities being implemented by facilitators, co-facilitators and other stakeholders in the 18 areas covered by the 11 WSIS Action Lines.

**WSIS Stocktaking and the SDGs Process**

WSIS community continuously shows appreciation for UNGA decision to call for close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the cross-cutting contribution of ICTs to the Sustainable Development Goals. In this context also the WSIS Stocktaking evolved into the unique global process for collection of information on actions carried out in context of WSIS, while underlining their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Series of actions have been undertaken, including the following:

* Since the beginning of 2016 the relevancy of submitted entry to concrete SDGs has been made as compulsory field during the submission phase to the WSIS Stocktaking.
* Search ability of the database has been improved, letting stakeholders easily navigate search by particular SDG or WSIS Action Line.
* Look and feel of the WSIS Stocktaking was further improved highlighting link between WSIS Action Lines and SDGs.
* Collected project information serve as evidence for the WSIS-SDG Matrix, developed by UN agencies as practical guiding tool on WSIS-SDG alignment.
* Under preparation is the visualization of the information on ITU activities related to SDGs, available in the ITU Tool SDG-WSIS-Action-Lines-Connect 2020. Likewise, the entries by Stakeholders available in the WSIS Stocktaking will be visualized in the ITU Tool.

**Strengthening Effectiveness of Reporting on WSIS Action Lines**

In July 2016, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Resolution 2016/22 "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of - and follow up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society" reiterated the importance of maintaining a process of coordinating the multi-stakeholder implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit through effective tools, with the goal of exchanging information among WSIS Action Line Facilitators, identifying issues that need improvement and discussing the modalities of reporting on the overall implementation process, encourages all stakeholders to continue to contribute information to the WSIS Stocktaking Platform (www.wsis.org/stocktaking) maintained by ITU, and invited United Nations entities to update information on their initiatives in the Stocktaking database.

In this context series of actions have been undertaken, including the following:

* Series of embeddable interfaces (display, search, submission) are being developed for use by the WSIS Stakeholders.
* Coordination with the WSIS Action Line Facilitators and Co-Facilitators, UN Regional Commissions, and other stakeholders has been carried out with the aim of reflecting embeddable interfaces on their websites.
* Descriptions of the projects, programmes, activities and initiatives submitted to the WSIS Stocktaking serve as the evidence for interdependences between 11 WSIS Action Lines and 17 SDGs presented in the WSIS-SDG Matrix being the guiding tool for alignment between WSIS and SDG processes..
* Series of regional reports have been launched at the regional events as part of engagement strategy.

**Regional WSIS Stocktaking Reports 2016: ICT Projects and WSIS Action Line Related Activities**

In response to the WSIS stakeholders request for customized regional reporting on the ICT-related projects and initiatives, the WSIS Stocktaking Regional Reports for the period 2014-2016 have been launched during major regional events in the second half of the 2016, addressing matters of WSIS and ICTs for SDGs.

[Report for the CIS region](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/opb/pol/S-POL-WSIS.REP_REG_CIS-2016-PDF-E.pdf) was launched on the occasion of *the Regional Workshop on Resilient ICT Connectivity for the Knowledge Economy, SDGs and the WSIS Goals*, organized by UNESCAP and UNECE (with support by ITU) on 20 – 21 September 2016, in Almaty, Kazakhstan. At the *Regional Review of the World Summit on the Information Society Acton Line Implementation*, co-organized by UNESCAP and ITU on 4 October 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand, [the Report on the Asia and Pacific](https://www.itu.int/pub/publications.aspx?lang=en&parent=S-POL-WSIS.REP_REG_AP-2016) was launched, while the [Report on the African region](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/opb/pol/S-POL-WSIS.REP_REG_AFR-2016-PDF-E.pdf) was launched during the *Africa Regional WSIS Follow-up and Annual Review & Expert Group Meeting on Emerging Issues in ICT 2016*, organized by the UNACA, with support by ITU and UNESCO, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 22-23 November 2016. Finally, the [Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report 2016: ICT Projects and WSIS Action Line Related Activities in Americas](https://www.itu.int/pub/S-POL-WSIS.REP_REG_AM-2016) region was launched at the ITU coordinated Open Forum *WSIS Action Lines Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs - WSIS Forum: Information and Knowledge Societies for SDGs*, held during the Internet Governance Forum meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico, on 7 December 2016. The Reports for the Arab States region and the Europe region remain to be launched in the first half of the 2017.

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