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**World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes (2019 and 2020)**

During the WSIS Forum 2019 (8-12 April, Geneva), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) announced the top 90 winning ICT-related projects and initiatives recognized for implementing the WSIS Action Lines, competing for the prestigious [WSIS Prizes 2019](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/prizes/2019/). With participants emerging from across the globe, 72 champions were honoured and 18 winners awarded for each of the 18 categories in line with the WSIS Action lines and their impact on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since 2012, WSIS Prizes has been recognising remarkable efforts made by entities and organisations from around the globe that focus on accelerating socio-economic progress of the whole world as a community. See Annex 1 for list of WSIS Prizes 2019 Winners and Champions.

The submission phase which began from 2 July 2018 to 12 December 2018 received a record number of 1,141 project submissions, out of which 1,062 exceptional projects were nominated for WSIS Prizes 2019. More than two million online votes were cast from 21 December 2018 till 10 February 2019 for these projects and following a comprehensive review by the [Expert Group](http://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/focal_points_al.aspx) lead to the selection of 90 extraordinary ICT initiatives for the eight edition of the WSIS Prize contest. For a full list of this year's WSIS Prizes Awardees, click [*here*](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/Prizes/2019/Champions)*.* WSIS Prizes 2019 Winners project descriptions were published in the publication *WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2019*.

Due to the increased interest from the previous WSIS Prizes winners and champions, alongside with the existing policy of the WSIS Prizes process to continuously promote their achievements and track the further development of the awarded projects, WSIS Team has held a special session at the WSIS Forum 2019 with the objective to bring together the winners and champions (2012-2019). As a result of this meeting, former WSIS Prizes awardees have proposed to establish a WSIS Prizes Network, which form a key part of our global and grassroots community, with an objective to be engaged in online and community advocacy, while providing input related to the future progress of the contest and promotion of ICTs for SDGs.

For the ninth year in a row, the [WSIS Prizes 2020](http://www.wsis.org/prizes) will be recognizing outstanding success stories from around the world for their part in building an inclusive information society. Our common objective is to inspire and advance sustainable development through the effective use of ICTs. Building upon the outcomes of the United Nations General Assembly Overall Review on WSIS as well as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the WSIS Prizes 2020 seek to reflect close linkages with achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

[ECOSOC resolution 2019/24](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2019/24)also reiterates the importance of recognizing excellence in the implementation of the projects and initiatives that further the WSIS goals, and encourages all stakeholders to nominate their ICT-related projects for the annual WSIS Prizes contest as an integral part of the WSIS Stocktaking process ([www.wsis.org/stocktaking](http://www.wsis.org/stocktaking)).

In order to process the submission, stakeholders are requested to complete the submission form for WSIS Prize 2020 online at [www.wsis.org/prizes](http://www.wsis.org/prizes) by 22 November 2019. All stakeholders are urged to encourage their networks to join the WSIS Prizes process. The contest is organized in five phases with Nomination phase starting from 23 November and resulting with 360 nominated projects (20 projects will be nominated in each WSIS Action Line Category) for the Online Voting phase planned to start on 20 December 2019 and ending on 4 February 2020.

Based on constructive recommendations and input received from the ITU Membership and the WSIS stakeholders, we are introducing innovations to further improve the contest highlighting social, economic and environmental impact of the submitted projects. In the Submission phase, we are introducing an updated submission form in order to better guide project owners when submitting entries using more detailed questionnaire and ensuring that Rules and Guidelines are respected.

Due to a large number of nominations in 2019 (1.062) we have received an input to limit this number to a reasonable level in order for the voters to be able to review all projects and cast their votes based on social , economic and environmental impact of the projects. In this respect, the [Expert Group](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/focal_points_al.aspx), professionals working on the implementation of WSIS outcomes, will review the submitted projects in the Nomination Phase referring to the rules for project submission and nomination criteria and the outcome will be a list of nominated projects (twenty projects per category) that will be announced to the public on 21 December 2019.

Finally, following the deadline for the online voting, 24 January 2020, the voting process, will result in identifying five projects with the highest number of appreciations/votes given for project descriptions by WSIS stakeholders. The voters are encouraged to vote keeping in mind the social, economic and environmental impact of the projects. During the Selection Phase, 25 January – 7 February 2020, the Expert Group will make in-depth analyses of five most voted projects per category and will select one winning project per category, taking into account scale and impact of the project on the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and its contribution to the sustainable development. The outcome of the Expert Group’s work will be the list of eighteen winning projects that will be publicly announced during the WSIS Forum 2020 only.

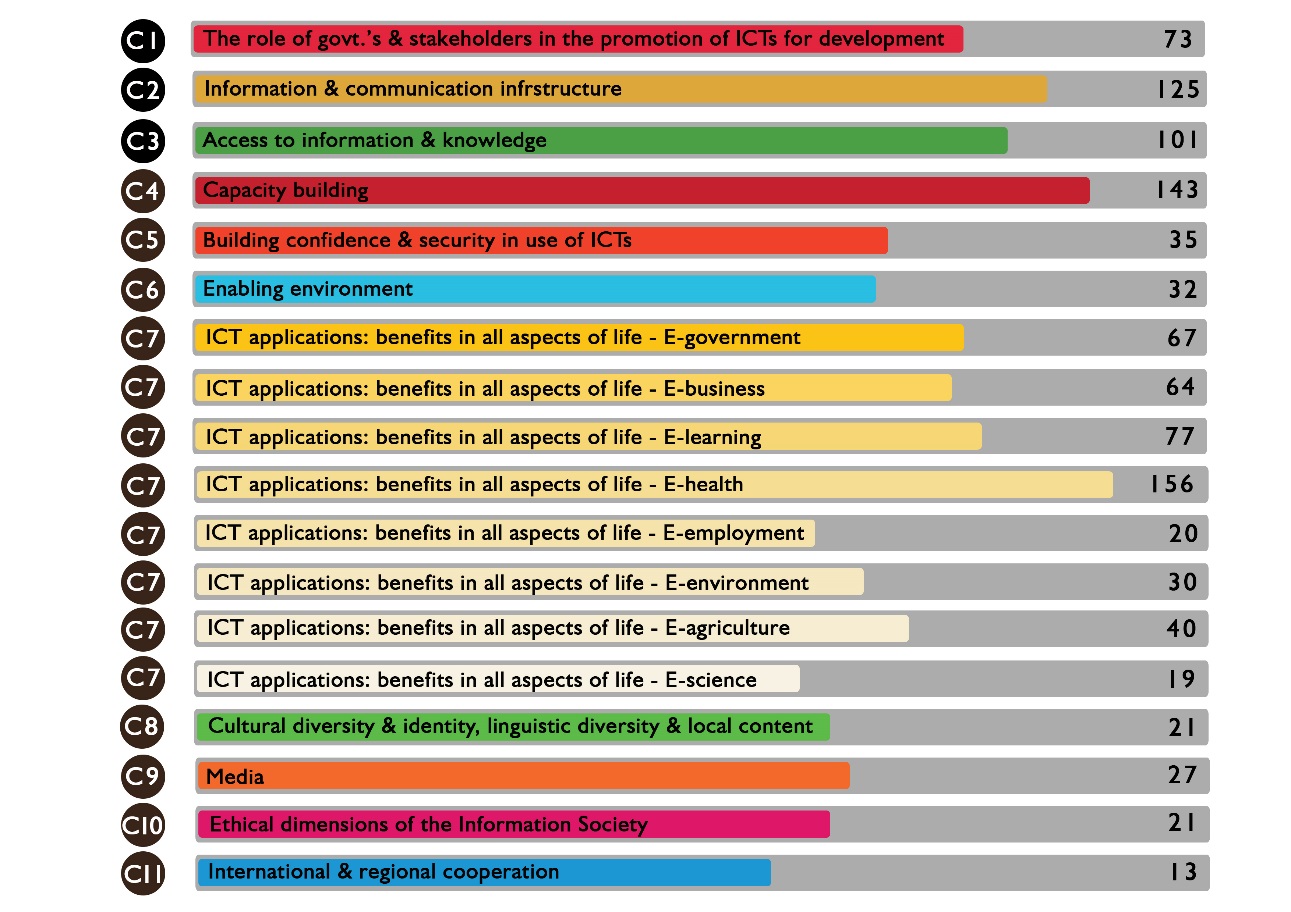
Should you have any questions or need for assistance with WSIS Prizes 2020 contest, please do not hesitate to contact the WSIS Team at [wsis-prizes@itu.int](mailto:wsis-prizes@itu.int).

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Annex 1



**An Integral Part of the WSIS Stocktaking**

**Most globally recognized contest awarding best ICT practices for SDGs**

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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Category 1 : Role of governments and all stakeholders in promotion of ICTs** | | | | | | **The e-payment of social security contributions** | **National Social Insurance Fund (CNAS)** | **Algeria** | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **Empowering Women through Technology** | **United for Hope** | **India** | **International Organization** | **CHAMPION** | | **Citizen’s portal in Pinar del Río** | **Computer Applications Company, DESOFT** | **Cuba** | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **ICT for Girls Program** | **Universal Service Fund** | **Pakistan** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **EyeBorg** | **Hand Eyes** | **Ecuador** | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Category 2 : Information and Communication Infrastructure** | | | | | | **The Village Broadband Internet Project** | **Ministry of Digital Economy and Society** | **Thailand** | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **Development of National ICT Infra-network (Info-Sarker) project** | **Bangladesh Computer Council** | **Bangladesh** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Digital Assistant takes your work to new heights (myhome 3.0)** | **Saudi Aramco** | **Saudi Arabia** | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Rural Communities into Gigabit Society** | **Digital Poland Project Centre** | **Poland** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Technology for Education** | **Fundación Sergio Paiz** | **Guatemala** | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 3 : Access to Information and Knowledge** | | | | | | **United libraries portal - free knowledge for all** | **St. Petersburg State Unitary Enterprise "St. Petersburg Information and Analytical Centre"** | **Russian Federation** | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **Public Security Video Surveillance Cloud Platform** | **China Communications Technology Co., Ltd.** | **China** | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Smart Police Mobile Application** | **CENTRAL INFORMATICS BUREAU** | **Mauritius** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **DBD Business Data Warehouse** | **Department of Business Development** | **Thailand** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Presidential Communication Center** | **Presidency Of the Republic Of Turkey Directorate of Communications** | **Turkey** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 4 : Capacity Building** | | | | | | **Capacity Building through end-to-end ICT enabled “Utkarsh Bangla” programme** | **Paschim Banga Society for Skill Development, Dept of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development, Govt. of West Bengal** | **India** | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **Mark Robots** | **Mark Robots** | **Uruguay** | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **ICT Public Training Administration & Service Center for Hi-skilled Workers** | **China Communications Technology Co., Ltd.** | **China** | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **RURALTIC** | **Computadores para Educar** | **Colombia** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Innovation Summer Camp** | **Telecommunications Regulatory Authority** | **United Arab Emirates** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Category 5 : Building confidence and use of ICTs** | | | | | | | | **Data Encryption Leak-proof and Tamper-resistant Network System Based on Quantum Communication Trunk Line** | **China United Telecommunications Co., Ltd.** | | **China** | | **Private Sector** | **WINNER** | | **The Computer emergency response team in financial sphere** | **The Central Bank of the Russian Federation (Bank of Russia)** | | **Russian Federation** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Artificial Intelligence (AI) based spam messages and calls prevention solution** | **China Mobile Communications Corporation** | | **China** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Online Sexual Harassment-and-Blackmail Awareness for Palestinian Schoolgirls (iSHA)** | **Palestine Chapter of the Internet Society** | | **United States of America** | | **International Organization** | **CHAMPION** | | **Identity Digital Watermarking** | **Saudi Aramco** | | **Saudi Arabia** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 6 : Enabling Environment** | | | | | | | | **Establishment of Bangladesh National Digital Architecture (BNDA) and e-Government Interoperability Framework (e-GIF)** | **Bangladesh Computer Council** | **Bangladesh** | | | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **My PY Portal** | **Common First Year – King Saud University** | **Saudi Arabia** | | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Speaking Library** | **Data Processing Center** | **Azerbaijan** | | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Digital accessibility for all** | **Office of Electronic Communications** | **Poland** | | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Women In Tech Africa** | **Women In Tech Africa** | **Kenya** | | | **International Organization** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 7 : eGovernment** | | | | | | | | **Licenses Portal** | **Ministry of Environment Water & Agriculture** | | **Saudi Arabia** | | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **Sabooj Sathi Online 2.0 - wheels of change** | **BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT** | | **India** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Midterm and Final e-Exam Booking System** | **Majmaah University** | | **Saudi Arabia** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **The Public Service Centers «My Documents»** | **Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation** | | **Russian Federation** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **E-Police in your Mobile** | **Ministry of Interior** | | **United Arab Emirates** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 8 : eBusiness** | | | | | | | | **BnC Bot** | **BnC Bot (Bot Bán Hàng as Vietnamese name)** | | **Viet Nam** | **Private Sector** | | **WINNER** | | **Nuara E2 - Effective and Efficient** | **Nuara Group** | | **Brunei Darussalam** | **Private Sector** | | **CHAMPION** | | **BaktikuPadaPetani** | **PT. Telekomunikasi Seluler Indonesia** | | **Indonesia** | **Private Sector** | | **CHAMPION** | | **Dataforest** | **Dataforest** | | **Azerbaijan** | **Private Sector** | | **CHAMPION** | | **Mobile Money Platform** | **Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd** | | **China** | **Private Sector** | | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 9 : eLearning** | | | | | | | | **Generative Schools** | **University of La Punta** | | **Argentina** | | **Academia** | **WINNER** | | **Data Bojonegoro** | **ICT volunteers Bojonegoro** | | **Indonesia** | | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **Teachers’ Portal** | **Access to Information** | | **Bangladesh** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **The System of Road Traffic Safety Awareness “Salik”** | **Majmaah University** | | **Saudi Arabia** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Sustainable ICT model for educational Institutions** | **Arpuda App Private limited** | | **India** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 10 : eHealth** | | | | | | | | **E-Health Mato Grosso (Telessaude Mato Grosso** | **Ministry of Health** | | **Brazil** | | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **Automated and Computerized Protein Determination in Latex Glove** | **Multimedia University** | | **Malaysia** | | **Academia** | **CHAMPION** | | **Protect My Environment** | **Ministry of Environment Water & Agriculture** | | **Saudi Arabia** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Blood Donation Application** | **Majmaah University** | | **Saudi Arabia** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **SMART HOME** | **COMSATS University Islamabad** | | **Pakistan** | | **Academia** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 11 : eEmployment** | | | | | | | | **Digital Jobs Africa** | **The Rockefeller Foundation** | | **United States of America** | | **International Organization** | **WINNER** | | **Work Wizard the digital platform for disability** | **Advanced Info Service** | | **Thailand** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Women Power - A sustainable Rural Development initative** | **Women Power International Foundation** | | **India** | | **International Organization** | **CHAMPION** | | **Connected Women** | **Connected Women** | | **Philippines** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **I-recruitment** | **Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation** | | **United Arab Emirates** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 12 : eEnvironment** | | | | | | | | **A less intrusive rhinos conservation, a hope for endangered species** | **Sigfox Foundation** | | **France** | | **Private Sector** | **WINNER** | | **Caribbean Climate Innovation Center** | **Caribbean Climate Innovation Center** | | **Jamaica** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **E- Climate justice and resilience through Community Radio at coastal areas of the Bay of Bengal in Bangladesh** | **Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication** | | **Bangladesh** | | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **e-License Program** | **Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation** | | **United Arab Emirates** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Smart Mobile Apps Project - Emergency Alert App** | **Central Informatics Bureau** | | **Mauritius** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 13 : eAgriculture** | | | | | | | | **Swift Vee (Livestock)** | **mLab Southern Africa** | | **South Africa** | | **Civil Society** | **WINNER** | | **Geo data to control late blight fungal disease in potato in Bangladesh** | **mPower Social Enterprise Ltd.** | | **Bangladesh** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **e-Agriculture ,, Partnership for Community Development and SDGs Achievement** | **Gedaref Digital City Organization Sudan GDCO** | | **Sudan** | | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **Baktiku Negeriku** | **PT. Telekomunikasi Seluler Indonesia** | | **Indonesia** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **COMBATTING FOOD INSECURITY THROUGH REMOTE SENSING TECHNOLOGY** | **AgroGeoBW** | | **Botswana** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 14 : eScience** | | | | | | | | **IRAN National Research and Education Network** | **IRAN National Research and Education Network** | | **Iran (Islamic Republic of)** | | **Private Sector** | **WINNER** | | **Scientists 3.0: children and adolescents** | **San Luis government** | | **Argentina** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **National Research information system** | **Ministry of Education and Science** | | **Latvia** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Smart Meter** | **Services Industriels de Genève** | | **Switzerland** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Digital Humanities and the Arabic-Islamic corpus** | **The Netherlands eScience Center** | | **Netherlands** | | **Academia** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 15 : Cultural Diversity and Identity, Linguistic Diversity, and Local Content** | | | | | | | | **Uganda Computer Aid** | **Musabe Foundation** | | **Uganda** | | **Civil Society** | **WINNER** | | **IT For The Differently Able** | **Bridge Foundation** | | **Bangladesh** | | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **Social Intelligence** | **Information Age Consulting** | | **Kuwait** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Together** | **Association Wlad Elblad** | | **Morocco** | | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **Information Platform for Indigenous Communities and Peoples** | **Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones** | | **Mexico** | | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 16 : Media** | | | | | | | | **Working in ICT is cool** | **Chamber of Information and Communication Technologies (Cámara de Tecnologías de Información y Comunicación)** | | **Costa Rica** | | **Private Sector** | **WINNER** | | **Creating Awareness on E- Right to Information (E-RTI) through Community Radio** | **Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication** | | **Bangladesh** | | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **Girls Speak Out** | **Girls Speak Out** | | **Zimbabwe** | | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **Internet Hotline** | **NATIONAL MEDIA AND INFOCOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY** | | **Hungary** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Bridge the gap between science and society using interesting content on website and social media** | **Saintif** | | **Indonesia** | | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Category 17 : Ethical Dimensions of the Information Society** | | | | | | **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance and Ethics Initiatives in Singapore** | **Personal Data Protection Commission, Infocomm Media Development Authority** | **Singapore** | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **“Mobile Based Age Verification before Marriage Registration to Stop Child Marriage”** | **Access to Information** | **Bangladesh** | **Government** | **CHAMPION** | | **Why do I exist?** | **Kuki Ndiho Rwanda Orphans Support Project** | **United States of America** | **International Organization** | **CHAMPION** | | **DataSense** | **Cognigo Inc.** | **United States of America** | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Women / Research / Data** | **Women Research Data** | **Kenya** | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Category 18 : International and Regional Cooperation** | | | | | | **UAE Space Agency Global Efforts in Partnership Sustainable Development** | **UAE Space Agency** | **United Arab Emirates** | **Government** | **WINNER** | | **Rlabs** | **Rlabs** | **South Africa** | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | | **Technology Innovation Hubs** | **Indigo Trust** | **United Kingdom** | **International Organization** | **CHAMPION** | | **Information Society Innovation Fund** | **Information Society Innovation Fund** | **Australia** | **Civil Society** | **CHAMPION** | | **CodeBus Africa** | **Aalto Global Impact** | **Finland** | **Private Sector** | **CHAMPION** | |