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| **Summary**This document provides updates on the activities of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS).**Action required**Members are invited to note the updates.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**[www.ungis.org](http://www.ungis.org); [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum); [UNGA Resolution A/RES/70/125](https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/125); [UNGA Resolution A/RES/70/1](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1); [UNGA Resolution A/70/299](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/299); [UNGA Resolution A/70/684](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/684); UNGA Resolution [A/RES/73/218](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/218); [UNGA Resolution A/71/212](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/212); [UN ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2020/12](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2020/12); [UNGA Resolution A/RES/75/202](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N20/379/41/PDF/N2037941.pdf?OpenElement); [PP-18 Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution-140-PP18.pdf); [PP-14 Resolution 140 (Rev. Busan 2014)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/ITUPP14_RESOLUTION_140.pdf); [PP-10 Resolution 172 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution172-PP10.pdf); [Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2019)](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en) |

**United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)**

UNGIS was endorsed by the CEB in April 2006, and it serves as an interagency mechanism to coordinate substantive policy issues facing the United Nations system’s implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society, thereby contributing to improving policy coherence in the UN system, as requested by the 2005 World Summit.

UNGIS held its annual meeting on 11 May 2021 at 14:00-15:30 CEST during the WSIS Forum 2021.

UNESCO took over the rotational Chairmanship of UNGIS for the period 2021-2022. The Vice-Chairs for this period are ITU, UNDP, UNCTAD, and UN ESCWA.

In collaboration with the UNGIS members, UNCTAD, as the Chair of UNGIS (2020-2021) initiated a [Dialogue on the Role of Digitalization in the Decade of Action](https://unctad.org/topic/ecommerce-and-digital-economy/ungis-dialogue) to raise awareness of both the importance of digitalization in achieving the SDGs and of the unique opportunity that UNGIS presents for more effective collaboration in this area within the UN System.

UNGIS is committed to harnessing collective expertise to help advance sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and promoting greater understanding of how digitalization can help the global community build "an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development".

UNGIS submitted an [input](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?page=view&type=30022&nr=2733&menu=3170) to the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) 2021 and organised a side-event titled “[ICTs for Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Societies and Economies (WSIS Cooperation for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals)](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Articles/View/1203)” on 9 July 2021 during the HLPF 2021.

ITU WSIS team continues to provide secretariat support to UNGIS and maintains the official UNGIS website [www.ungis.org](http://www.ungis.org).

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