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| Report by the Chairman of Council Working Group on CWG-WSIS&SDG |
| Report on the Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&sdg meetingsheld since Council 2021 |

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| SummaryThis report summarizes the main results of the 37th and 38th meetings of the Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG (CWG-WSIS&SDG), held in line with [PP-18 Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-140-E.pdf)) and [Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2019)](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en).Action requiredThe Council is invited to **take note** of the work of the CWG on WSIS&SDG and also to **consider** the recommendations in the report. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ReferencesUNGA Resolutions [A/RES/76/189](https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/76/189), [A/RES/75/202](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N20/379/41/PDF/N2037941.pdf?OpenElement), [A/RES/73/218](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/218), [A/71/212](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/212), [A/70/684](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/684), [A/70/299](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/299), [A/RES/70/125](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F70%2F125&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop), [A/RES/70/1](https://www.un.org/ga/search/viewm_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1); ECOSOC Resolutions [2021/28](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2021/28), [2020/212](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2020/12); PP Resolution [140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-140-E.pdf), Council Resolutions [R1332](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en), [R1395](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0121/en); [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum); [*WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes*](http://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/inc/doc/outcome/362828V2E.pdf)*;* [*WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015*](http://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/inc/doc/outcome/362828V2E.pdf)*;* [*Final WSIS Target Review*](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/publications/wsisreview2014/WSIS2014_review.pdf)*;* [*WSIS+10 Report: ITU’s Ten Year Contribution to the WSIS Implementation and Follow-up (2005-2014)*](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Documents/WSIS%2B10Report.pdf)*;* [WTDC-17 Resolution 30 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-WTDC17-C-0115/en); [WTSA-16 Resolution 75 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016)](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/res/T-RES-T.75-2016-PDF-E.pdf); [C21/28](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0028/en); [*Reports of the 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th CWG WSIS&SDG meeting*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*s.* |

1. **Introduction**
	1. The Working Group on WSIS (WG-WSIS) was created in 2002 (Resolution 1196). During PP-18, the WG-WSIS was renamed to Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG (CWG-WSIS&SDG) to facilitate all membership inputs and guidance on the ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes and its activities to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
	2. The work of the CWG-WSIS&SDG is based on the [Council Resolution 1332 (Modified 2019)](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0137/en) and conducted in line with [PP-18 Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-140-E.pdf), including the Terms of Reference of the CWG-WSIS&SDG listed in the Annex of this Resolution adopted at the ITU Council 2019. The 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) endorsed the relevant work already undertaken and/or to be carried out by ITU in implementing the WSIS outcomes, under the aegis of the CWG-WSIS&SDG and the WSIS&SDG Task Force. PP-18 also considered that CWG-WSIS&SDG has proven itself a successful mechanism for facilitating the input of Member States related to the ITU’s role in the implementation of WSIS outcomes.
	3. The CWG-WSIS&SDG is open to all ITU Member States and Sector Members and is chaired by Prof. Dr Vladimir Minkin (Russian Federation), and the Vice-Chairmen Ms Aygun Ahmadova (Azerbaijan), Ms Renata Santoyo (Brazil), Prof. Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. Wojciech Berezowski (Poland), Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda), and Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia).
2. **Update relevant activities related to the WSIS process and SDGs**
	1. Since Council 21 the CWG-WSIS&SDG held two meetings and considered 33 documents. The following is a list of documents from the CWG-WSIS&SDG meetings after Council 21:
		1. [37th Meeting](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-WSIS30-C/en); held from 22-23 September 2021, (Summary [CWG-WSIS&SDG/37](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0017/en));
		2. [38th Meeting](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C/en); held from 19-20 January 2022, (Summary [CWG-WSIS&SDG/38](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0018/en));
	2. Virtual consultations of councillors in 2021 took note of the Report on the outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG activities since Council 20 (Document [C21/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0008/en)) and endorsed it through consultation by correspondence.
	3. The CWG-WSIS&SDG continued to consider inputs from membership on implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the ITU.
	4. More than 30 documents have been submitted by the secretariat to these meetings that are listed in the summaries of the meetings available on the [CWG-WSIS&SDG webpage](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx),
	5. UNGA Resolution: ICT for Sustainable Development ([UNGA A/RES/76/189](https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/76/189))
	6. Our Common Agenda, Report of the UN Secretary-General ([UNGA A/76/L.8](https://undocs.org/en/A/76/L.8), [CWGWSIS&SDG37/INF/1](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-INF-0001/en))
	7. ICT-related discussions and outcomes of the 76th UNGA ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/16](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0016/en))
	8. Outcomes of UN CSTD 2021 and updates on the UN CSTD 2022 ([CWGWSIS&SDG38/INF/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-INF-0002/en) and [CWGWSIS&SDG37/INF/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-INF-0003/en))
	9. ECOSOC Resolution: Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society ([ECOSOC Res 2021/28](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2021/28))
	10. Internet Governance Forum ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/INF/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-INF-0002/en) and [CWGWSIS&SDG38/INF/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-INF/en))
	11. CWG-SFP-1/7 “UN Developments on Digital Technologies and Cooperation” ([CWG-SFP-1/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGSFP1-C-0007/en))
	12. UNESCO Resolution on WSIS adopted in the General Conference 2021 ([UNESCO 41 C/27](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark%3A/48223/pf0000379370?2=null&queryId=0d12b94f-8148-4712-b375-04f920baa169), [CWG-WSIS&SDG/38](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0018/en).)

UNESCO’s representative Mr Joe Hironaka provided an update on the activities towards implementation of WSIS outcomes, highlighting the Report by the UNESCO’s Director-General on implementation of WSIS outcomes, and roadmap to support coherent system-wide reporting on WSIS outcomes, which include the relevant resolution that invites the Director-General, UNESCO, to ensure a leading role for the Organization in the twenty-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) by implementing the outlined road map in alignment with agreed United Nations reporting mechanisms on WSIS outcomes;

1. **ITU’s activities related to WSIS Process**
	1. Outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2021 ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0002/en))
	2. Preparations towards the WSIS Forum 2022 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0002/en))
	3. Report: ITU’s contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (2021) ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0010/en), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0003/en))
	4. ITU Roadmaps C2, C5 and C6 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG/38](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0018/en))
	5. Regional activities towards alignment of WSIS and SDG processes ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0004/en))
	6. WSIS Stocktaking Process 2021 and 2022 ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0009/en), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0005/en))
	7. WSIS Prizes 2021 and 2022 ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0008/en), [CWGWSIS&SDG37/13](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0013/en), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0006/en))
	8. UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0004/en))
	9. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2021 and 2022 ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0011/en), <https://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/2022/Pages/default.aspx>).
	10. Partnership on Measuring the ICT for Development ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/14](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0014/en), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0008/en))
	11. WSIS Fund in Trust 2021 and 2022 ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0005/en), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0009/en))
	12. ITU Sector Study Group activities related to the WSIS and SDG Process ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0007/en)-Rev.1, [CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/10](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0010/en))
	13. WSIS Special Initiatives ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0007/en))
	14. WSIS Gateway ([CWG-WSIS&SDG/38](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0018/en))
2. **Building upon the outcomes of the contributions provided to the 37th and 38th meeting, the Group took note of all documents with appreciation and made the following observations and recommendations to Council-22:**
	1. Updates on WSIS&SDG-related UN processes:
		1. Membership and the secretariat were encouraged to analyse the UNSG’s report on “Our Common Agenda” and to submit proposals on ITU’s role in ICT-related activities for discussion at the CWG-WSIS&SDG, to follow ICT-related discussions and outcomes of 76th UNGA, which were discussed at the 38th CWG-WSIS&SDG meeting, and to strengthen the visibility and promotion of WSIS activities at the UN meetings in New York
		2. The Secretariat was invited to reflect the key role of the WSIS Process and the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development trends in the presentation of the UN Trends and Digital Technologies and Cooperation (CWG-SFP-1/7 “UN Developments on Digital Technologies and Cooperation”), to provide updates on the activities of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development to the next meeting, including the recently published reports, and to reflect the WSIS process in the draft Strategic Plan of the Union for 2024-2027, facilitating progress towards the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Action Lines and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
		3. The group:

4.1.3.1 requested more information about the proposals in the UNSG’s common agenda to ensure they are aligned with the framework of WSIS&SDG to avoid duplicating existing multistakeholder processes. This would also help avoid additional expenses and use of resources.

4.1.3.2 recognized ITU’s strategic leadership role in the UN multistakeholder WSIS process, including the coordination with more than 30 UN agencies in implementing the WSIS Action Lines, and proposed to continue strengthening this leadership role.

4.1.3.3 appreciated the briefing by the Secretariat on the ICT-related discussions and outcomes of 76th UNGA, and the Secretariat was invited to continue providing inputs from New York in the future CWG-WSIS&SDG meetings.

4.1.3.4 noted with appreciation the Secretariat’s effort in aligning the framework of the WSIS&SDG with the proposals in the UNSG’s common agenda to avoid duplicating existing multistakeholder processes and encourage them to continue these efforts.

4.1.3.5 recognized ITU’s strategic leadership role in the UN multistakeholder WSIS process, including the coordination with more than 30 UN agencies in implementing the WSIS Action Lines, and proposed to continue strengthening this leadership role.

* 1. WSIS Forum
		1. The Group appreciated all efforts made towards the success of the WSIS Forum 2021 and its outcomes ([CWG-WSIS&SDG/38](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0018/en)).
		2. The Group appreciated all efforts made towards the preparation of the WSIS Forum 2022 including the following:

4.2.2.1 The Group noted the efforts put towards preparation of the WSIS Forum 2022, including all updates on the calls for action received towards the preparations of the WSIS Forum 2022, deadline of 7 March 2022 to contribute to the Open Consultation Process, invitation to contribute to the WSIS Forum 2022 Hackathon on ICTs and Indigenous Languages, and the WSIS Forum 2022 Special Prizes on ICTs for Preserving, Revitalizing and Promoting Indigenous Languages, as well as to the second edition of the WSIS Forum Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize.

4.2.2.2 The Secretariat was encouraged to continue strengthening the alignment between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs in the agenda, programme and outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2022.

4.2.2.3 The Group and the Secretariat were invited to explore collaborative ways of increasing participation, especially in the virtual format for the stakeholders coming from the developing countries (including LDCs).

4.2.2.4 The Group appreciated the voluntary efforts led by the stakeholders to enhance the work and outreach of the WSIS Forum and its Special Tracks through the special initiatives. The Secretariat was requested to further promote and coordinate the work of all the special initiatives, including WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons, WSIS Youth Campaigns, ICTs Against Hunger, WSIS Gender Trendsetters, and a new repository of Women in Technology hosted by the WSIS Stocktaking.

4.2.2.5 The Group noted the work by the WSIS Youth Campaigners in empowering youth.

4.2.2.6 ITU Membership was encouraged to participate actively in the WSIS Forum 2022, identify new thematic areas, propose innovative formats, and facilitate the participation of all interested stakeholders, with particular focus on the developing countries (including LDCs).

4.2.2.7 It was proposed that the WSIS Forum 2022 Agenda and Programme are shaped in consideration of the upcoming WTDC, which will be held following the final week of the WSIS Forum 2022.

* 1. ITU Contribution to the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

The Group encouraged the WSIS secretariat to work closely with BDT, TSB, BR, and the General Secretariat to input ITU activities and projects reflected in the Report to the WSIS Stocktaking Platform for the benefit of wider WSIS stakeholder community, and invited Directors of TSB and BDT to present the Report on implementation of the WSIS Outcomes by ITU-T and ITU-D, prepared in close collaboration with the WSIS secretariat and in accordance with the relevant resolutions, intended for consideration at WTSA-20 and WTDC-21, taking into account the revised template for ITU Roadmaps C2, C4, C5, and C6.

* 1. ITU Roadmaps C2, C4, C5 and C6
		1. The Group noted that the next edition of the ITU Roadmaps will be prepared in accordance with the template approved during the 36th CWG-WSIS&SDG meeting in January 2021, and in alignment with the Strategic Plan of the Union for 2024-2027, including the outcomes of WTSA-20 and WTDC-21.
		2. The Secretariat was requested to finalize arrangement of ITU as the lead facilitator of WSIS Action Line C4 (Capacity Building), and report to Council 2022.
		3. The Group appreciated ITU’s lead role as the WSIS Action Lines facilitator and implementer of the WSIS Action Line C4 (Capacity Building) and requested that this action line is to be added to the next edition of the Roadmaps.
	2. Regional activities towards alignment of WSIS and SDG processes

The Group encouraged the Secretariat to continue working closely with the ITU Regional Offices and UN Regional Commissions, as well as to explore collaboration with the regional telecommunication organisations, the Membership was invited to participate in the regional events organised by ITU and regional organisations on WSIS and SDGs, and the Vice Chairs of CWG-WSIS&SDG were encouraged to contribute towards regional reporting for the future meetings of CWG-WSIS&SDG.

* 1. WSIS Stocktaking Process
		1. The Membership was encouraged to participate actively in the WSIS Stocktaking activities and contribute by sharing good practices in responding to COVID-19 pandemic.
		2. The Group was invited to contribute to the various WSIS Stocktaking repositories and to consider working with WSIS Secretariat on launching other meaningful ICT-related repositories and reports.
		3. The Group invited the secretariat to use the WSIS Stocktaking platform to streamline and collect updated information from all three ITU sectors and General on the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and the SDGs.
	2. WSIS Prizes
		1. ITU Membership was encouraged to participate actively in the WSIS Prizes 2022.
		2. The secretariat was requested to explore strengthening communication and outreach to further benefit the global recognition of the WSIS Prizes contest and its awardees.
		3. The Group and the secretariat were invited to explore collaborative ways of increasing submissions from the developing countries (including LDCs).
	3. WSIS Gateway

The Group noted with appreciation the update on the ongoing procurement process, acquiring proposals for the redesign of WSIS Websites and Web Applications, the creation of the WSIS Gateway, and requested the secretariat to prepare as separate document briefing on WSIS Gateway for the future CWG-WSIS&SDG meetings.

* 1. UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)
		1. The Group appreciated the work of UNGIS and its contributions to the High-level Political Forum 2021, including the side events and the joint statements highlighting the importance of fostering the digital transformation and global partnerships for SDG achievement.
		2. The Group appreciated the report from UNESCO’s representative on WSIS+20, following the request to the secretariat to initiate consultations with the UNGIS UNGIS Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen to ascertain whether they have started planning towards WSIS+20.
		3. The Group appreciated the secretariat’s work on redesigning UNGIS website making it more interactive, user friendly, and for creation of the repository of projects by the UNGIS members on digital transformation.
		4. The Group also appreciated the good spirit and collaboration of UN Agencies as UNGIS members.
		5. The Group welcomed [UNGIS Dialogue on Role of Digitalization in the Decade of Action](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Content/upload/doc/dialogue2020/dtlstictinf2020d3_en.pdf)
	2. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
		1. The Group appreciated the WTISD-21 celebrations and recognized the benefits of organizing it as part of the WSIS Forum 2021.
		2. The Group was invited to actively participate in commemorating the theme of WTISD-22 throughout the year.
		3. The Group requested the secretariat to share the detailed plan of activities for the WTISD 2022 celebrations, aligning it with the WSIS Forum 2022 activities related to the ICT’s and Older Persons special track.
	3. Partnership on Measuring the ICT for Development
		1. Following the Group’s request for further explanations regarding the role of the Partnership in addressing the lack of consensus on the ITU index, the secretariat provided additional clarification on the role of the Partnership on improving the quality and availability of data for individual indicators, and informed that the partnership is not involved in the development of a future index, whose responsibility currently rests with EGTI/EGH, as per Res. 131.
		2. The Group noted the report on activity of Partnership on Measuring the ICT for Development and encouraged the secretariat to organise a workshop at the WSIS Forum 2022 and share the outcomes in the next CWG-WSIS&SDG meeting.
	4. WSIS Fund in Trust 2022
		1. The Group appreciated the contributions of the WSIS Forum 2021 partners.
		2. The group expressed its deep gratitude to the contributors to the WSIS Fund in Trust 2022: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, State of Qatar and IEEE.
		3. The Group invited the Membership and all WSIS stakeholders to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust and to explore the WSIS Forum 2022 partnership packages presented by the secretariat.
	5. ITU Sector Study Group activities related to the WSIS and SDG Process

The Study Groups were encouraged to actively contribute to all activities and calls for action of the WSIS process, including the WSIS Forum, WSIS Stocktaking, and WSIS Prizes and use their outcomes in work of the Study Groups.

1. **WSIS Activities related to COVID-19 Response (**[CWGWSIS&SDG37/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0006/en), [**CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/11**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0011/en)**)**
	1. The Group noted with appreciation the efforts made by the secretariat for providing opportunities for stakeholders to partner and collaborate during COVID-19.
	2. The Group and all stakeholders are invited to continue contributing to the year-long call to the WSIS Stocktaking COVID-19 Response – ICT Case Repository [www.wsis.org/stocktaking](http://www.wsis.org/stocktaking). All submissions received by 1 March 2022 will be featured in the third edition of the Report.
	3. The secretariat was requested to coordinate an electronic reference toolkit that will assist stakeholders in responding effectively to COVID-19 pandemic, under the framework of the WSIS Action Lines and the SDGs.
2. **Activities of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development (**[**CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/12**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0012/en)**)**: The Group appreciated the updates provided by the secretariat and invited them to continue providing updates on the activities of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development to the next meeting, including the recently published reports.
3. **Contribution by the Russian Federation - Proposals for the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG** ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/15](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0015/en))
	1. The Group noted the document presented by the Russian Federation.
	2. The Group recommended the secretariat to take into account the discussion during the meeting in preparation to the next meeting.
	3. The secretariat and the members of the group were invited to follow ICT-related discussions and outcomes of 76th UNGA, which are to be further discussed at the next CWGWSIS&SDG meeting.
4. **Discussion on the Overall Review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes: WSIS Beyond 2025**
	1. The Group discussed whether the ITU should initiate and coordinate the preparations towards the UNGA high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2025.
	2. The Group noted that the UN General Assembly had not yet decided on the modalities for the WSIS+20 review and decided to continue this conversation at the next CWG-WSIS&SDG.
	3. Bearing in mind the successful implementation of the WSIS Process since its launch, particularly emphasizing on the benefit for the developing countries, and on ITU as one of the leading UN agencies of this process, the Group recognized the importance to continue the implementation of the WSIS Process with ITU as a lead coordinator.
	4. The Group discussed ITU’s role in preparations towards the UNGA high-level meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2025, together with the UNESCO and other involved UN agencies. Proposals from the membership to the Council-22 and PP-22 will be appreciated.
	5. The Group requested the secretariat to provide more information from other UN entities about preparations for WSIS+20 and related UN processes, including UNGA, UNESCO, UNGIS, ECOSOC, CSTD, et al, to inform Member States in the preparation for PP-22.
	6. Some members of the Group requested the ITU Secretary-General to present the Draft ITU’s Roadmap on WSIS+20 at the ITU Council 2022, aiming to continue to play a lead role in the implementation of WSIS beyond 2025, in close collaboration with the UN agencies involved.
	7. Some members of the Group proposed a special session during the ITU Council 2022 to work on a WSIS+20 Roadmap highlighting ITU’s leadership role in the process while engaging with all UNGIS members
	8. The Group agreed to forward this Report to the CWG-SFP emphasizing on the importance of linking the Draft Strategic Plan with the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs.
	9. Contribution by the Russian Federation - Proposals for the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG([**CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/15**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0015/en))
		1. The Group noted the document presented by the Russian Federation with appreciation and noted that Group members could consider the proposals below in their preparations to PP-22:
			1. To recommend Member States to submit proposals to PP-22 for determination of the ways to prepare ITU for the WSIS review, to carry out work to fulfil the tasks set by WSIS within the framework of the responsibility and mandate of the ITU to implement the decisions of the Summit in close connection with the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.
			2. Following the good practice towards preparation for the WSIS+ 10 meeting, to take stock of the achievements, opportunities and challenges that have arisen due to the emergence of new technologies, in particularly affected by the pandemic.
			3. Building on the positive experience of the WSIS+10 Review preparatory process through Multistakeholder Preparatory Platform, by holding the WSIS + 10 High-level Event in the format of the extended WSIS Forum 2014 in preparation for the High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2015, to consider using this approach and in preparation for 2025 under WSIS + 20.
		2. It was also recommended to submit assessment document to the 2022 Council session on the implementation of the priorities of the WSIS+10 vision for WSIS beyond 2015, this could be a good foundation to the WSIS+20 Roadmap.
		3. To invite the ITU Secretary General to provide consultation and coordination with UNESCO and other interested members of UNGIS on preparation for the High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes in 2025, taking into account abovementioned approach.
		4. Some members of the Group expressed their support of above proposals.
		5. The group discussed on the using the term “digital society” in the Resolution 71 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) and consider that for the time being there is no definition of this term. In all relevant UNGA resolutions, including the latest one A/76/189, the UNGA used the term “information society”.
		6. The group propose to replace term “digital society” in the draft modification of Resolution 71 (ITU Strategic Plan 2024-2027) to “information society” and request the secretariat to inform CWG-CFP on this proposal.
		7. The members of the group and the secretariat were invited to:
			1. reflect relevant decisions of WTDC-21, WTSA-20 in documents prepared for PP-22.
			2. among proposals on further activity, to reflect main events, documents, trends and objectives in the field of WSIS&SDGs, which emerged since 2018, taking into account UNGA Resolutions 70/1 and 70/125, as well as relevant Sector’s resolutions.
5. **Preparation to PP-22 (**[**Resolution 140**](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-140-E.pdf)**)**
	1. Membership was invited to present views on the amendment of PP Resolution 140, taking into account, if any, new environment, including the impact of COVID-19, and ITU’s role in the preparation to 2025 UNGA overall review.
	2. The secretariat was invited to prepare a draft 4-year report on the Group’s activities to Council 2022 and PP-22, considering the final and comprehensive report by the Secretary-General on the ITU activities for WSIS implementation and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.
	3. The Group noted the document presented by the Russian Federation - *Proposals for the work of CWG-WSIS&SDG**(*[***CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/15***](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0015/en)*)* - which includes the proposed draft revisions to PP Resolution 140 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), and recommended to continue consultations between RTOs on a modification of the PP Resolution 140.
6. **ITU’s activities in relation to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
	1. **High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2021** ([CWGWSIS&SDG37/12](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CWGWSIS37-C-0012/en))

The secretariat presented the highlights of the HLPF 2021 and provided updates on ITU’s contributions to the HLPF 2021.

* 1. **ITU Council Contribution to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2022** ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/13](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0013/en))

10.2.1 Noting the letter from the President of the ECOSOC ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/INF/1](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-INF-0001/en)), the Group was invited to consider and endorse the draft input contained in document 38/3 to be presented to the Chair of Council for its submission by deadline of 1 March 2022.

10.2.2 The Group appreciated the document presented by the secretariat and acknowledged the challenges and difficulties of meeting the required deadlines.

10.2.3 Upon request to the secretariat, a correspondence group under the auspices of CWG-WSIS&SDG, open to all interested group members, was established to further consider the draft text, provide additional inputs and updates, and endorse the final ITU Council input to HLPF-22. A revised version was posted on 4 February 2022 for comments and inputs from the group members to be received by 18 February 2022. All inputs will be considered and consolidated when preparing the final version of the ITU Council contribution to HLPF 2022 will be sent to the Council Chairman by 25 February 2022 for its submission to the President of ECOSOC before the deadline of 1 March 2022.

* 1. **Roadmap for ITU's activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** ([**CWG-WSIS&SDG-38/14**](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0014/en))

The secretariat presented the document, which highlights ITU’s activities and engagements that are advancing the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and informed the Group on the plans and work dedicated towards mapping activities between ITU’s activities and SDGs, also highlighting the linkages with the WSIS Action Lines. These mapping activities will be reflected in a form of an interactive tool integrated in the new WSIS Gateway, which is currently being under construction.

1. **4-year report on the Group’s activities to Council 2022 and PP-22**

The draft 4-year report on the Group’s activities to Council 2022 and PP-22 was prepared by the CWG-WSIS&SDG management team together with the secretariat based on the annual CWG-WSIS&SDG reports to Council. The final report of the 4-year report will be submitted to Council-22 and PP-22.

1. **Other business**: The Group requested the secretariat to submit this Report to the CWG-SFP to take action, as appropriate.
2. On behalf of the CWG-WSIS&SDG, I would like to give special thanks to all the ITU Member States and Sector Members who made contributions and participated in the work of the CWG-WSIS&SDG since PP-18, and Vice-Chairmen Ms Aygun Ahmadova (Azerbaijan), Mr. Mario Canazza and Ms Renata Santoyo (Brazil), Mr. Cai Guolei (China), Prof. Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. Wojciech Berezowski (Poland), Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda), and Mr. Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia). I would also like to thank Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General; Mr. Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General; Mr. Mario Maniewicz, Director, BR; Dr Chaesub Lee, Director, TSB; and Ms Doreen Bogdan, Director, BDT. Appreciations were also expressed for assistance to Mr. Catalin Marinescu, Head of SPD, and the secretariat: Ms Gitanjali Sah, Mr. Vladimir Stankovic, Mr. Michael Kioy, Ms Ruth Sidabutar, Ms Ursula Wynhoven, Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Ms Victoria Sukenik, Ms Esperanza Magpantay, Mr. Thierry Geiger, Ms Nancy Sundberg, Mr. Mario Castro Grande, Mr. Kyung Tak Lee, Mr. Martin Euchner, Ms Alicia Soto Romero, Mr. Martin Schaaper, Ms Susan Teltscher, Mr. Nelson Malaguti, Ms Jeoung Hee Kim, Ms Charlyne Restivo, and Mr. Martin Adolph.

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