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| **Summary**This document provides the contents of the annual Report of ITU’s Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes for 2021 that is available online.**Action required**Members are invited to note the report of “ITU’s contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes for 2021”.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**ITU’s contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes is an annual report presenting activities of the three sectors and General Secretariat. Please find all annual reports here: <https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Contribution.aspx> [ECOSOC Res 2021/28](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2021/28); [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/2020/212](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2020/12); [UN ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2020/12](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/RES/2020/12); [Draft Resolution A/C.2/76/L.5](https://undocs.org/en/A/C.2/76/L.5); [UNGA Resolution A/RES/75/202](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N20/379/41/PDF/N2037941.pdf?OpenElement); [Draft Resolution A/C.2/76/L.5](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FC.2%2F76%2FL.56&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop); [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); [*Reports of the 18th, 19th, 20th,21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th , 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th CWG WSIS meetings*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx)*;* [*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 2017 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). |

**REPORT ON ITU’S CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE WSIS OUTCOMES (2021)**

ITU Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes is an annual report that provides an overview of ITU activities and projects related to the implementation of WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2021 report presents detailed information on the key WSIS related initiatives and activities undertaken since November 2020 to November 2021 from all the three ITU sectors (Standardization, Radiocommunication and the Development Sector) and the General Secretariat.

The Report contains ITU’s activities and projects related to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes showcasing direct linkages with the Sustainable Development Goals. ITU, in collaboration with stakeholders, has been highlighting the role of WSIS Action Lines and their contribution to the social, economic and environmental development. As the world recovers from and adjusts to the new normal created by the COVID-19 pandemic, ITU is mobilizing around the United Nations' call to build back better.

The annual report provides updates on the tasks carried out by the ITU at the operational and policy level, covering all assigned mandates with reference to the WSIS process, in particular:

* Lead facilitator (along with UNESCO and UNDP) in coordinating the multistakeholder implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action.
* Facilitator of Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure), C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs); and C6 (Enabling Environment).
* Co-facilitator of Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7 and C11; and partner for C8, C9 and C10.
* Rotating Chair of the United Nations Group on Information Society (UNGIS).
* Steering committee member of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Measurement.
* Facilitator of the WSIS Stocktaking process.
* Initiator and facilitator of the WSIS Prizes.
* Implementer of other WSIS outcomes.
* Coordinator of the WSIS Special Initiatives.

The annual report is submitted to the Council Working Group WSIS&SDG for information and will be considered as the official submissions from ITU for different internal and external WSIS and SDGs process related meetings, such as the ITU Council, UNCSTD and other WSIS related meetings. The report will also be submitted to the meetings and official calls related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the crosscutting role of ICTs in achieving the SDGs.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, which has underscored the urgent need for the global digital cooperation, and following the recognition of a greater need for collaboration at regional and global level, as long advocated by ITU, the cooperation among ITU Members and partners, including sister UN agencies, has been strengthened and has become central to ITU’s multi-stakeholder response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additionally emphasising need for implementation of the WSIS Outcomes.

**Following up on the inputs received during the previous Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG meetings, the Secretariat is working to redesign the Report, making it more interactive and engaging, while maintaining the essence of all reported activities.**

The *ITU Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes 2021* Report and the previous reports are available at: <https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Contribution.aspx>.

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