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| WSIS+20 FORUM HIGH-LEVEL EVENT (PREPARATIONS) |
| **Purpose**This document highlights the preparation towards the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, including the open consultation process and calls to action.  **Action required**Members are requested to **note** the information and **contribute actively** towards the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event preparatory process and all calls for action. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**References**UNGA Resolutions [A/RES/70/125](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F70%2F125&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False), [A/RES/70/1](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F70%2F1&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False), [A/RES/77/150](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/755/00/pdf/N2275500.pdf?OpenElement); UN ECOSOC Resolution [Resolution E/RES/2022/15](https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ecosoc_res_2022d15_en.pdf); [PP-10 Resolution 172 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution172-PP10.pdf); [PP-22 Resolution 140 (Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf); [Council Resolution 1332 (Modified, 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0119/en); [Council Resolution 1334 (Modified, 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en); [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](https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/inc/doc/outcome/362828V2E.pdf#page=21); [Final WSIS Targets 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) [World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 - WSIS+20 Roadmap;](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en) [www.wsis.org/forum](http://www.wsis.org/forum). |

The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 through its Resolution 140 resolves that the WSIS Forum 2024 should be branded as WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event in Geneva and serve as a platform for the WSIS+20 review to provide multistakeholder discussions and to take stock of the achievements and key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action.

The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will take place from 27 to 31 May 2024 in Geneva, hosted by Switzerland. Organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD, in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line co-/facilitators and other UN organizations, the Forum will continue to serve as a major global multistakeholder annual gathering facilitating the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for advancing sustainable development, high-level participation is expected. This includes Heads of State or Government (Presidents, Prime Ministers), Ministers of ICTs and other sectors, CEOs, Heads of Civil Society organizations, Academia, and the Technical Community (at the highest possible level).

During the course of the 5-day event, more than 3,000 participants are expected to attend, including 500 high-level representatives from all sectors.  The WSIS Forum next year will take place concurrently with the AI for Good Global Summit, which is scheduled for May 30-31, 2024, at CICG in Geneva, providing opportunity to bringing both communities together and fostering collaborations.

The WSIS+20 Forum HLE will include a series of plenary sessions, interactive panel discussions, high-level dialogues, thematic workshops, exhibitions, and networking events. An Open Consultation Process for the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will be launched in September 2023 to call for inputs from all stakeholders, inviting their valuable contributions. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to share their views, suggestions, and recommendations, shaping the event's agenda and program. The input received through this process will also contribute towards WSIS+20 review.  OCP for the WSIS+20 Forum HLE is structured in five phases, as follows:

* **Phase One:** September 2023 -Launch of the Open Consultation Process: stakeholders are invited to submit inputs and proposals on themes & innovative approaches for the Event ([www.wsis.org/forum](https://www.wsis.org/forum))
* **Phase Two:** 11 October 2023, 11:00-12:00 JST / 04:00-05:00 CEST - First Physical Meeting (*during the Internet Governance Forum 2023*) (*with remote participation facilities*)
* **Phase Three:** 14December 2023, 14:00-15:00 CEST **-** Second Physical Meeting (*ITU Headquarters, Geneva with remote participation facilities*)
* **Phase Four:** 31 January 2024 **-** Deadline for submission of official contributions and binding requests for workshops
* **Phase Five:** 15 February 2024, 14:00-15:00 CEST **-** Final Brief on the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event (*ITU Headquarters, Geneva with remote participation facilities*)
* **Phase Six:** Special WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event session (*ITU Headquarters, Geneva with remote participation facilities*)

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