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| FINAL REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE CWG-WSIS&SDG  39TH AND 40TH MEETINGS | |
| **Purpose**  This report summarizes the main results of the 39th and 40th meetings of the Council Working Group on WSIS&SDG (CWG-WSIS&SDG), in line with [140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf), and Council Resolutions: [1332 (Modified 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0119/en), and [1334 (Modified 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en).  **Action required**  The Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs is invited to consider this document to be submitted to the ITU Council 2024.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  UNGA Resolutions [A/RES/70/125](https://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/125), [A/RES/70/1](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1), [A/RES/77/150](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/755/00/pdf/N2275500.pdf?OpenElement), [A/71/212](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/212), [A/70/299](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/299), [A/70/684](https://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/684), [A/RES/73/218](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/73/218); UN ECOSOC [Resolution E/RES/2023/3](https://undocs.org/E/RES/2023/3); Resolutions [140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf), [172 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Documents/Resolution172-PP10.pdf), [Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-071-E.pdf) of the Plenipotentiary Conference; Council Resolutions [1332 (Modified 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0119/en), [1334 (Modified 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0120/en); WTDC Resolutions [30 (Rev. Kigali, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/opb/tdc/D-TDC-WTDC-2022-PDF-E.pdf); WTSA Resolutions [75 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/pub/publications.aspx?lang=en&parent=T-RES-T.75-2022); WRC Resolutions [61-2 (Modified 2019)](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-RES-R.61-2-2019); [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+10Report.pdf) [Report on the Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG Meetings held since PP-18](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0020/en); [Report on the Outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG Meetings held since Council 21](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0019/en); [Roadmap for ITU’s Activities to Help Achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CWGWSIS38-C-0014/en); [World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 - WSIS+20 Roadmap;](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/22/cl/c/S22-CL-C-0059!!MSW-E.docx)[CWG-WSIS&SDG website](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx); [Summary of 39th Meeting](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/23/cwgwsis39/c/S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0022!!MSW-E.docx); [Summary of 40th Meeting](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/24/cwgwsis40/c/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0015!!MSW-E.docx). | |

1. **Introduction**
   1. The work of the CWG-WSIS&SDG is based on the [1332 (Modified 2023)](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0119/en) and conducted in line with [140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-E.pdf), PP-22 also considered that CWG-WSIS&SDG that the ITU Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs (CWG-WSIS&SDG) has proven to be an effective mechanism for facilitating Member State inputs on the role of ITU in implementing WSIS outcomes and achievement of the SDGs.

## General update on the CWG-WSIS&SDG 39th and 40th Meetings

* 1. Virtual consultations of councillors in 2024 is to take note of the Report on the outcomes of the CWG-WSIS&SDG activities since Council 23, including recommendations ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/17](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0017/en)), and endorsed it through consultation by correspondence.
  2. Since Council 23 the CWG-WSIS&SDG held two meetings and considered 33 contributions and 15 information documents.
     1. [40th Meeting](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0013/en); held on 1-2 February 2024, ([Summary of 40th Meeting](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/24/cwgwsis40/c/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0015!!MSW-E.docx));
     2. [39th Meeting](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CWGWSIS39-C); held on 17 October 2023, ([Summary of 39th Meeting](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/23/cwgwsis39/c/S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0022!!MSW-E.docx));
  3. All documents, including the agendas and summaries of the two meetings, are available on the dedicated webpage [CWG-WSIS&SDG](https://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-wsis/Pages/default.aspx).
  4. Building upon the outcomes of the contributions provided to the 39th and 40th meetings, the Group took note of all documents with appreciation and made observations and recommendations to Council-24, as listed in this Report.

1. **Update on implementation and follow-up actions to relevant ITU and UN resolutions and processes**
   1. **PP-22 Resolution 140 and Council Resolutions 1332 and 1334 (**[CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/9](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0009/en))
      1. The Group was invited to actively contribute to the implementation.
   2. **UNGA Resolutions and Our Common Agenda**
      1. The Secretariat highlighted the references to the WSIS process and ITU’s activities in the UNGA adopted resolutions: [E/RES/2023/3](https://undocs.org/E/RES/2023/3), [A/RES/78/132](https://www.undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F78%2F132&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False), [A/RES/78/160](https://www.undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FRES%2F78%2F160&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False).
      2. The Secretariat presented the follow-up to the UNSG’s report and provided additional updates on the “Our Common Agenda” ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0002/en)).
   3. **Preparation of the Summit of the Future 2024**
      1. The co-facilitators of the Global Digital Compact provided a briefing virtually on the Global Digital Compact, reflecting the relevant letters and calls ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/INF-5](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/23/cwgwsis39/inf/S23-CWGWSIS39-INF-0005!!MSW-E.docx), and [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/INF/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0008/en)).
      2. The co-facilitators of the Summit of the Future provided a briefing virtually on the preparatory process, highlighting the relevant letters and calls ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/INF/4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0004); [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/INF/5](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0005); [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/INF/6](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0006)), with particular focus on the [Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0007).
      3. The Group thanked the co-facilitators of both processes for their contributions and collaborations and emphasized on the importance of the WSIS process as an existing platform for digital cooperation and its role in advancing the SDGs.
      4. Following the inputs presented at the 39th meetings ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0004)), including the [ITU’s input](https://www.un.org/techenvoy/sites/www.un.org.techenvoy/files/GDC-submission_ITU.pdf) to GDC consultations, at the 40th meeting the Secretariat presented details on ITU's involvement in the preparatory process of the Summit of the Future 2024 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0002/en)) and its active engagement in aligning the WSIS process with the Global Digital Compact and Summit of the Future([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0003/en)), emphasizing collaboration, coordination, and information dissemination.
      5. The Group noted the inputs by the Secretariat and urged the Secretariat to work closely with co-facilitators to highlight WSIS within discussions on the Pact for the Future ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/INF/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0007/en)). Additionally, exploring ways to integrate WSIS into the Pact and proposed that the ITU contribute within its mandate was suggested. ITU's continued collaboration with UN agencies and stakeholders in WSIS+20 Overall Review and alignment with the 2030 Agenda, GDC, and the Summit on the Future, was also highlighted.
   4. **Sustainable Development Goals Summit 2023**
      1. The Secretariat presented the outcomes of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit 2023 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0004)).
      2. The Secretariat presented updates on the SDG Action Weekend that took place prior to the SDG Summit 2023 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/18](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0018)), providing details on activities related to the [SDG Digital](https://www.itu.int/initiatives/sdgdigital/), [Partner2Connect](https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/partner2connect/), and the [High Impact Initiative on Digital Public Infrastructure](https://www.itu.int/initiatives/sdgdigital/digital-public-infrastructure/). The SDG Digital event was held at the UN Headquarters in New York on September 17th, in partnership with UNDP and with the UN System. Its main focus was on scaling digital solutions for the SDGs. The [SDG Digital Acceleration Agenda](https://www.undp.org/publications/sdg-digital-acceleration-agenda) was also launched during the SDG Digital event, with a comprehensive roadmap addressing critical challenges across 17 SDGs.
      3. The Group appreciated the convening of the SDG Digital, which demonstrated ITU’s leadership to showcase the power of digital to achieve the SDGs.
   5. **High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)**
      1. The Secretariat presented the ITU Council contribution, as well as the WSIS Forum contribution, at High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2023 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0003), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/14](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0014)).
      2. The Secretariat also provided updates on the ITU Council Contribution to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2024 document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/13](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0013/en) and provided updates on the ITU Council Contribution to the HLPF 2024, reflecting on theinformation documents: [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/INF/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0002/en) and [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/INF/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0003/en). It was indicated that this year’s HLPF will take place from 8 to 18 July 2024.
      3. In accordance with PP Resolution 140 (rev. Bucharest, 2022) and considering time constraints related to the deadline for the submission of the contributions to the HLPF-2024 and the 2024 Council session dates the CWG-WSIS&SDG, a draft ITU's contribution to the HLPF-2024 is to be published on 9 February 2024, inviting the CWG-WSIS&SDG membership to provide comments and suggestions. The final ITU's contribution to the HLPF-2024 will be submitted to the 2024 Council Chairman in due time. The ITU Council contribution to HLPF-2024 is to be submitted within the established procedure no later than 27 February 2024.
   6. **Follow up on the Roadmaps of CSTD and UNESCO on WSIS+20** 
      1. Chair of CSTD highlighted the work of CSTD, including the [CSTD Roadmap for the WSIS+20 Review](https://unctad.org/system/files/non-official-document/ecn162023_roadmap_p05_CSTDChair_en.pdf). Representative of UNCTAD, also provided an update on UN CSTD activities ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/INF-4](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/23/cwgwsis39/inf/S23-CWGWSIS39-INF-0004!!MSW-E.docx)).
      2. Representative of UNESCO presented the updates on the UNESCO’s roadmap on WSIS, including the Report by the Director-General on implementation of the WSIS outcomes - UNESCO’s roadmap towards the WSIS+20 review in 2025: follow-up and implementation: [UNESCO’s Roadmap Towards the WSIS+20 Review in 2025](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000379370)
   7. The representative of Japanprovided highlights on the outcomes of the **Internet Governance Forum 2023**, which was hosted by the Government of Japan in Kyoto from 8 to 12 October 2023 under the theme of “The Internet We Want – Empowering All People’. Further, representative of the IGF Secretariat, also reported on the IGF outcomes ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/INF/01](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-INF-0001/en)).
2. **ITU’s activities related to WSIS process and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
   1. **ITU’s Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes, ITU Roadmaps for WSIS Action Lines C2, C4, C5, C6, and the Implementation of ITU-D, ITU-T, and ITU-R resolutions on WSIS** 
      1. The Secretariat highlighted the ITU’s Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes Report for the year 2023 in documents [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/7](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0007) and [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/19](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0019/en), and presented activities of the three sectors and General Secretariat. The Report 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, UN CSTD and other WSIS related meetings.
      2. The Group thanked the Secretariat for presenting the draft [ITU Roadmaps C2, C4, C5 and C6 (2023)](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Roadmaps.aspx) that highlights the implementation and follow-up on the WSIS Action Lines where ITU is a lead-facilitator.
      3. Representatives from the three ITU sectors delivered a verbal presentation on the execution of activities outlined in WSIS-related resolutions and Sector Operational Plans. Detailed information is available in [ITU's Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes](https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Documents/ITUContribution/2023_ITU_Contribution_to_WSIS-Implementation-DRAFT-20231020.pdf).
   2. The Group noted the Secretariat’s input on the **Comprehensive report detailing the activities, actions, and engagements that the Union is undertaking in the context of the WSIS implementation and 2030 Agenda** [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0005/en) on the activities, actions, and engagements that the Union is undertaking in the context of the implementation of WSIS and the 2030 Agenda, as well as in their follow-up and review processes.
   3. **WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event** 
      1. The documents [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/5](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0005) and [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0004) on the preparation towards the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, were presented by the Secretariat.
      2. The Group appreciated the efforts by the Secretariat in the preparation towards the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event, which will take place from 27 to 31 May 2024 in Geneva and co-hosted by ITU and the Swiss Confederation, and will 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.
      3. The Outcomes of WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will be presented in the 2024 session of the Council, as well as the plans and preparations for the WSIS Forum 2025.
   4. The extrabudgetary nature of WSIS activity is highlighted, securing its funding through contributions to its dedicated trust fund ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0005/en), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/6](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0006)). In line with Council Resolution 1332 (Modified, 2023), all ITU membership and other stakeholders are encouraged to make voluntary contributions to the **WSIS Fund in** **Trust** to support activities relating to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and achievement of the SDGs, while the Council Resolution 1334 (Modified, 2023) encouraged the ITU membership to contribute to the WSIS Fund in Trust of the ITU to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the WSIS+20 Process.
   5. **WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes**
      1. The Secretariatpresented the updates on the coordination of the WSIS Stocktaking, as mandated by relevant UNGA and ITU resolutions, particularly highlighting the advancements of the WSIS Prizes, and innovations with P2C, GovStack, Generation Connect, and other partners and stakeholders ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/5](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0005/en), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/8](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0008), [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/9](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0009)).
      2. The WSIS Stocktaking, which contains more than 15,000 projects depicting their contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs, including those of the WSIS Photo Contest, remains as one of the major international repositories on global digital for development practices. The Members were encouraged to further promote this opportunity for sharing and recognizing best digital practices around the world. WSIS Prizes, as an integral part of the WSIS Stocktaking, remains as one of the most prestigious global awards, recognizing multistakeholders for their ICT projects and initiatives that are making impact on the ground and helping advance the SDGs.
      3. The WSIS Prizes achievements were presented, including those of the ongoing WSIS Prizes 2024. The Group was informed about the timeline, with the Winners ceremony taking place during the WSIS+20 Forum HLE.
      4. The WSIS+20 Stocktaking Report, highlighting the major achievements of this repository and the coordination efforts by ITU since 2004, will be presented to the WSIS+20 Forum HLE.
   6. The Secretariat updated the Group on the ongoing **WSIS Gateway** web-development of the redesign of WSIS websites and web applications to provide a new and unified web presence for all WSIS-related websites ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/10](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0010)). Thanks to contributions to the WSIS Fund in Trust, sufficient resources were secured to fund this project which is planned to be presented at the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event.
   7. The Secretariat provided information on the strengthening collaboration between the **ITU Study Groups** and the WSIS Process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/16](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0016)), highlighting the engagement of Study Groups towards the WSIS Forum.
   8. **United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)**
      1. The Secretariat updated on the activities of UNGIS ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/6](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0006/en) and [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/11](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0011)). ITU continues to provide secretariat support to UNGIS and maintains the official UNGIS website at [www.ungis.org](http://www.ungis.org/). The website features UNGIS members’ activities related to the WSIS+20 review.
      2. As the co-chair of UNGIS for the period 2023-2024 along with UNDP, ITU has played an active role in facilitating activities and events of UNGIS, highlighting the interagency coordination mechanism. Following activities were highlighted:
      * [Input to HLPF 2023](https://hlpf.un.org/inputs/united-nations-group-on-the-information-society-0) and [side event at HLPF 2023](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Articles/View/1211); UNGIS contribution will also be submitted to the HLPF 2024;
      * A meeting was organized at IGF-23, to highlight WSIS+20 review;
      * A meeting was organized at ITU HQ on 7 December with the co-facilitators GDC, providing updates on the Roadmap to GDC, and the [UNGIS contribution](https://www.un.org/techenvoy/sites/www.un.org.techenvoy/files/GDC-submission_UNGIS.pdf) to the GDC online consultation.
   9. The Secretariat updated the Group on the **implementation of the WSIS process at the regional level** in 2023 ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/17](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0017)), which is being coordinated in collaboration with the ITU Regional Offices, UN Regional Commissions, and other regional bodies, on holding regional WSIS reviews, exploring the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and SDGs in the regions.
   10. **Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development** was presented by the Secretariat [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/12](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0012). It depicts the activities of the Partnership since the previous report to the CWG-WSIS meeting in January 2022, including the work on ICT indicator methodology, the launch of the ITU’s Facts and Figures 2022 and of the ITU DataHub, and the Partnerships report to the UN Statistical Commission 2024.
   11. The Secretariat shared updates on the **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)** [CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/13](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0013) and informed about the themes for WTISD in 2024 and 2025, resolved by Council 2023 as "Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development" and "Gender Equality in Digital Transformation," respectively. The Secretariat provided oral updates on preparations for WTISD 2024 and invited Membership to actively engage.
   12. The Secretariat presented the **Roadmap for ITU’s activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0007/en) and highlighted ITU’s activities and engagements that are advancing the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.
   13. The Secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/14](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0014/en) and provided updates on the **Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development** activities in 2023.
3. **Preparation to the Overall Review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes: WSIS Beyond 2025**
   1. The Group noted with appreciation the efforts by the Secretariat in providing updates on the ongoing WSIS+20 review preparations, following the ITU SG’s WSIS+20 Roadmap and PP Resolution 140.
   2. Representative from UNESCO, provided a briefing to the meeting on UNESCO’s activities on the WSIS implementation process, in particular to the ongoing preparation to the WSIS+20 review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes.
   3. The Group noted with appreciation the collaboration between ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP and other UN agencies involved in the WSIS+20 review preparations.
   4. South Africa presented the Contribution by China and South Africa on WSIS+20 Review Process and the Vision of WSIS Beyond 2025: Contribution to the Summit of Future ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-39/20](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-s/md/23/cwgwsis39/c/S23-CWGWSIS39-C-0020!C1!MSW-E.docx)).
   5. The Secretariat presented the document [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/8](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0008/en) reflecting the updates on the implementation of the ITU Secretary-General’s roadmap ([ITU SGs WSIS+20 roadmap](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0059/en)) on the role of ITU in the WSIS+20 review process and its preparations (presented at the PP-22), noting the leadership role of the ITU in WSIS since its inception.
   6. Further updates on the ITU SG’s WSIS+20 Roadmap will be reported to the Council 24.
   7. In accordance with the Resolution 1334 (mod.2023) CWG-WSIS&SDG agreed to:
      1. invite the Secretariat to submit to 2024 Council session a first draft report on ITU's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes and its role in achieving the SDGs (2015-2025) for submission to the 2025 session of CSTD and UNGA
      2. invite the 2024 Council session after the consideration of the first draft the report on ITU's contribution to WSIS+20, due to time constraints related to the sequence of the 2025 CSTD session and the 2025 Council session and expected relevant ITU activities to be conducted after 2024 Council session to instruct the CWG-WSIS&SDG:
         1. to consider and agree on the report for ITU's contribution to WSIS+20 for further submission to the 2025 session of CSTD and UNGA;
         2. to report to the 2025 Council session accordingly.
   8. Following the multi-country contribution on [CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/12](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0012/en) an ad-hoc group was proposed by the Chair to further discuss this contribution. The ad-hoc group was chaired by Ms. Susanna Mattsson, Vice-Chair of CWG-WSIS&SDG. During the ad-hoc, the Group agreed to invite the Chair of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event to prepare a Chair’s Summary to complement the outcome document of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event.
4. **Other business**:
   1. The CWG discussed the multi-country contribution Proposal on encouraging Member States involvement in the participation of the ITU in digital-related activities ([CWG-WSIS&SDG-40/11](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CWGWSIS40-C-0011/en)).
   2. The contribution proposed the preliminary way forward on the ITU crucial role in advancing digital initiatives aligned with WSIS and SDGs. The contribution was inviting the Secretariat to inform the Member States of annual arrangement beforehand, so that the Member States can better anticipate the ITU’s activities and be better prepared to make contribution.
   3. The Secretariat informed the Group that the activities and events related to the WSIS Process, and the 2030 Agenda, are based on mandates from the PP and Council Resolutions, and that the major events are listed in the Schedule of future conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union: 2023-2026. In accordance with the CWG-WSIS&SDG Terms of Reference (Annex of the Council Resolution 1332), the method used for facilitating such comments has been through “its regular meetings, circular letters, questionnaires or other appropriate methods of query".

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