

VIRTUAL WSIS FORUM 2020 DRAFT AGENDA (as of 4 September 2020)

Virtual Workshops and Special Tracks: Starting from 22 June 2020 & Final Week: 7–10 September 2020

Please note that the agenda is subject to change and will be updated continuously

All times are given in Central European Summer Time (CEST/UTC/GMT+2)

June				
Date	Time			
	12:00 - 13:00	13:00 - 14:00	14:00 - 15:00	
Monday 22 June 2020	<p>** WSIS Forum 2020: High-Level Opening Ceremony of the Virtual WSIS Forum 2020 Workshops and Special Tracks **</p> <p>Appointment of the Chairman of the Virtual WSIS Forum 2020 [CC]</p>	<p>TW: Waste and Water Data Solutions for Reducing Environmental Impact (Womensai / European Water Project)</p>	<p>TW: Opening of the ICTs and older persons track GCOA and ITU</p> <p>Digital Inclusion Across the Generations to Enable the Decade of Healthy Ageing (GCOA/ITU)</p>	
Tuesday 23 June 2020	<p>TW: Story of ICTs for Development behind my Photograph: Learn More from Photo Contest Finalists about Projects Implementing ICTs for Achieving SDGs (WSIS)</p>	<p>TW: Using technologies to combat COVID (Open Health Network)</p>	<p>TW: ICTs and Older Persons Empower seniors to be e-included (EURAG Federation of European Associations of Seniors + E-Seniors association (Paris))</p>	
Wednesday 24 June 2020	<p>TW: WSIS Prizes 2020 Champion Success Stories of WSIS Action Lines Implementation and SDGs Advancement (WSIS)</p>	<p>TW: AI Governance: The business perspective (RegHorizon)</p>	<p>TW: ICTs and Older Persons: Combining High-Tech and High Touch: How ICTs are Enhancing the Caregiving Space (GCOA)</p>	<p>Region: Latin America CW: Digital Technologies during and post COVID-19: What has been the response of Latin America in this pandemic?</p> <p>Tecnologías Digitales durante y post COVID-19: Cuál ha sido la respuesta de América Latina en esta pandemia?</p> <p>(Dominican Republic)</p> <p>(17:00-18:00 CEST)</p>
Thursday 25 June 2020	<p>TW: WSIS Prizes 2020 Champion Success Stories of WSIS Action Lines Implementation and SDGs Advancement</p>	<p>TW: Digital Ecosystem for Earth (Group on Earth Observations)</p>	<p>TW: ICTs and Older Persons: Responsible use of the cyberspace: tips and hints for Seniors (EC Medici Framework)</p>	
Friday 26 June 2020	<p>TW: Digital Accessibility in a Covid-19 World (Inter Islamic Network on Information Technology (INIT), UNESCO Chair in ICT4D at Royal Holloway, University of London, & COMSATS University Islamabad, Pakistan) [CC]</p>	<p>TW: Smart City Governance: Transforming Mashhad to the smart city (ITC organization of Mashhad Municipality/ Mashhad Municipality/ Arianous ICTD / ICT Research Institute)</p>	<p>TW: ICTs and Older Persons: ICT Literacy to Empower and Include Older Persons (CSEND)</p>	
Monday 29 June 2020	<p>TW: Digital adaptation: how to develop a system that is cost effective and deliver sustainability (SWISS Engineering)</p>	<p>TW: E-governance and smart cities (Geneva Tsinghua Initiative)</p>	<p>TW: ICTs and Older Persons: Artificial Intelligence and Voice Enabled Devices to Assist Dementia Patients in Indian (Jain Institute of Technology)</p>	
Tuesday 30 June 2020	<p>TW: Leveraging technology to achieve sustainable Mental Health: Successful experiences from around the globe and how can we replicate them (Houda Ounnas)</p>	<p>TW: Innovative 'SMART Villages' Driving Food Security through Digital Resilience across the Agriculture Value Chain (eWorldwide Group)</p>	<p>TW: ICTs and Older Persons: Universal Design, Standards, ICT and Older Persons in Support of UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (CSEND)</p>	

July

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	12:00 - 13:00	13:00 - 14:00	14:00 - 15:00	
Wednesday 1 July 2020	TW: Driving Sustainable Growth by Educating Marginalised Girls (ESOA)	TW: Opening of ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming track (WSIS Gender Group)	TW: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all: How COVID-19 Is Reshaping the Future of e-Learning and Online Innovation for Universities (Geneva Tsinghua Initiative)	
Thursday 2 July 2020	TW: ICTs and Youth: The Role of Youth Leadership in times of Global Crisis (AIESEC in Switzerland)	TW: EQUALS in Tech - empowering women entrepreneurs through e-commerce (EQUALS/ITC/ITU/UNCTAD)	TW: Children and the digital transformation of public services: Identifying trends (UNICEF/UNU-EGOV)	
Friday 3 July 2020	TW: Are we forgetting the Digital Inclusion of Marginalised Groups? Recommendations for monitoring Digital Inclusion (DFS/UNU-EGOV)	TW: The Innovative Edge: Why Role Models are Key to Close the Digital Gender Gap Globally (Empowermen Lab)	TW: Supporting the Generation of Technology Creators (Habitat Association)	
Monday 6 July 2020	TW: Redefining Tech Hub Business Models Post Covid: A New Approach to Startup Support (UN International Trade Centre)	TW: Specific services to empower women entrepreneurs, helping them bridge the digital divide (Andalucía Emprende Fundación Pública Andaluza)	TW: Digital Identity in Africa: Facts, challenges and opportunity (Digital Coalition)	
Tuesday 7 July 2020	TW: Cyber security standards norms and approach (Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.)	TW: Women engineers and technicians contributing to the ICTs related SGDs and WSIS objectives (womenvai)	TW: How to Make Tech Development Work for Sustainable Development (IEEE - Partner for Specific Activities)	WSIS Forum 2020 Exhibition Inauguration (WSIS) 11:30-12:00 CEST
Wednesday 8 July 2020	TW: Bridging the digital divide: how ITU-T standards enable installation of optical fibre cable in remote areas (ITU-T SG15 and Global Plan Inc.)		TW: Facing Realities in Digital Transformation: Emerging Trends and Challenges (ITU-D Study Groups)	
Thursday 9 July 2020	TW: Opportunity in Inclusive Information Society in 5G era (Internet Society of China)	TW: African Women in ICT: Overview of the change makers in the continent (Digital Coalition)	TW: A roadmap to a trusted Cloud for Good (ITU-D Study Group)	
Friday 10 July 2020	TW: Digital Transformation & Innovations in Cyber Security, ICT based on 5G,IOT, Blockchain, AI, VR, Big Data & other new technologies and Linking Education with ICTs Capacity Building & Employability (CMAI Association of India)	TW: Speak UP, Stand UP, for cyber safety!! (UN Women)	TW: Digital innovation to counter the impact of climate change (International Chamber of Commerce Business Action to Support the Information Society)	
Monday 13 July 2020	TW: Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity (International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime & Cybersecurity / Cyberlaw University)	TW: ICT and Accessibility: Safe Listening (ITU/WHO) [CC]	TW: Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence for Impact (GSMA)	
Tuesday 14 July 2020		TW: ICT and Accessibility: Universal Design as a Mechanism for Sustainable Development (OSLO Metropolitan University) [CC]	TW: Story of ICTs for Development behind My Photograph: Learn More from Photo Contest Finalists about Projects Implementing ICTs for Achieving SDGs (WSIS)	
Wednesday 15 July 2020	TW: Living the standard – how can the Information and Knowledge Society live to an ethical and FAIR Standard without needing to refer to a Codes of Ethics (IFIP IP3)	TW: How to engage the whole audience: innovation in media accessibility Workshop (ITU Intersector Rapporteur Group Audiovisual Media Accessibility) [CC]	TW: Promoting Rural Broadband Access Through Partnerships and Policy Reform (Alliance for Affordable Internet)	

Thursday 16 July 2020	TW: Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Citizen Informed, Engaged, Empowered and Transformed for Inclusive, Diverse, Resilient and Trustworthy Information Societies (IFIP/UNESCO)	TW: ICTs and Accessibility: UN collaborative efforts towards SDGs, CRPD and UNDIS implementation in Digital Accessibility (ITU and Partners) [CC]	TW: Why are digital skills important in refugee camps? Introduction of Mondo's digital skills program (Estonia/Uganda/NGO Mondo)
Friday 17 July 2020	TW: Global Programs and Conventions: Coherence and Mutual Synergies from Holistic Information Management (CODATA-Germany)	TW: ICTs and Accessibility: Leaving Nobody Behind in the age of Smart Cities and Advances in Technology (ITU Joint Coordinating Activity on Accessibility and Human Factors) [CC]	Key Highlights and Announcements (WSIS)

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Monday 20 July 2020	TW: Benchmarking the 100 most influential ICT companies to drive digital inclusion globally (World Benchmarking Alliance)	High-Level Policy Session 1: Bridging Digital Divides (WSIS)		High-Level Policy Session 2: Bridging Digital Divides (WSIS)
Tuesday 21 July 2020	TW: International Conference on Digital Transformation of Higher Education: Road towards SDG 4 (CMAI Association of India)		High-Level Policy Session 3: ICT Applications and Services (WSIS)	
Wednesday 22 July 2020		High-Level Policy Session 4: Building Confidence and Security in the use of ICTs (WSIS)	TW: AI for Equality (Women in AI)	High-Level Policy Session 5: Building Confidence and Security in the use of ICTs (WSIS)
Thursday 23 July 2020	CW: Global Digital Marketplace (UK Government Digital Service - Cabinet Office)	High-Level Policy Session 6: Inclusiveness, Access to Information and Knowledge for All (WSIS)	High-Level Policy Session 7: Digital Economy and Trade/ Financing for Development and role of ICT	
Friday 24 July 2020	CW: Designing a country-specific digital maturity model and a digital transformation roadmap (Estonia)		High-Level Policy Session 8: WSIS Action Lines and 2030 Agenda / Enabling Environment (WSIS)	
Monday 27 July 2020		ALFM: E-7 Environment: Climate Change and early warning for climate action (WMO/ITU)		High-Level Policy Session 9: Knowledge societies, Capacity building and e-Learning
Tuesday 28 July 2020	CW: Workshop on Internet-based Poverty Alleviation & Digital Economy (China Academy of Information and Communications Technology)		High-Level Policy Session 10: Ethical Dimensions of Information and Knowledge Societies (WSIS)	
Wednesday 29 July 2020		ALFM Action Line C4 and Action Line C7 E-employment (ITU/ILO)	High-Level Policy Session 11: Gender Mainstreaming (WSIS)	
Thursday 30 July 2020	TW: To Choose is to Renounce (Confucius Institute at the University of Geneva)	ALFM Action Line C6: Enabling Environment (ITU)		
Friday 31 July 2020	TW: ICANN and ITU-D's Capacity Building Activities for Governments (Contributing Partner)	ALFM Action Line C5: Cybersecurity (ITU)	TW: The Business of Esports (WSIS)	

August

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Monday 3 August 2020	TW: ICTs and Sports: Game for Good: Gaming industry for positive social impact (Europe China Foundation)	TW: ICTs and Youth: Youth Track Power Talks (WSIS)	IGF Outreach Event (IGF Secretariat)	
Tuesday 4 August 2020	TW: ICTs and Sports: Use of Sport and ICTs with Refugees (ITU)	TW: ICTs and Youth: ICTs and development/SDGs from their diversified perspectives (AIESEC)	TW: 15 Years & Beyond: Building the Information Society of the Future (UNCTAD)	
Wednesday 5 August 2020	TW: ICTs and Sports: The Art of Esport (International Game Developers Association)	TW: ICTs, WSIS and UN for AIESEC communities (AIESEC)		
Thursday 6 August 2020	TW: ICTs and Sports: How Technology democratized virtual world creation? (Virtuals.co)	High-level Dialogue: Women and emergency telecommunications: ensuring gender equality in building disaster resilience (ITU/UNDRR/EBU)		
Friday 7 August 2020	TW: ICTs and Sports: Education and Gaming (Mokuni LLC)	TW: Co-creating innovative learning - Combine user-centred design with innovative edtech (VR, game-based learning, chatbots) to co-create innovative learning locally (Humanitarian Leadership Academy)		
Monday 10 August 2020	TW: Milestones for the process of the elaboration of the Zanzibar Declaration (ZB) on Sustainable ICT, Education and Learning - Where we are? How to contribute? How to be pro-active? (IFIP)	TW: From Digital Divides to Digital Dividends (Incitare)	TW: ICTs and Older Persons: Health Systems Change for Healthy Aging: The Role of Remote Care & AI (GCOA)	
Tuesday 11 August 2020		WSIS Arab Regional Meeting	TW: ICTs and Older Persons: Digital Inclusion of Older Persons (UNDESA)	WSIS Regional Review for Asia & the Pacific (UNESCAP) 09:00 – 10:30 CEST
Wednesday 12 August 2020	TW: Universities and digital transformation (Iran University of Science and Technology)	CW: Empowering a Reliable, Safer, and Trustworthy Digitally Connected (Indonesia)	TW: ICTs and Older Persons: Value of the Older Workforce: The Emergence of Senior Entrepreneurship and the Multi-Generational Workplace (GCOA)	
Thursday 13 August 2020	CW: Towards connecting the unconnected and promoting the digital economy (Rwanda - Contributing Partner)	TW: Transformational Learning for sustainable development: lessons from the Global Competence Online Project (Fudan University, Shanghai China)	TW: ICTs and Older Persons: Health Systems Change for Healthy Aging: The Role of Remote Care & AI (GCOA)	
Friday 14 August 2020	TW: WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes (WSIS)		TW: Closing of ICTs and Older Persons track: Scaling Technology for Health and Economic Value for Healthy Ageing (GCOA)	

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Monday 17 August 2020	TW: Data High: Data Management Education (The Data Association Management Italy in collaboration with FIT Academy)	TW: How can the public and private sectors collaborate to advance digital inclusion in emerging markets (KaiOS technologies)	WSIS Americas Regional Meeting	
Tuesday 18 August 2020	TW: Artificial Intelligence: beyond the hype (Open Health Network, RegHorizon, TietoEvyry)	TW: Measurement of Progress towards the SDGs through ICT Indicators (Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development)		

Wednesday 19 August 2020	TW: How to microfinance projects using Ignis blockchain crowdfunding platform (Jelurida Swiss SA)		TW: Hack the Gaps - Digital solutions for the UN SDGs (WSA - Global. Digital. Purpose Driven.)
Thursday 20 August 2020	TW: The use of Decentralized Identities (DIDs) in development projects (University of Geneva/Geneva Macro Labs/INATBA)		TW: E-learning: 'Connecting the two worlds through online programs that build a bridge between students in connected and disconnected countries.' (EduMatters)
Friday 21 August 2020	Outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2020 (WSIS)	WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes	ALFM Action Line C7: E-Agriculture (FAO/ITU)
Monday 24 August 2020		TW: Changing men's attitudes to women and technology: A TEQTogether initiative (TEQTogether, UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, COMSATS University Islamabad, Inter Islamic Network on Information Technology)	ALFM Action Line C1, C7: E-Government and C11: Digital government during the times of pandemic and beyond (UNDESA)
Tuesday 25 August 2020		CW: Trustworthy Digital Society (United Arab Emirates - Platinum Partner)	
Wednesday 26 August 2020	WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes	CW: UAE's Readiness to Counter Pandemics (United Arab Emirates - Platinum Partner)	ALFM C7: E-Business: Accelerating e-business creation of value in developing countries (UNCTAD/UPU/ITC)
Thursday 27 August 2020	TW: SmartCity: A concrete Guide to drive Citizens' engagement for Innovation (Open Geneva)	CW: How Saudi Arabia is deploying ICTs against COVID-19 – and beyond (Saudi Arabia - Gold Plus Partner)	TW: We believe in games: Free and humanitarian digital games for all (Video Game Without Border Association)
Friday 28 August 2020	CW: Innovation in Connectivity: Meaningful connectivity as an innovation (UKE POLAND)	ALFM Action Line C2: Information and Communication Infrastructure: Identifying Unconnected Population: Mapping the last mile (ITU)	TW: Ideathons for the SDGs for Agenda 2030 (Fundación Cibervoluntarios)
Monday 31 August 2020	WSIS Implementation in Africa (ITU/ATU/ECA)	TW: 5G and broadcasting (ITU)	TW: Responsible Esports (Interactive Software Federation of Europe)

September Final Week of the Virtual WSIS Forum 2020

Date	Time			
	12:00 - 13:00	13:00 - 14:00	14:00 - 15:00	15:00 - 16:00
Monday 7 September 2020	Official Opening Segment: Opening Ceremony [CC] https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EtIWcOYXRNu0qi-omg-CBw	Opening Segment: WSIS Prizes 2020 Awards Ceremony [CC] https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EtIWcOYXRNu0qi-omg-CBw	Opening Segment: Appreciation Ceremony for WSIS Forum 2020 Partners - High-level Dialogue: WSIS Action Lines and SDGs: Strengthening multistakeholder partnership[CC] (14:00-15:15 CEST) https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EtIWcOYXRNu0qi-omg-CBw	
Tuesday 8 September 2020	High-level Dialogue: Ensuring Trustworthy Healthcare in an AI World (ITU) [CC]	Ministerial Round Table (Ministers only) (13:00-14:30 CEST)		Outcomes of the High-level Policy Sessions and Conclusion of High-Level Track by Chairman [CC]

	https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_itYy2hW6QnOvXgEg74w0RO	High-level Dialogue: Promoting Global Cooperation to harness the power of AI to mitigate COVID-19 (UNESCO) [CC] https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8ygvDQMkSlyrkaMllnft1w		https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_twgu5TidQnWudfsgLgCb1w
Wednesday 9 September 2020	WSIS UN Regional Commissions Meeting Round Table (<i>UN Regional representatives only</i>)	High-level Dialogue: 15 Years of the Implementation of WSIS (ITU)[CC] (13:00-14:15 CEST) https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7A2CxyL0QMmn0rOilkCd9A	High-level Dialogue: Building back better with broadband (ITU) [CC] https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_shY8bAHLQf-Q5ObviC8hza	Launch of the Open Consultation Process WSIS Forum 2021 https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SlPaSk0CR1yklBCimm8m3Q
	WSIS Forum 2020 Highlights and Key Achievements to date https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y48prBZ5QICFbu23tsH54w	High-level Dialogue: UNESCO OER Recommendation: Implementation in the age of Covid-19 (UNESCO) [CC] https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0ZgHTUURFa1Z441H7I2Xg		
Thursday 10 September 2020	UNGIS Meeting (<i>UNGIS members only</i>)	WSIS Action Line Facilitators Meeting [CC] https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IA7tP6KLS4-e28OG1GU6Rw	Closing Ceremony [CC] https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IA7tP6KLS4-e28OG1GU6Rw	
	WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes Interactive Session https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EDn9FffPQxSmtq6NAk6Udw			

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS	
Date	Time
Monday 22 June 2020 (10:00-11:30 CEST)	Region: Europe and Central Asia Fostering Digital Agriculture in Europe and Central Asia: Status of Digital Agriculture in Eighteen Countries of ECA (ITU/FAO)
Wednesday 24 June 2020 (17:00-18:00 CEST)	Region: Latin America Digital Technologies during and post COVID-19: What has been the response of Latin America in this pandemic? Tecnologías Digitales durante y post COVID-19: Cuál ha sido la respuesta de América Latina en esta pandemia? (Dominican Republic)
Monday 29 June 2020 (10:00-11:30 CEST)	Region: Europe Protecting Children and Young Persons Online in Europe (ITU) (10:00-11:30 CEST)
Wednesday 1 July 2020 (15:00-16:00 CEST)	Region: Latin America Liderazgo y tecnología en el siglo 21. Idioma: Español (Fundación Abba Colombia)
Friday 17 July 2020 (18:15-19:15 CEST)	The Community Internet Experience (VIASAT)
Monday 7 September 2020 (17:00-18:00 CEST)	How to design and develop communities and active collaborative networks for women's entrepreneurship with local impact and global reach (Andalucía Emprende, Fundación Pública Andaluza) https://itu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OAJ-QvQWRpg6qU3ea_i8fw



The virtual workshops may be conducted in a flexible time slot, if it is targeted for a regional audience. If you are interested in organising a regional workshop, please send a mail to Gitanjali Sah (gitanjali.sah@itu.int) and Ruth Sidabutar (ruth.sidabutar@itu.int). We will find a slot in the agenda for you and we would also welcome if you wish to conduct the session entirely in one of the UN six languages (apart from English) targeting a regional audience.

Virtual Workshop Rooms

Please note that the links for the Virtual Workshop Rooms will be available on the WSIS Forum 2020 website shortly, we will be using Zoom for the workshops. You will be invited to register to access the Virtual Workshop.

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High-Level Opening Session Opening Ceremony High-Level Policy Session Closing Ceremony High-Level Dialogue	Ministerial Round Table	Action Line Facilitators Meeting UNGIS	Country Workshop	Thematic Workshop	WSIS Prizes
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