TIMELINE FOR THE AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF THE VIRTUAL WSIS FORUM 2020

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	28 May	22 June	July	August	7-10 September
OCP Special briefing to all Stakeholders on the Virtual Format and Programme					
Virtual Workshops and Special Tracks					
Virtual Hackathon					
High-Level Policy Session webinars			*Avoid the HLPF dates: 7-16 July		
Final Week of the Virtual WSIS Forum 2020 : High-level Component, WSIS Prize Ceremony, Reporting on Outcomes of workshops and Action Line Meetings					

AGENDA AND PROGRAMME:
Workshops and Special Tracks (22 June onwards)

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- Number of workshops per day: 3
- Duration of workshops for each workshop: 1 hour
- No workshops will take place in parallel
- Workshops will take place during 12:00-15:00 Geneva time (for best global outreach and inclusion)
- Workshop Organizers will be provided with the choice to suggest time slot suited best to their region, in case the target audience is regional
- Outcomes of the Workshops will be presented during the final week of the Virtual WSIS Forum 2020

Time	22 June (Monday)	23 June (Tuesday)	24 June (Wednesday)
12:00-13:00	ICT Accessibility	ICT Accessibility	ICT Accessibility
13:00-14:00	ICT and Older Persons	ICT and Older Persons	ICT and Older Persons
14:00-15:00	Digital Divide	Digital Divide	Digital Divide
Other timing suggested	Regional Workshops	--	--

Time	28 May	22 June Virtual Exhibition	July Virtual Exhibition	August Virtual Exhibition	FINAL WEEK VIRTUAL WSIS FORUM 2020 Virtual WSIS Forum 2020 (7-10 September 2020)			
					7 September Monday	8 September Tuesday	9 September Wednesday (WSIS Regional Implementation Day*)	10 September Thursday
12:00-13:00		Virtual Workshops and Special Tracks	Virtual Workshops / Hackathon	Virtual Workshops / Hackathon	Official Opening Segment: • SG, UN Heads • Sponsors • Appointment of Chairman • High-Level Discussions	Ministerial Round Table (ministers only) Outcomes of Workshops and Special Tracks Outcomes of Workshops and Special Tracks	WSIS UN Regional Commission meeting WSIS Action Line Meeting WSIS Action Line Meetings	UNGIS Meeting (UNGIS members only) WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes Interactive Session Outcomes of Workshops and Special Tracks
13:00-14:00		Virtual Workshops and Special Tracks	Virtual Workshops and Special Tracks	Virtual Workshops and Special Tracks	Opening Segment: WSIS Prizes 2020 Awards Ceremony (30 Minutes) Hackathon Winners and outcomes	High-Level Dialogues High-Level Dialogues	WSIS Action Line Meetings WSIS Action Line Meetings	WSIS Action Line Facilitators Meeting
14:00-15:00	OCP Special Briefing on the Virtual Format and Programme	Virtual Workshops and Special Tracks	High-Level Policy Session webinar	Virtual Workshops and Special Tracks	Opening Segment: High-Level Dialogue with sponsors and other high levels	Outcomes of the High-level Policy Sessions and Conclusion of High-Level Track by Chairman	WSIS Action Line Meetings WSIS Action Line Meetings	Closing Ceremony

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Registration System

22 June - 10 September: An integrated registration system will be made available for participants to access the Workshops in the programme of the WSIS Forum 2020 starting from 22 June until the final week of the Virtual WSIS Forum on 7 - 10 September.
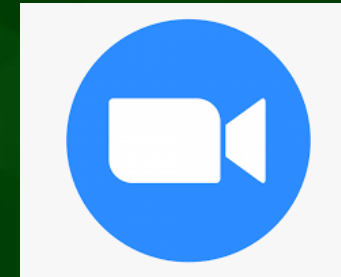
Networking Opportunities for Participants

A virtual space will be provided for all registered participants to network with each other through imeetyouatWSIS.

Virtual Conferencing and Networking Tools

imeetyouatWSIS

- Programme of the virtual WSIS Forum 2020
- Networking
- Virtual Exhibition

Zoom

- Virtual Webinars and Meetings

Workshops and Special Tracks

- Training videos and guidelines will be made available for the workshop organisers and participants.

- Briefing Q&A sessions will be scheduled for workshop organisers

- Agenda and programme with the scheduled virtual workshops will be shared with the workshop organisers

- Summary of virtual workshops will be provided in the final week of the Virtual WSIS Forum 2020

HIGH-LEVEL TRACK

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High-level Policy Sessions

The High-level Policy Sessions will be scheduled prior to the final week of the virtual WSIS Forum 2020 in the form of live webinars, moderated by the already selected and appointed High-Level Track Facilitators.

Ministerial Round Table

This meeting will be held in a virtual format as a closed meeting during the final week of the virtual WSIS Forum 2020.

Chairman

The Chairman will be appointed during the opening ceremony on the 1st day of the final week of the virtual WSIS Forum and will provide a conclusion of the High-Level Track on Tuesday.

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WSIS PRIZES 2020: Virtual Ceremony

- The Virtual Ceremony will take place during the WSIS Forum 2020 Virtual opening segment on Monday, 7 September, 13:00-14:00 CEST UTC+2

- A program will consist of Secretary-General live speech and announcement of the WSIS Prize 2020 Winners through a compilation video, and individual video presentations of the winning projects

- Digital certificates will be presented to WSIS Prizes 2020 Champions, and special promotion activities will be prepared in form of visual announcements

WSIS PRIZES 2020

- WSIS Stocktaking Publications will be launched during the ***Virtual Interactive Session on WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes,*** which will be held on 10 September, 13:00-14:00

- ***WSIS Prizes Network Virtual Round Table 2020*** for former awardees will be held

- 90 WSIS Prizes 2020 Champions will be presented through **series of eighteen virtual presentations** based on eighteen WSIS Action Line Categories, starting from 22 June

- **WSIS Prizes 2020 Winner Exhibition** will be launched during the final week and will remain available in virtual spaces (WSIS websites and Social Media) afterwards

- Special online networking space **Meet the Winners and Champions** will be made available during the WSIS Forum 2020 and will remain open afterwards

WSIS Stocktaking 2020 Publications

Nine electronic publications are under preparation and will be launched during the Virtual Interactive Session on WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes to be held during WSIS Forum 2020 on 10 September 2020:

- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2020 (Global)
- 6 Regional WSIS Stocktaking Reports 2019-2020
- WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2020 (WSIS Prizes 2020 Winners)
- WSIS Stocktaking ICT Case Repository: The Coronavirus Response Special Report

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response ICT Case Repository

150+ projects and activities have been submitted from 50+ countries showcasing good practices during the Coronavirus disease

As a part of the WSIS Stocktaking ongoing efforts to promote the good use of ICTs in making social impact, and in order to provide useful, replicable and actionable information to all WSIS community and beyond, the platform is now available for collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by this extraordinary pandemic. The aim of this repository is to help communities to continue to partner, collaborate and implement in these exceptional circumstances.
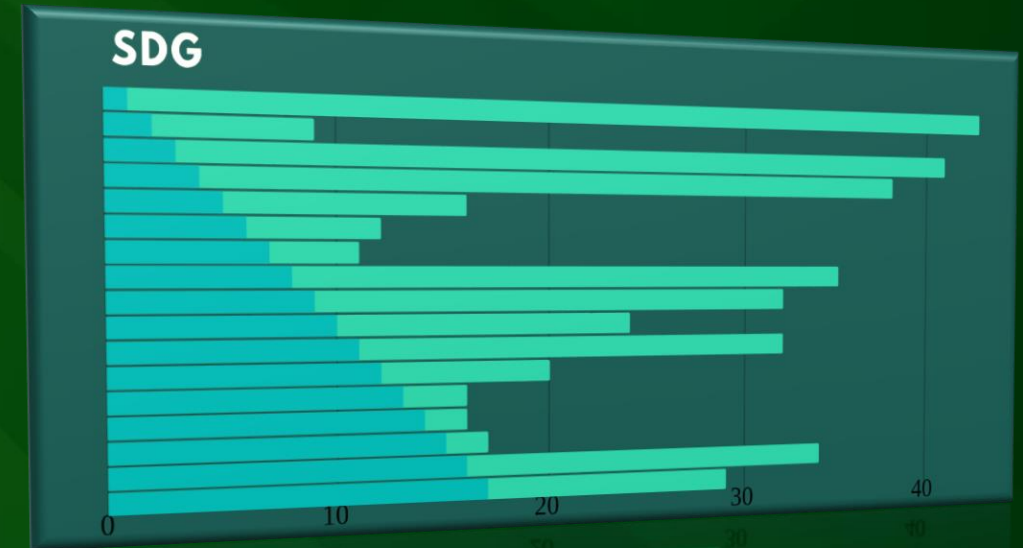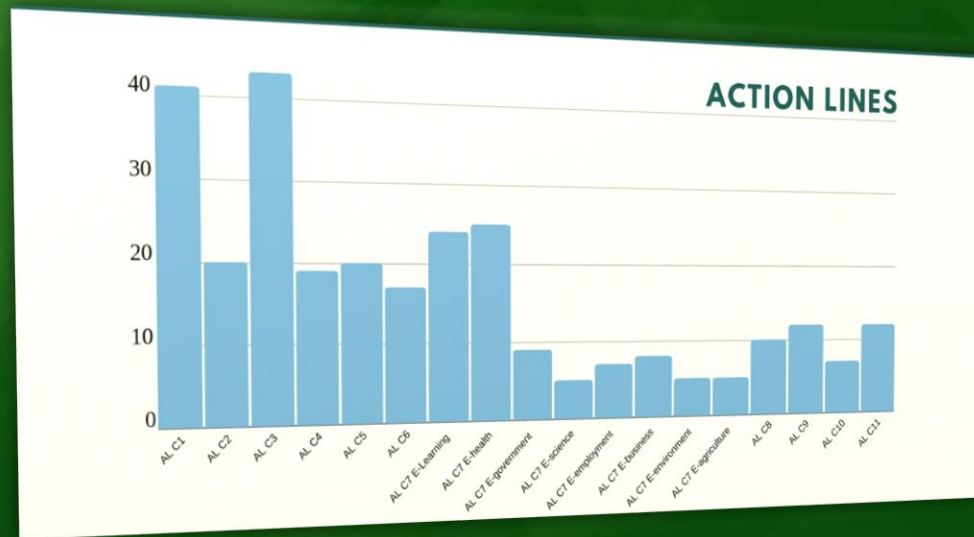
Stakeholder Type

Academia	7	8.3%
Civil Society	19	22.6%
Government	23	27.4%
International Organization	2	2.4%
Other	14	16.7%
Private Sector	19	22.6%

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All submitted projects presented linkages with WSIS Action Lines and Sustainable Development Goals

Virtual WSIS TalkX

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Overview

Starting in April, at the request of WSIS Stakeholders, the WSIS Team has hosted 11 virtual WSIS TalkX sessions to date, for WSIS Stakeholders to interact, connect and collaborate.
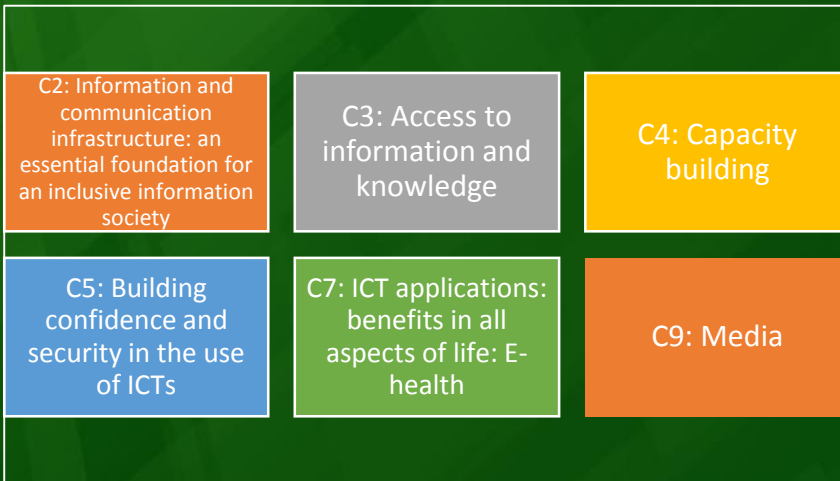
Organizers and Speakers

Organizers and speakers from High-level Track Facilitators, Workshop Organizers, WSIS Prizes 2020 Champions and others highlighting their efforts to use ICTs in implementing the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs.

Participation

WSIS Stakeholders have joined the Virtual WSIS TalkX live, whilst a big amount of audience follow the WSIS TalkX on Buzzsprout (WSIS podcast host platform), available timely after each event.

WSIS Action Lines

C2: Information and communication infrastructure: an essential foundation for an inclusive information society	C3: Access to information and knowledge	C4: Capacity building
C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs	C7: ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life: E-health	C9: Media

SDGs

- SDG1: No poverty
- SDG3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG4: Quality Education
- SDG9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions

Further info:

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2020/Home/WSISTalkX

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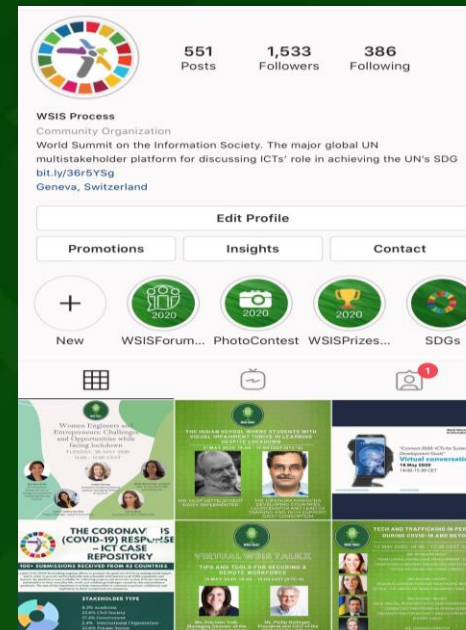
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Social Media channels

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