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WSIS Forum 2022:
Open Consultation Process

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WSIS Action Lines – Sustainable Development Goals
Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals

The WSIS implementation mechanism at the international level is organised taking into account the themes and action lines in the Geneva Plan of Action, and moderated or facilitated by UN agencies when appropriate.

WSIS-SDG Matrix: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/sdg/

WSIS FORUM 2022

Starting 15 March 2022 with

Final Week: 30 May – 3 June 2022

WSIS Forum 2022 components: Forum Track, High-Level Track, Special Tracks, Hackathon (ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures), Exhibition Space, WSIS TalkX, etc.

Open Consultation Process

Best Practices

WSIS Prizes

Special Tracks

Partner with us

The Open Consultation process (OCP) aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum. This process actively engages multistakeholders in the preparatory process to ensure broad ownership and further improvements of the Forum. The Open Consultation Process will include a collection of inputs from regional and national WSIS related events.

The Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2022 is structured in five phases as follows:

Launch of the OCP

19 August 2021

1st Meeting

8 December 2021

13:50-14:50 CEST

Katowice, Poland (during IGF 2021)

2nd Meeting

31 January 2022

14:00-15:00 CET

Deadline for Submissions

7 March 2022

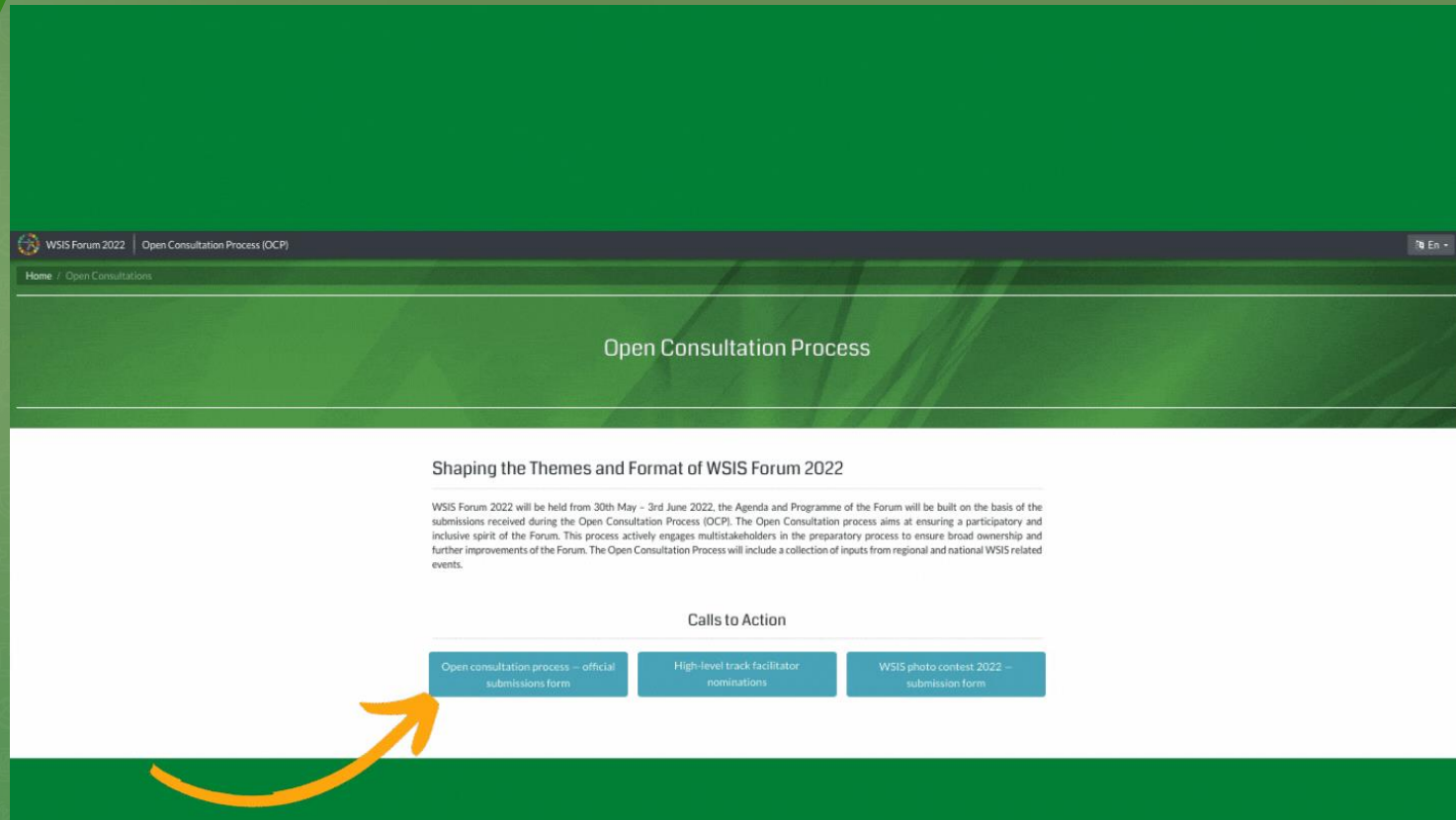3rd Meeting

2 May 2022

14:00-15:00 CEST

Official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

1) Login with your existing account or Sign up as a new user
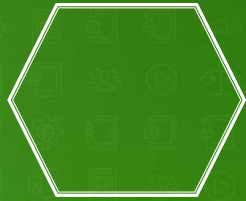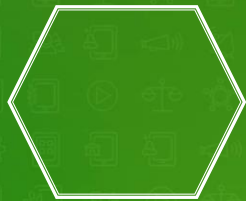2) Fill out the OCP Form

www.wsis.org/forum

Deadline: 7 March 2022

High-Level Track

High-level Policy Sessions

Ministerial Round Table

High-level Dialogues

Open Call WSIS Forum 2022:
High-Level Track Facilitators

- Open Call for Major Stakeholder Coordination Mechanisms following the WSIS Process to Identify and Nominate High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) for the WSIS Forum 2022.

- The main task of the HLTF is to capture the vision, Identify emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the leaders of their session.

- The High-Level Policy Sessions will be moderated by the High-Level Track Facilitators nominated and identified by each stakeholder type i.e Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Technical/ Academic community and International Organization.

- Each stakeholder type is invited to launch an Open Call to identify HLTF to represent their respective communities.

High-Level Track Facilitators

Ms. Amali De Silva - Mitchell, Founder and Coordinator Dynamic Coalition on Data Driven Health Technologies

Mr. Nino Letteriello, President DAMA Italy and EMEA

Dr. Asan Gani Bin Abdul Muthalif, Associate Professor at the Dept of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Qatar University

Dr. Olga Cavalli, Co-founder and Academic Director South School on Internet Governance

Ms. Meera Das, Project Lead The Code to Change

Ms. Kirthi Jayakumar, Founder The Gender Security Project

Ms. Kristin Little, Senior Manager of Public Affairs IEEE

Ms. Rachel Sibande, Senior Director, Country Outreach Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL) at the United Nations Foundation

Ms. Eleanor Sarpong, Deputy Director and Policy Lead A4AI/Web Foundation

Mr. William Njoroge, Head of Technology Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Mr. Clifford Schmidt, Founder and Executive Director AMPLIO

Nominations should be submitted to the WSIS Secretariat
at wsis-info@itu.int by 7 March 2022

WSIS Stocktaking: 2021-2022 Call for Update and New Entries

Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database www.wsis.org/stocktaking currently with 13,000+ submitted projects and initiatives from 350,000+ registered stakeholders has been vigilant and started collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

UN General Assembly called for a close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: WSIS Stocktaking is highlighting the contribution of 11 WSIS Action Lines to the achievement 17 SDGs;

ECOSOC resolution 2019/24 reiterates the importance of sharing best practices at the global level, and encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform.

NEW Call for Submission:
www.wsis.org/stocktaking

WSIS Stocktaking 2021

- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2021

- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2021

- WSIS Stocktaking: The Coronavirus Response - ICT Case Repository

- WSIS Stocktaking Interview Series: COVID-19 Response

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/

WSIS Forum 2022 Photo Contest: Call for New Entries

Following the successful of previous Photo Contests editions, WSIS Forum continues to exercise the Photo Contest in 2022 and invites the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participate in building a collage of ICT for Sustainable Development photographs from around the world by promoting the Photo Contest within your networks and communities.

The three winning entries in the WSIS photo contest will be awarded and presented at the WSIS Forum 2022.

Deadline: 7 March 2022

WSIS PRIZES 2022

New Call for Submission - 2022

Submit your ICTs projects to the most globally recognised ICT for Development international annual award.

FIVE PHASES OF THE CONTEST
- The first phase: Submission phase
  1 September 2021 – 21 January 2022 (Deadline for last submission: 23:00 Geneva time)
- The second phase: Nomination Phase. Revision of submitted projects that will result with a list of 360 nominated projects, twenty (20) projects per Action Line Category (18) 1 February – 25 February 2022 (twenty projects per each category will be nominated)
- The third phase: Public online voting (identification of five projects per category with the highest number of votes)
  1 March – 31 March 2022 (Deadline for casting last vote: 23:00 Geneva time)
- The fourth phase: Selection of winning projects by the ITU Expert Group that will result with a list of winning projects
  1 April – 15 April 2022
- The fifth phase: Announcement of winners to the public during WSIS Prize 2022 Ceremony at WSIS Forum 2022, and the release of publication "WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2022", which is a compilation of extended descriptions of the 18 winning projects and 72 champion projects.

Deadline: 21 January 2022
www.wsis.org/prizes

Special Tracks emerging for WSIS Forum 2022

ICTs and Youth

ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming

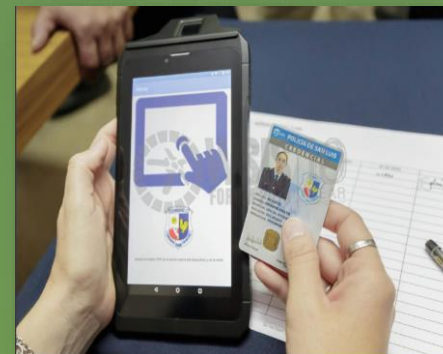**ICTs and Emerging Technologies for sustainable development**

ICTs for Well-being and Happiness

ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs

ICTs and Older Persons

Cybersecurity

ICTs and Indigenous Languages

Special Initiatives and Products

WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology

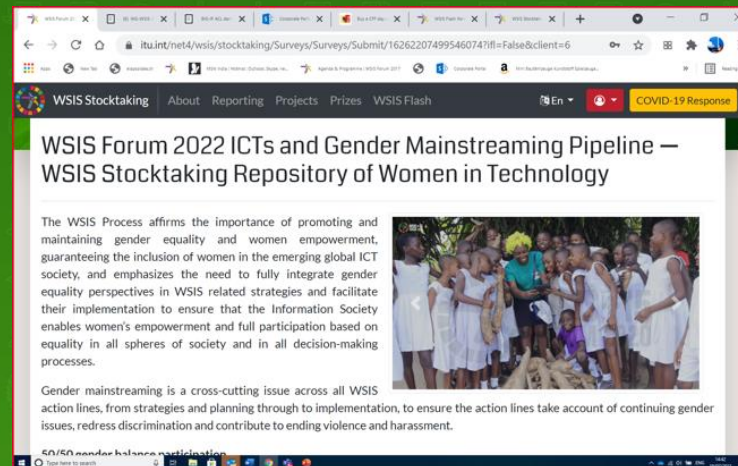## http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender

The WSIS Process affirms the **importance of** **promoting and maintaining gender equality and women empowerment**, guaranteeing the inclusion of women in the emerging global ICT society, and emphasizes the need to fully integrate gender equality perspectives in WSIS related strategies and facilitate their implementation to ensure that the Information Society enables women's empowerment and full participation based on equality in all spheres of society and in all decision-making processes.

Launch of the Repository: 4 August 2021

Recording link: **http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender**

Repository of Women in Tech

At the request of and in collaboration with WSIS Stakeholders a repository of Women in Tech has been launched. The goal is to identify and connect women leaders and practitioners in all sectors of the ICT industry from all regions and engage them in events, forums and activities.

50/50 gender balance participation

The WSIS Forum launched a 50/50 gender balance challenge in the wake of a call to realise equal participation at the WSIS Forum. This collaborative effort is also addressing the gender gap in ICTs that aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". The cross-cutting commitments on gender equality are further echoed across all WSIS Action Lines.

Activities

- Identify women speakers
- Networking events
- Interview series

- Mentorship sessions for women and girls in STEM, for young graduates
- Documentation of best practices

ICTs and Older Persons

- Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing, Report of the Secretary-General. Reference: *The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) published Ageing in a Digital World: From Vulnerable to Valuable, which addresses two mutually reinforcing global megatrends: the emergence of digital technologies and ageing populations. In 2021, the World Summit on the Information Society Forum partnered with the Global Coalition on Ageing, in collaboration with ITU, WHO and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on its first-ever healthy ageing innovation prize, which was awarded to the most innovative technology enabling healthier and more-active ageing and was presented as part of a special track on information and communications technology and older persons.*

- GCOA announced the continuation of the **ICTs and Older Persons track and WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize**, including strengthening linkages of the WSIS Forum with the Silver Economy Forum.

- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) 2022 theme: Digital technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing

- Special publication on ICTs and Older Persons

- Special initiative on healthcare technologies

Continuous activities: Announcements for WSIS Forum 2022

- UNESCO and ITU WSIS team will be jointly organizing a **Hackathon and Special Prize in 2022 on ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures.**

- UNESCO announced a special track on **ICTs and Indigenous people** to be launched at WSIS Forum 2022.

- Geneva Cities Hub expressed appreciation for the Mayor's session at the WSIS Forum 2021 and announced strengthened partnership with a Mayors round table in 2022 focussing on Smart Cities for achieving the SDGs.

- WSIS Forum 2022 will enhance cross-sectoral participation of Ministers, Private Sector, Academia and Civil Society in areas such as health, education, trade, culture and so on.

Continuous activities: Announcements for WSIS Forum 2022

- Facebook Live interviews with WSIS stakeholders

- Country and region specific WSIS Stocktaking Reports

- Strengthening of the equal gender participation at the WSIS Forum and the WSIS process

- Strengthening visibility in global processes, particularly in New York

- Working in collaboration with ESCWA and UN ITU Regional Office toward the WSIS Regional Arab Forum

- Strengthening the WSIS Accessibility group and identifying main opportunity and challenges

- Engaging with the WSIS Youth Campaigner to strengthen the implementation of the WSIS and SDGs processes.

WSIS Youth Campaigner

WSIS FORUM 2021
Starting from January
Final Week 17-21 May 2021

WSIS YOUTH CAMPAIGNERS

Join us in scaling up the ICTs and Youth special track at the WSIS Forum

Karen Tatarian   Nala Amirah   Lara Rudar   Raymond Liang   Roeltje van Heijningen

Dušan Stojković   Mr. Zhipeng Dai   Joanna Ruan   Nadine Hakizimana   Asiwaju Samuel

Daniela Ovalles Marko   Luis Guillermo López Ahumada   Dhwani Trivedi

WSIS Forum 2022 - Visibility and Partnership Packages

Reminder of Open Calls

WSIS Prizes 2022

Submit your outstanding project that leverage the power of ICTs

**Deadline:
21 January 2022**

Open Consultation Process

Request workshops/exhibition space/speakers and provide inputs on the format and themes

**Deadline:
7 March 2022**

WSIS Photo Contest 2022

Submit your photo that shows how ICTs are playing an enabling role in achieving the SDGs

**Deadline:
7 March 2022**

High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF)

Nominate your representative for the HLTF

**Deadline:
7 March 2022**

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