



WSIS Forum 2023: Open Consultation Process

**First Meeting of the WSIS Forum 2023 Open Consultation Process (during IGF 2022)
30 November 2022, 10:00-11:15 CET/12:00-13:15 EAT**

Large Briefing Room (LBR), UN Conference Centre, Addis Ababa with remote participation

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The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2023 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 and therefore work towards shaping the themes and format of the WSIS Forum 2023.

The WSIS Forum represents the world's largest annual gathering of the 'ICT for development' community. The WSIS Forum, co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line Facilitators/Co-Facilitators, has proven to be an efficient mechanism for coordination of multistakeholder implementation activities, information exchange, creation of knowledge, sharing of best practices and continues to provide assistance in developing multi-stakeholder and public/private partnerships to advance development goals. This Forum will provide structured opportunities to network, learn, and participate in multistakeholder discussions and consultations on WSIS implementation. The Agenda and Programme of the Forum will be built on the basis of the submissions received during the Open Consultation Process and following the outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2022 www.wsis.org/forum.

Furthermore, the WSIS Forum 2023 will provide an opportunity to serve as a platform to highlight the achievements of WSIS Action Lines in collaboration with the UN Agencies involved and provide information and analyses of the implementation of WSIS Action Lines since 2005.

The WSIS Forum 2023 is scheduled to be held from 13 to 17 March 2023 at the ITU Headquarters premises in Geneva, with the support of remote participation. The theme of the WSIS Forum 2023 is *WSIS Action Lines for building back better and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs*.

This session is part of the Open Consultation Process phases (phase II) that aims to provide updates on the preparations towards the WSIS Forum 2023 and to invite all stakeholders participate in an open discussion by sharing their ideas and plans.

AGENDA

[12:00-12:30 EAT] High-Level Discussion

- Welcome Remarks Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, BDT Director / Secretary-General-Elect, ITU
- H.E. Professor Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami), Minister of Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, Nigeria - WSIS Forum 2022 Chairman
- Dr. Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director General, UNESCO (*co-organiser of WSIS Forum*)
- Mr. Torbjörn Fredriksson, Head, E-commerce and Digital Economy Branch, UNCTAD (*co-organiser of WSIS Forum*)
- Hon. Ms. Neema Kichiki Lugangira, Member of Parliament and Founder of Omuka Hub, Tanzania - WSIS Gender Trendsetter
- Mr. Jean-Paul Adam, Director Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resources Management Division, UN ECA
- Mr. Michael Hodin, CEO, Global Coalition on Aging (GCOA)
- Ms. Mei Lin Fung, Chair and Co-Founder, People Centered Internet - WSIS Gender Trendsetter

[12:30-12:50 EAT] WSIS Forum 2023 Updates by Ms. Gitanjali Sah, Strategy and Policy Coordinator, ITU

[12:50-13:15 EAT] Open Discussion