



## **Session Outcome Document**

### **Youth Engagement Around WSIS Action Lines World Summit Awards (WSA) May 29, 16:00-16:45**

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Agenda/Session/185>

#### **Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

- Youth Engagement in the agenda 2030 starts with equipping them with the education and skills to understand processes, find the right frameworks and networks to contribute to and provide them with understanding around policy making, digital governance and the work of international organizations
- Young People want to be heard and taken seriously, rather than being involved in “youth washing” events, where organisations are proud to involve young people in side events, but youth is not involved in those meetings where decisions are made.
- Young people are eager to participate and contribute to international events like the High-Level WSIS Forum, since they want to create their future, rather than hearing “you are the future”. They are living in the present and are dedicated to contribute to change and concrete solutions for the agenda 2030.
- Young Digital Innovators and Entrepreneurs from all over the world come up with concrete solutions around WSIS action lines, providing citizen centered solutions around education, health, democratic participation, inclusion and are concretely contributing to the Tunis agenda and the achievement of the UN SDGs

#### **Towards WSIS+20 and WSIS beyond 2025, please share your views on the emerging trends, challenges, achievements, and opportunities in the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines to date (5-8 bullets)**

- Not forgetting the focus on inclusive knowledge societies
- AI for social impact – more linkage between WSIS and AIforGood

#### **Tangible outcomes (such as key achievements, announcements, launches, agreements, commitments, figures, and success stories (3-5 bullet points))**

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**Actionable plan and key recommendations (2-5 points)**

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**Suggestions for thematic aspects that might be included in the WSIS Forum 2025 (one paragraph)**

- WSA gala and recognition of global best practice solutions achieving the UN SDGs at the WSIS 2025.

WSA has been initiated in 2003 at the WSIS in Geneva as Austrian membership initiative. Since 2003, WSA reaches out to innovation ecosystems in 180+ countries and uses every year the mechanism of a global award scheme to recognize the best digital applications for WSIS action line C7. WSA focusses on the local impact, the appropriate use of technology, the value add for the target group and the content in local language. At the WSIS HL Forum 2013 in Paris, WSA already contributed with a showcase and it would be a great contribution to the WSIS 2025 to showcase the work and achievements of digital innovators over the past 20+ years.