# WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

*I reiterate the importance of supporting the World Summit on the Information Society….*

*…The International Telecommunication Union has a vital role to play in accelerating global connectivity for all by 2030.*

**H.E. Mr António GUTERRES, Secretary-General, United Nations**

*What we've learned over the last 20 years must serve to help us to accelerate the progress to achieve the SDGs.*
*The WSIS Action Lines and SDGs are inextricably linked, and we are in a race against time.*

**Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, ITU**

## UNGA Resolution 70/125

*…and we call for close alignment between the World Summit on the Information Society process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,2 highlighting the crosscutting contribution of information and communications technology to the Sustainable Development Goals and poverty eradication, and noting that access to information and communications technologies has also become a development indicator and aspiration in and of itself.*

## G77 Havana Declaration

*We reaffirm the 2005 Tunis Agenda for the Information Society in which the special and specific funding needs of the developing world were recognized and encourage close alignment between the World Summit on the Information Society process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the cross-cutting contributions of information and communications technology to the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, and noting that access to information and communications technologies has also become a development indicator and aspiration in and of itself.*

*We also call for a close correspondence of the World Summit on the Information Society process with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and other outcomes of relevant intergovernmental processes, including the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future. We agree to work towards a strong and concerted position of the G-77 and China to ensure that the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20) General Review process, the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future contribute to, inter alia, the achievement of sustainable development and closing the digital divide between developed and developing countries.*

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# REGISTRATION

Registration to the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event is free of charge and open to all stakeholders interested in information and communication technologies.

**Registration is mandatory for all participants** to attend the Event. Please register here: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Home/Registration. Remote participation will also be made available. **We encourage you to book your accommodation early.**

**Accreditation and Visa**

- Accreditation is required in order to participate on-site to attend the Event.
- Accreditation requests should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than 23 April 2024 to ensure timely administrative processing of the requests.
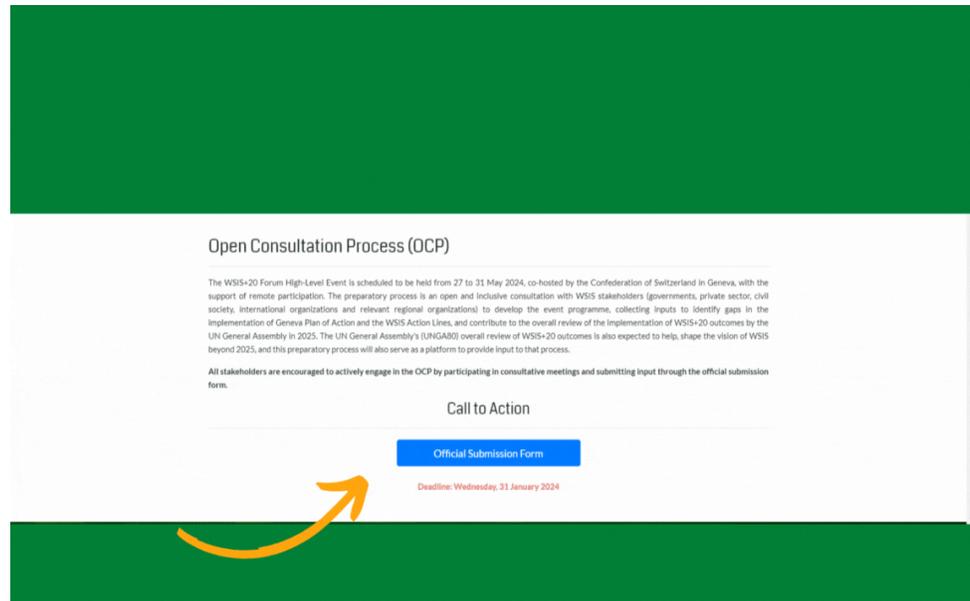- A registration confirmation (e-confirmation) will be the sole document provided for visa support.

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# VENUES



**Centre International de Conférences
CICG Genève**



**ITU Headquarters, Montbrillant Building**

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# AGENDA AND PROGRAMME

Build through the **Open Consultation Process (OCP)**, which aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum.
All stakeholders are invited to contribute and participate actively.



**First Meeting of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event OCP**
11 October 2023, 11:00-12:00 JST

**Second Meeting of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event OCP**
13 December 2023, 14:00 – 15:00 CET, Room L with remote participation

**Final Brief on the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event**
15 February 2024, 14:00 – 15:00 CET, Room L with remote participation

**Special WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Session**
26 March 2024, 14:00 – 15:00 CET, Room A with remote participation

More details please visit www.wsis.org/forum
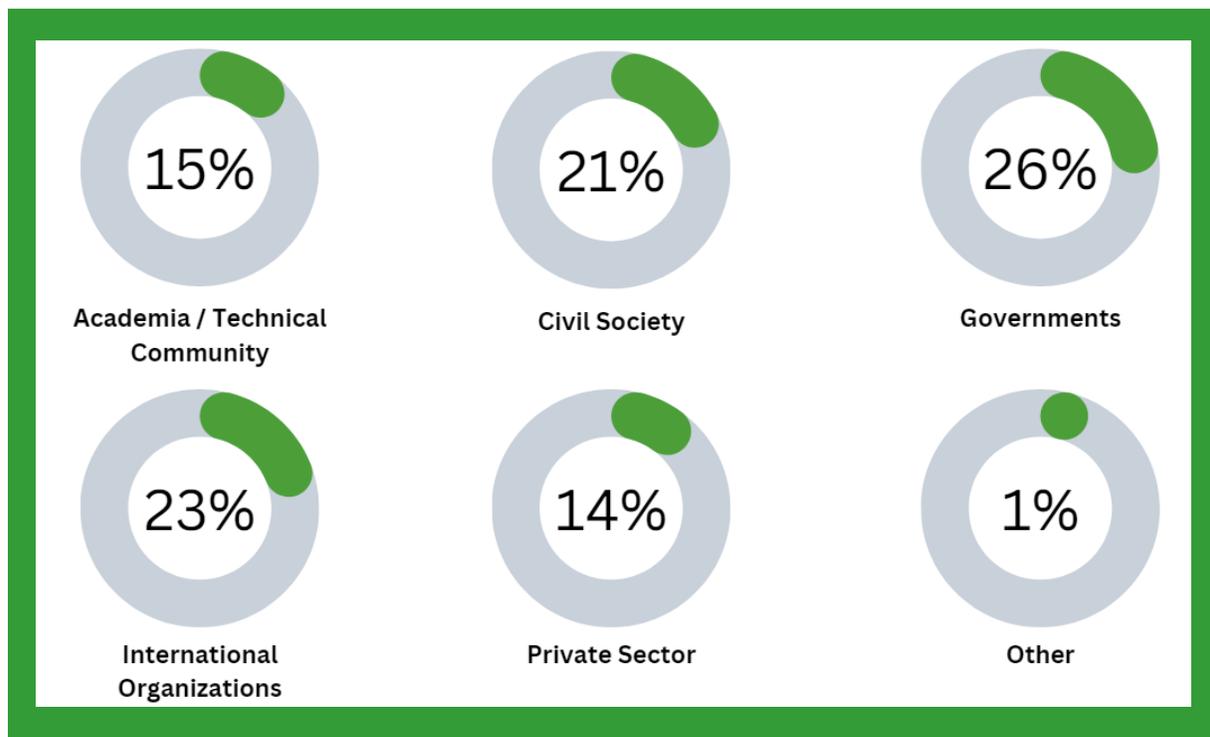
Request for Sessions

Request for Exhibition Space

Suggest innovative format and topics
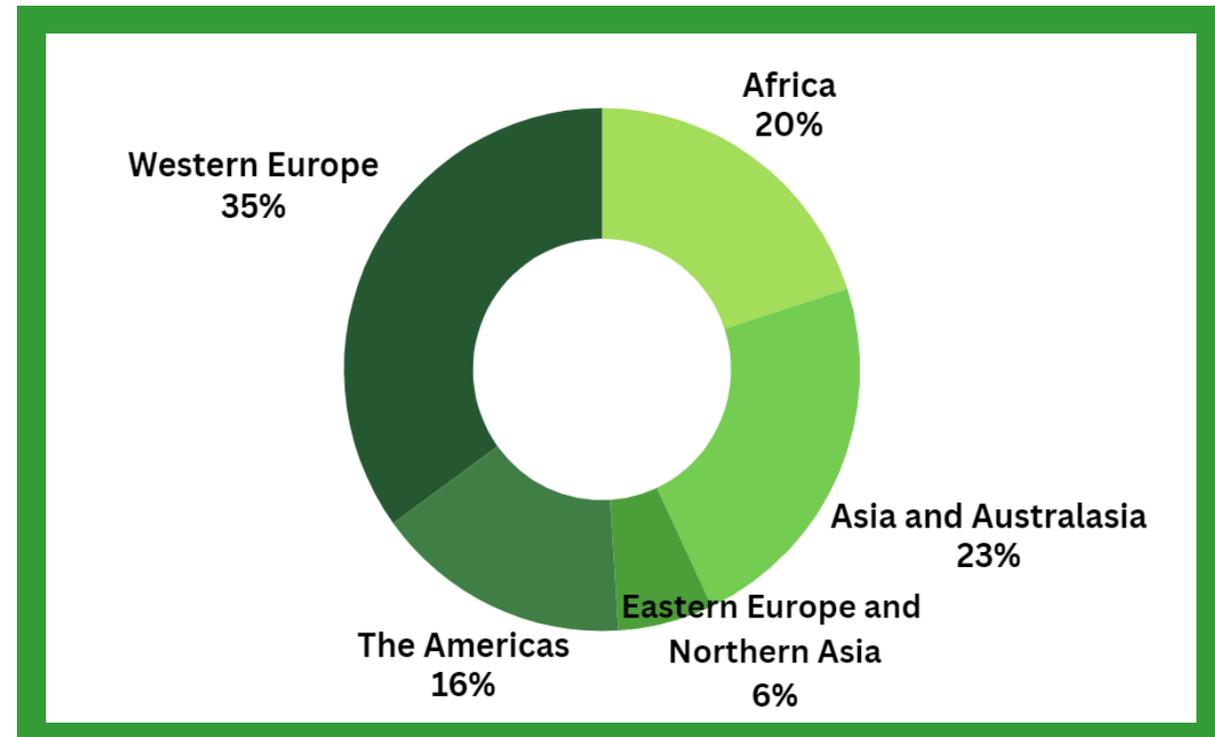
**DEADLINE: TODAY!**
**15 February 2024**

# OCP SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED
# STAKEHOLDER AND REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

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## Stakeholder Type Distribution



- 15% — Academia / Technical Community
- 21% — Civil Society
- 26% — Governments
- 23% — International Organizations
- 14% — Private Sector
- 1% — Other

## Regional Distribution



- Western Europe 35%
- Africa 20%
- Asia and Australasia 23%
- Eastern Europe and Northern Asia 6%
- The Americas 16%

*It is important to note that about half of submissions from Western Europe came from the headquarters of Organizations with an international presence.*

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# INNOVATIVE FORMAT SUGGESTIONS

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| **Thematic Days & Tracks** | **Multilingual Content and Translation Services** | **Hackathon** | **Regional Consultations** | **Matchmaking Platform** |
| **Roundtable Events** | **Innovation Café** | **Special Interest Groups** | **Dynamic Networking with AI** | **Youth Engagement Activities** |
| **Guided walks and short film screenings followed by discussions** | **Hybrid Metaverse Platform** | **Real-time Feedback and Polling** | **Interactive Gamified Challenges** | **VR technology** |

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# Key Elements



High-Level Sessions



Interactive Sessions



WSIS Prizes



Hackathon



Youth Day



Knowledge Café



Ministerial Roundtable



WSIS Action Lines sessions



Exhibition Space



Private Sector, Civil Society and Technical Community Engagements

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# High-Level Track
## Expected Participation

**High-Level Guests**

- Heads of States
- Ministers
- Ambassadors
- Mayors
- Heads of International Organizations
- Parliamentarians
- CEOs
- Civil Society Leaders

**3000** onsite Multistakeholder Participants

**Remote Participation**

# WSIS+20 Review Process

## Multistakeholder Process

WSIS, as a multistakeholder process, has stood the test of time and the WSIS+20 Review Process would provide a guidance framework for all stakeholders, based on the WSIS Outcome Documents, on addressing opportunities and challenges posed by the current digital landscape, including on universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation.

## 20 Years of implementation of WSIS

➢ Take stock of the key trends, challenges and opportunities posed by the current digital landscape.
➢ Analysis of the achievement of WSIS in 20 years including WSIS+20 Country reports, WSIS+20 Action Line reports and WSIS+20 Stakeholder reports
➢ Assessment of the WSIS Action Lines and their framework in close collaboration with the UN Agencies involved
➢ WSIS Targets

## WSIS+20 Review Process

## Strengthened Digital Collaboration

Close collaboration with ITU, UNESCO, UN CSTD, UN DESA, WSIS Action Lines Facilitators and other UN Agencies involved.
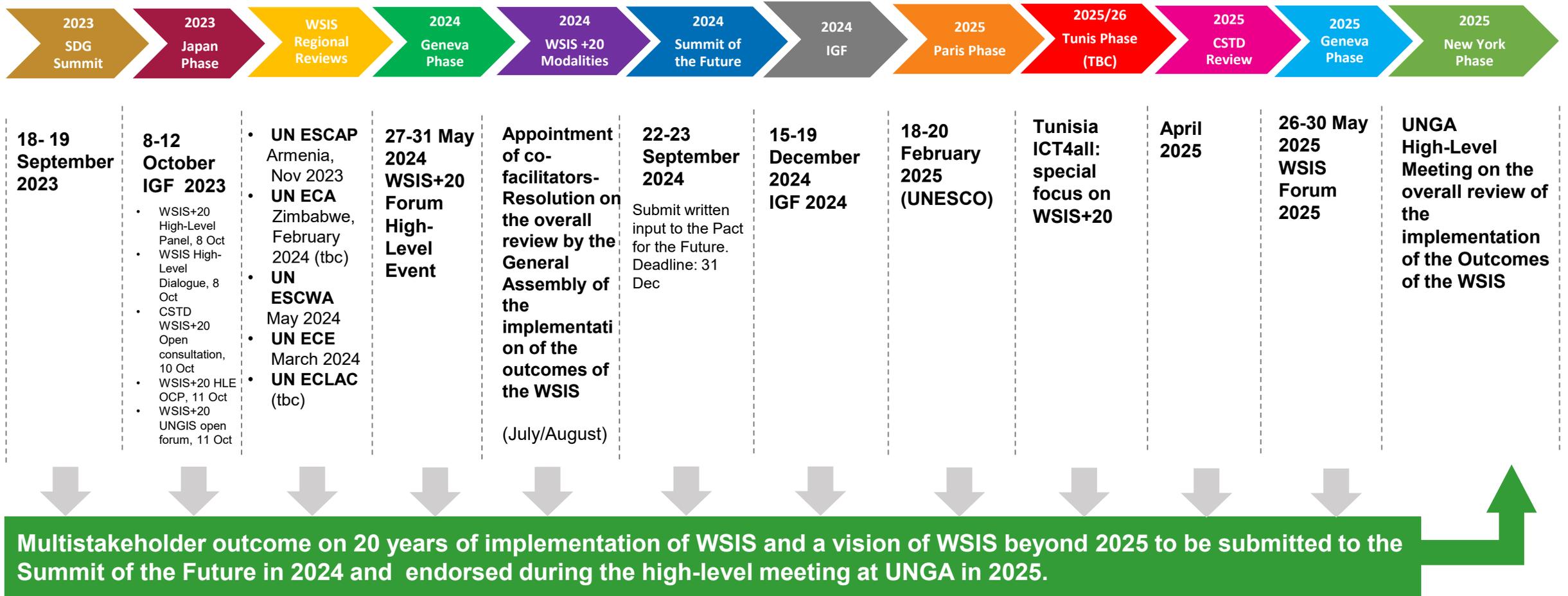
## Multistakeholder Outcome

Multistakeholder outcome on 20 years of implementation of WSIS and a vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be submitted to UNGA in 2025.

# WSIS+20 Preparatory Process

| 2023 SDG Summit | 2023 Japan Phase | WSIS Regional Reviews | 2024 Geneva Phase | 2024 WSIS +20 Modalities | 2024 Summit of the Future | 2024 IGF | 2025 Paris Phase | 2025/26 Tunis Phase (TBC) | 2025 CSTD Review | 2025 Geneva Phase | 2025 New York Phase |
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| 18- 19 September 2023 | 8-12 October IGF 2023 <br> • WSIS+20 High-Level Panel, 8 Oct <br> • WSIS High-Level Dialogue, 8 Oct <br> • CSTD WSIS+20 Open consultation, 10 Oct <br> • WSIS+20 HLE OCP, 11 Oct <br> • WSIS+20 UNGIS open forum, 11 Oct | • **UN ESCAP** Armenia, Nov 2023 <br> • **UN ECA** Zimbabwe, February 2024 (tbc) <br> • **UN ESCWA** May 2024 <br> • **UN ECE** March 2024 <br> • **UN ECLAC** (tbc) | 27-31 May 2024 WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event | Appointment of co-facilitators-Resolution on the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS <br><br> (July/August) | 22-23 September 2024 <br><br> Submit written input to the Pact for the Future. Deadline: 31 Dec | 15-19 December 2024 IGF 2024 | 18-20 February 2025 (UNESCO) | Tunisia ICT4all: special focus on WSIS+20 | April 2025 | 26-30 May 2025 WSIS Forum 2025 | UNGA High-Level Meeting on the overall review of the implementation of the Outcomes of the WSIS |

**Multistakeholder outcome on 20 years of implementation of WSIS and a vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be submitted to the Summit of the Future in 2024 and endorsed during the high-level meeting at UNGA in 2025.**

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