WSIS Process

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2003: WSIS – Geneva Phase (first phase)

Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action - reflected the common vision and key principles to build a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society.

The WSIS process is guided by the **WSIS Action Lines framework** that serve as a comprehensive framework for building an inclusive information and knowledge societies. These WSIS Action Lines play a significant role in advancing progress towards the achievement of the SDGs.

2005: WSIS – Tunis Phase (second phase)

Tunis Agenda for the Information Society – focused on financial mechanisms for bridging the digital divide, on Internet governance and related issues, as well as on implementation and follow-up of the Geneva and Tunis decisions.
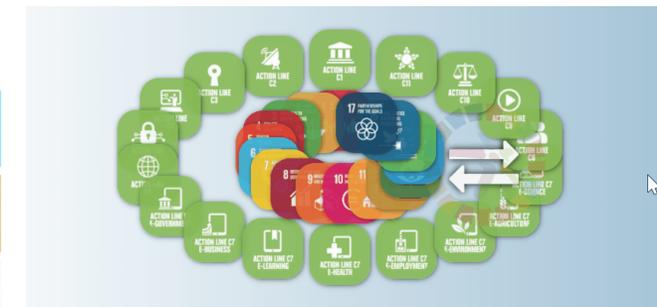
2015: WSIS+10 Review

UNGA Resolution A/70/125 – called for close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the crosscutting contribution of ICTs to the SDGs
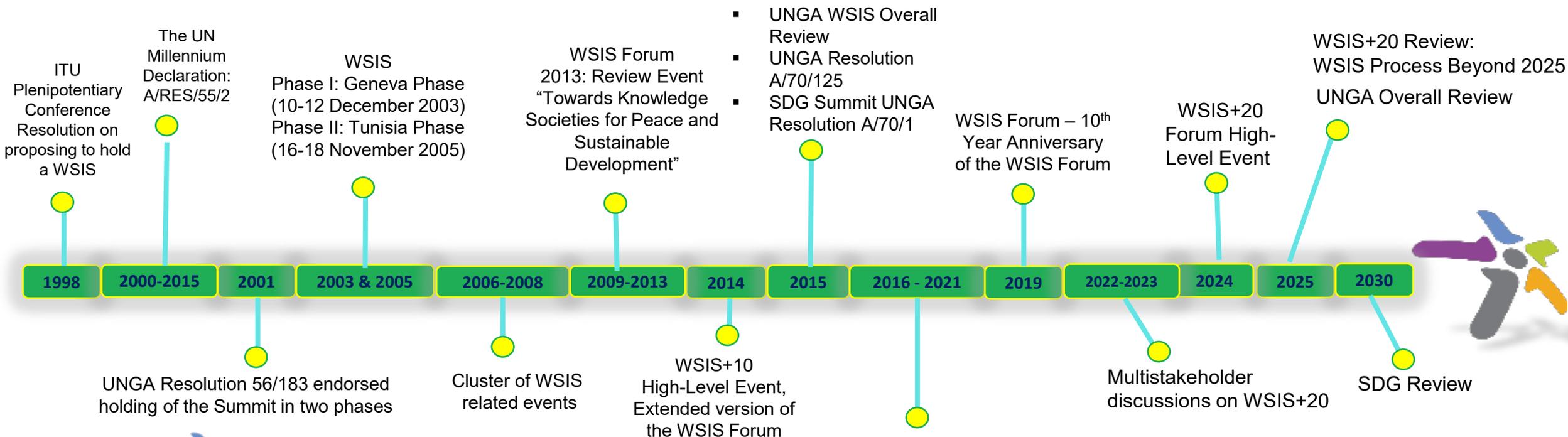
2024-2025: WSIS+20 Review

Mandate of WSIS until 2025 WSIS+20 review to provide multistakeholder discussions and to take stock of the achievements and key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action.

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WSIS Process Timeline

ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution on proposing to hold a WSIS

The UN Millennium Declaration: A/RES/55/2

WSIS Phase I: Geneva Phase (10-12 December 2003) Phase II: Tunisia Phase (16-18 November 2005)

WSIS Forum 2013: Review Event "Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development"

- UNGA WSIS Overall Review
- UNGA Resolution A/70/125
- SDG Summit UNGA Resolution A/70/1

WSIS Forum – 10th Year Anniversary of the WSIS Forum

WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event

WSIS+20 Review: WSIS Process Beyond 2025 UNGA Overall Review

1998	2000-2015	2001	2003 & 2005	2006-2008	2009-2013	2014	2015	2016 - 2021	2019	2022-2023	2024	2025	2030

UNGA Resolution 56/183 endorsed holding of the Summit in two phases

Cluster of WSIS related events

WSIS+10 High-Level Event, Extended version of the WSIS Forum

Multistakeholder discussions on WSIS+20

SDG Review

HLPF Themes (2016-2023)
- 2016: "Ensuring that no one is left behind"
- 2017: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world"
- 2018: "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
- 2019: "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality"
- 2020: "Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development "
- 2021: "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"
- 2022: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"
- 2023: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels

WSIS FORUM IS HELD EVERY YEAR

2017: 12-16 June
2018: 21-25 May
2019: 8-12 April
2020: 22 June - final week (7-10 September)
2021: January onwards – final week (17-21 May)
2022: March Onwards – final week 30 May – 3 June
2023: 13-17 March – virtual sessions (April – May)
2024: 27-31 May
2025: 26-30 May

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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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Updates on
Preparations

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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.
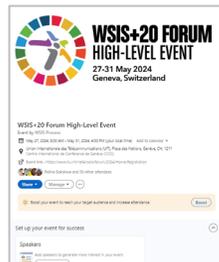
All registered participants are invited to join the LinkedIn Group for on-site networking and collaborations during the event.
https://www.linkedin.com/events/7143538407632257024/

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Badging Information

Badging location

CCV Building, facing CICG, Rue de Varembé 9, 1202 Genève

Opening Hours

Friday 24 May	Sunday 26 May	Monday 27 May	Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May	Thursday 30 May	Friday 31 May
13:30-17:30 hours	13:30-17:30 hours	07:30-12:00 hours 13:30-17:00 hours	07:30-12:00 hours 13:30-17:30 hours	08:30-12:00 hours 13:30-17:00 hours	08:30-12:00 hours 13:30-17:00 hours	08:30-12:00 hours 13:30-16:00 hours

Participants must present a valid photo ID card or passport, and must show their e-confirmation of registration, so to receive their badges.

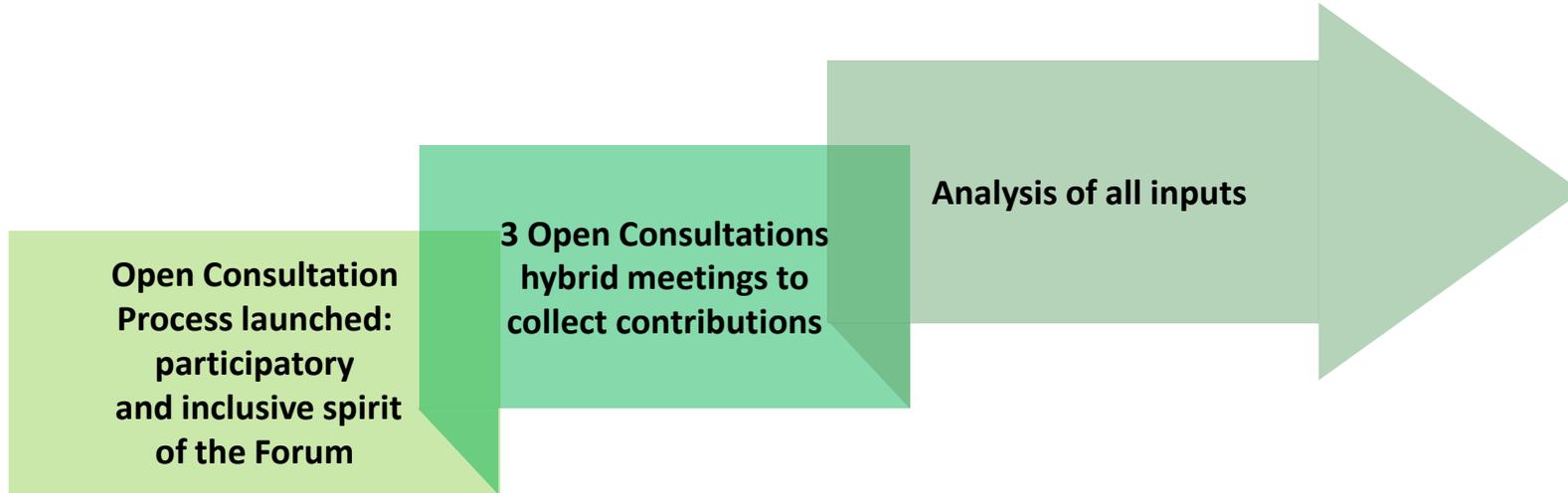WORLD SUMMIT ON
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Venues

**Centre International de Conférences
CICG Genève**

ITU Headquarters, Montbrillant Building

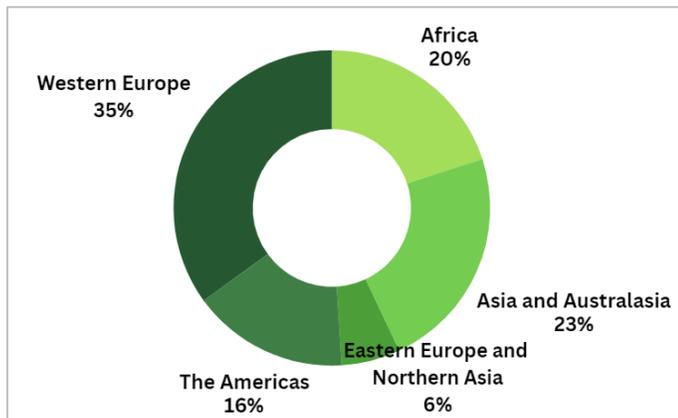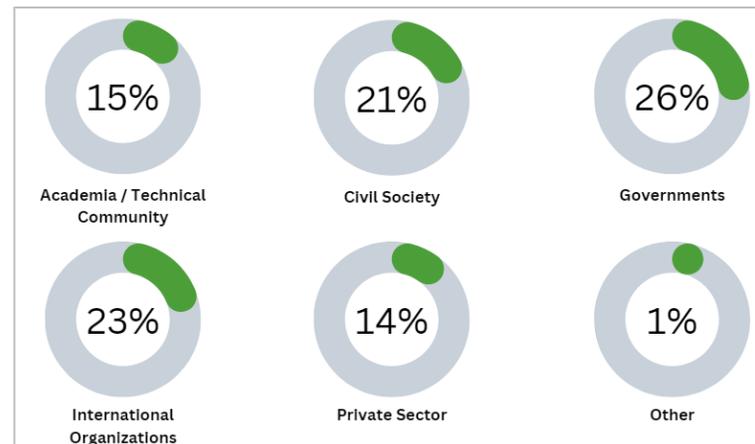# Outcomes of Open Consultation Process & Draft Agenda

Open Consultation Process launched: participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum

3 Open Consultations hybrid meetings to collect contributions

Analysis of all inputs

- Draft Agenda online
- Converted into an interactive Agenda
- Sorted by Action Lines, SDGs, Thematic areas

Regional distribution of contributions

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

Stakeholder Type distribution

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

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Thematic Areas

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WSIS Action Lines Facilitation Meetings	Digital Governance Processes Track: WSIS, GDC/ Summit of the Future	Smart Sustainable Cities
Youth and Intergenerational	Digital Inclusion	ICTs and Older Persons Track
Cybersecurity	ICTs and Sports	Universal Connectivity
Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)	Emerging Technologies	Media
Capacity Building and Digital Education	Clean Technologies for Climate Change	Country Success Stories
		Gender Mainstreaming and ICTs
E-science	Digital Health	20 Years of Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities

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Key Elements

Different Formats

Open Space Sessions

Speed dating

Knowledge Cafes

Roundtable Discussions

Main Stage

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Social Events (*Draft*)

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Sunday, 26 May	Monday, 27 May	Tuesday, 28 May	Wednesday, 29 May	Thursday, 30 May	Friday, 31 May
			07:45-09:00 AM Network of Women Ministers and Leaders in ICT *invitation only*		
	12:00-14:00 PM High-Level Lunch (Platinum) *invitation only*	**12:00-13:30 PM** High-Level Lunch (Gold Plus) *invitation only*			
	12:00-14:00 PM Knowledge Café: WSIS+20 Visioning Challenge - 20 years of achievements, gaps, and opportunities		**12:00-14:00 PM** Knowledge Café	**12:00-14:00 PM** Knowledge Café	**12:00-14:00 PM** Knowledge Café
19:00 PM Reception by Poland *invitation only*	**18:15-21:00 PM** Official Reception by Switzerland and ITU, including Partners Certificate Ceremony	**19:00-22:00 PM** Gala Dinner Hosted by Platinum Partner *invitation only*		**18:00-21:00 PM** WSIS&SDG TalkX, followed by networking cocktail	

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High-Level Engagements

Participants

- Ministers and Deputies
- Heads of Regulatory Authorities
- Ambassadors
- Mayors
- Heads of International Organizations
- Heads of UN Agencies
- Parliamentarians
- Private Sector C-Level
- Civil Society Leaders

Leaders TalkX and Key Insights

- Monday & Tuesday, 27-28 May

- Submission of a speaking slot request *(shared in the circular invitation letter)*

Ministerial Roundtable

- Tuesday 28 May afternoon

- Restricted to Ministers and Deputy/Vice Ministers only, no other representation possible

Ambassadors Roundtable

- Invitation letter to be issued shortly to Geneva based Ambassadors

- Connecting the gap with New-York based Ambassadors

WSIS Contributions to the Global Digital Compact

WSIS Forum 2023 Informal Roundtable discussions with GDC Co-Facilitators
- https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2023/Agenda/Session/445

GDC online consultations:
- WSIS Forum input
- UNGIS input

Informal Consultations and Subsequent Intergovernmental Negotiations on a Global Digital Compact

- 12 February 2024: UNGIS statement

- 1 March 2024: UNGIS statement

WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event: Digital Governance Processes Track: WSIS, Summit of the Future/ GDC *and their interplay with more than 20 sessions running across 5 days organized by Governments, Private Sector, Technical Community, Civil Society and others*
- Leaders TalkX
- Knowledge Café
- Key insights and sessions
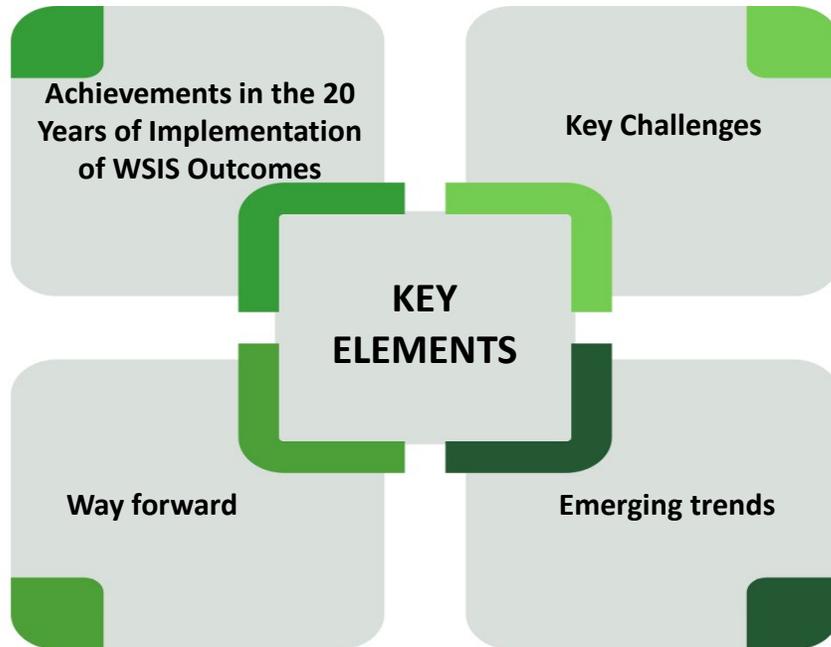- WSIS Action Line meetings

Outcomes

WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Chair's Summary

WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Outcomes Document
- High-Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Action Lines 20 years of achievements, challenges, and emerging trends
- WSIS+20 Forum HLE Stocktaking Success Stories
- WSIS+20 Forum HLE Stocktaking Report

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WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Chair's Summary

Achievements in the 20 Years of Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

Key Challenges

KEY ELEMENTS

Way forward

Emerging trends

Focus on the process and its elements like the WSIS Forum, WSIS Stocktaking, IGF, UNGIS and the CSTD etc.

1 A summary* 3-5 pages is prepared by the Chair based on the outcomes of the High-Level and Forum tracks.

2 Summary shared during the closing of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event on 31 May

3 Summary submitted to the Summit of the Future and UNGA WSIS+20 Overall Review

Stakeholders ideas for WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024 taken from the OCP and Outcomes from Session Organizers.

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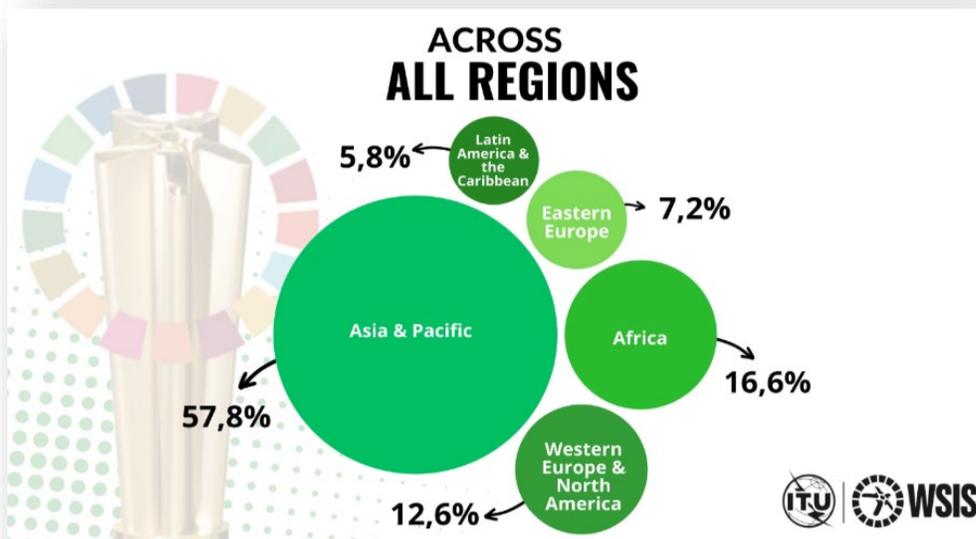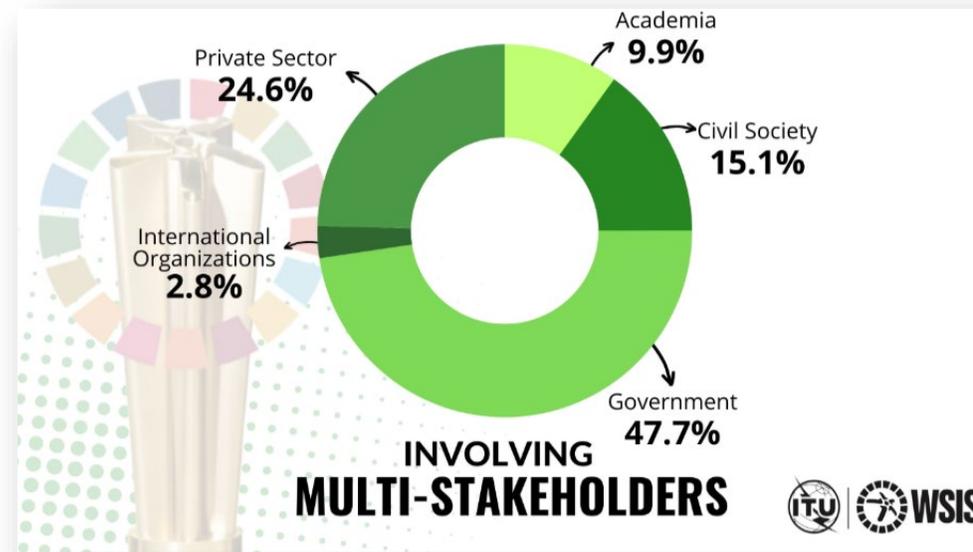
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WSIS Prizes 2024

WSIS Special Prizes and Contests

WSIS Photo Contest 2024

More than 170 submissions received!

Finalists will be announced soon!
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WSIS Digital Service Design Special Prize 2024

Recognizing and spotlighting impactful digital government services that are designed based on user needs and a building block approach using open-source components, optimized for scalability, interoperability, and adaptability, in collaboration with in GovStack Global

Deadline for Submissions: 20 April
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WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Special Prize 2024

An exceptional international recognition of WSIS Stakeholders as leaders in supporting innovation that brings sustainable solutions for the ever-increasing global population of older people, in collaboration with ITU, WHO, UNDESA and Global Coalition on Aging.

Deadline for Submissions: 15 April
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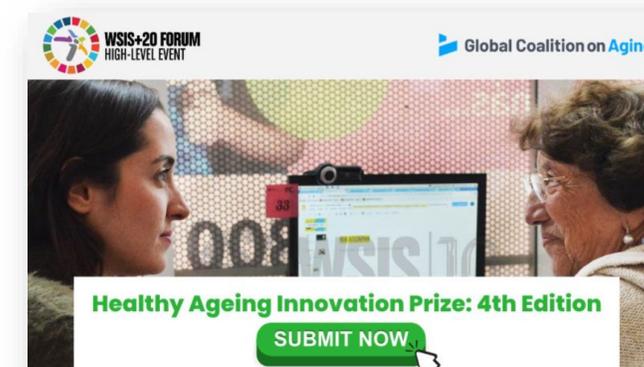
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WSIS+20 Preparatory Process

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
18- 19 September 2023	8-12 October IGF 2023	• UN ESCAP ARMENIA Nov 2023	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	22-23 September 2024	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

Japan Phase details:
- WSIS+20 High-Level Panel, 8 Oct
- WSIS High-Level Dialogue, 8 Oct
- CSTD WSIS+20 Open consultation, 10 Oct
- WSIS+20 HLE OCP, 11 Oct
- WSIS+20 UNGIS open forum, 11 Oct

WSIS Regional Reviews details:
- **KAZAKHSTAN 2-4 Sept** (TBC)
- **UN ECA ZIMBABWE** February 2024 (tbc)
- **UN ESCWA UAE** May 2024
- **UN ECE GENEVA** March 2024, Geneva (RDF)
- **UN ECLAC URUGAY** (9th Ministerial Uruguay)

Summit of the Future details: Submit written input to the Pact for the Future. Deadline: 31 Dec

WSIS +20 Modalities details: (July/August)

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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