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Open Consultation Process

First Meeting

11 October 2023

WSIS+20 FORUM
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

27-31 May 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

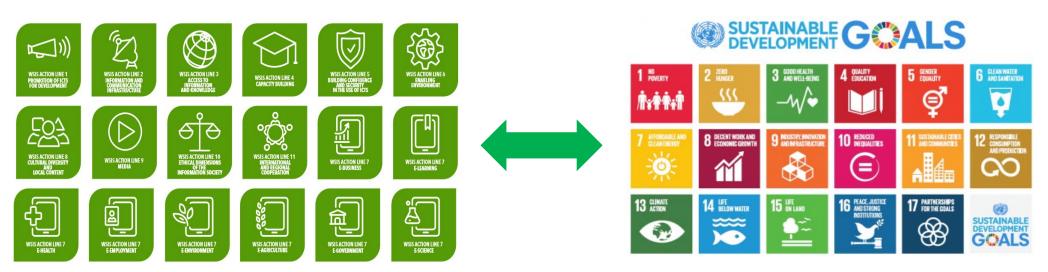www.wsis.org/forum
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WSIS Process

WSIS is a **UN process** that involves more than 32 UN Agencies and is built on the framework of the 11 WSIS Action Lines. It encompasses **multistakeholder digital cooperation** within UN Agencies including the Governments, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and the Technical Community.
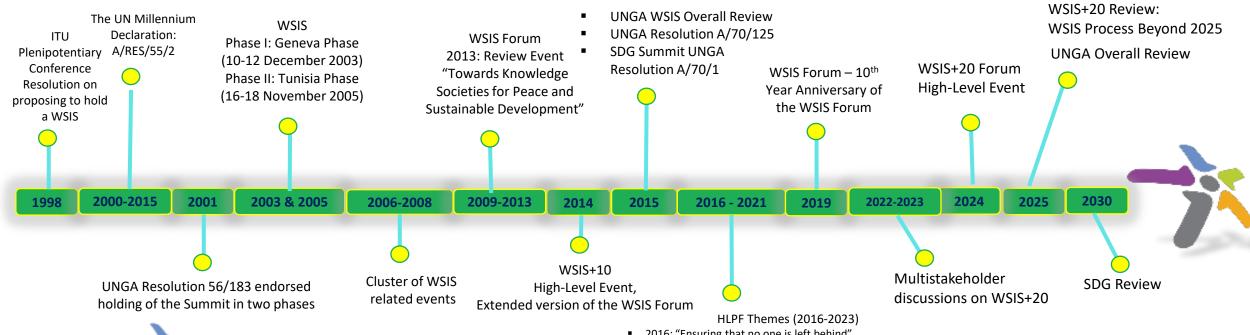
The goal of WSIS is to achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to **build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented information and knowledge societies** where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information.

https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/stocktaking/help-action-lines.html

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

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

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.

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WSIS+20 Review Process

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

Strengthened Digital Collaboration

Close collaboration with ITU, UNESCO, UNCSTD, UNDESA, WSIS Action Lines Facilitators and other UN Agencies involved.

Outcome

Multistakeholder outcome on vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be developed during WSIS+20 Preparatory Phases and submitted to the Summit of the Future in 2024 and endorsed during the high-level meeting at UNGA in 2025.
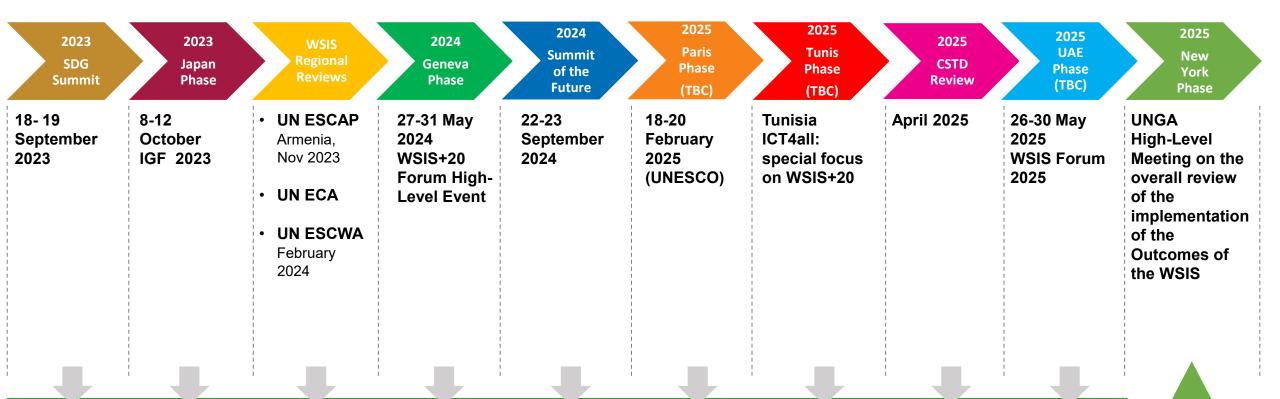
WSIS+20 Preparatory Phases
(*physical and virtual*)

2023 SDG Summit	2023 Japan Phase	WSIS Regional Reviews	2024 Geneva Phase	2024 Summit of the Future	2025 Paris Phase (TBC)	2025 Tunis Phase (TBC)	2025 CSTD Review	2025 UAE Phase (TBC)	2025 New York Phase
18- 19 September 2023	8-12 October IGF 2023	• UN ESCAP Armenia, Nov 2023 • UN ECA • UN ESCWA February 2024	27-31 May 2024 WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event	22-23 September 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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The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will be co-hosted by ITU and Switzerland and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP

Objectives

➢ Provide a platform for multistakeholder discussions on the progress made since the inception of WSIS and take stock of the achievements/ success in 20 years.

➢ Identify the gaps and challenges in leveraging ICTs and information and knowledge societies to bridge the digital divide and promote inclusive access and participation.

Expected Outcome

➢ Multistakeholder outcome to be submitted to the Summit of the future and the UNGA overall review in 2025.

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OPEN CONSULTATION PROCESS CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

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.

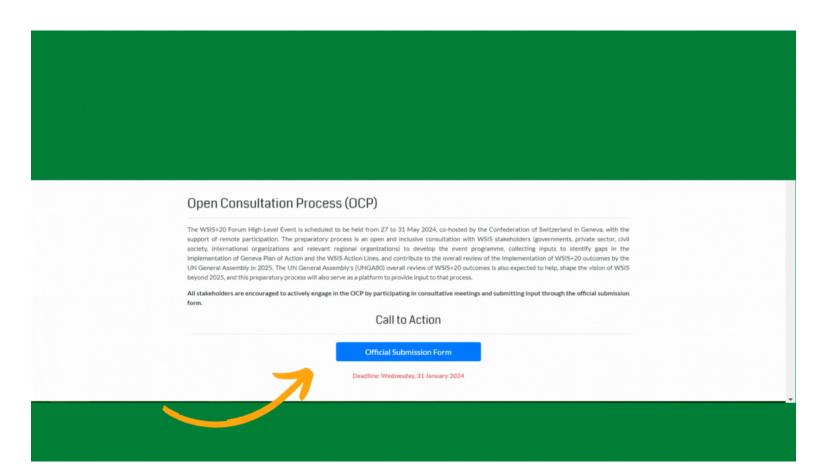|			
11 October 2023 **11:00-12:00 JST**	Workshop Room 8, Kyoto International Conference Centre, Kyoto, Japan	**First Physical Meeting of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event OCP**	• Collecting multistakeholder inputs to shape agenda and programme • Providing updates on the upcoming high-level event
13 December 2023 **14:00 – 15:00 CET**	ITU Headquarters, Room L, Geneva with remote participation facilities	**Second Physical Meeting of the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event OCP**	• Collecting multistakeholder inputs to shape agenda and programme • Providing updates on the upcoming high-level event
15 February 2024 **14:00 – 15:00 CET**	ITU Headquarters, Room L, Geneva with remote participation facilities	**Final Brief on the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event**	• Sharing the analysis of the OCP submissions • Presenting the programme of the high-level event • Providing final updates on the high-level event preparation and logistics
26 March 2024 **14:00 – 15:00 CET**	ITU Headquarters, Room A, Geneva with remote participation facilities	**Special WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Session**	• WSIS+20 multistakeholder consultations

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Open Consultation Process (OCP)

The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event is scheduled to be held from 27 to 31 May 2024, co-hosted by the Confederation of Switzerland in Geneva, with the support of remote participation. The preparatory process is an open and inclusive consultation with WSIS stakeholders (governments, private sector, civil society, international organizations and relevant regional organizations) to develop the event programme, collecting inputs to identify gaps in the implementation of Geneva Plan of Action and the WSIS Action Lines, and contribute to the overall review of the implementation of WSIS+20 outcomes by the UN General Assembly in 2025. The UN General Assembly's (UNGA80) overall review of WSIS+20 outcomes is also expected to help, shape the vision of WSIS beyond 2025, and this preparatory process will also serve as a platform to provide input to that process.

All stakeholders are encouraged to actively engage in the OCP by participating in consultative meetings and submitting input through the official submission form.

Call to Action

Official Submission Form

Deadline: Wednesday, 31 January 2024

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: 31 January 2024

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Preparatory Process for WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event

**Coordination Mechanism of Co-Organizers
and WSIS Action Line Facilitators
ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UN DESA
and other UN Agencies, UN Regional
Commissions, CSTD Secretariat**

**Open Consultation Process
on format and agenda of the
WSIS+20 High-Level Event**

**WSIS+20 Multistakeholder
Consultations to elaborate
Outcome Documents**

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WSIS+20 Multistakeholder Consultations

WSIS STAKEHOLDERS
(Governments, Private Sector, Academia, Technical Community, UN Agencies, Civil Society)

- Written inputs / official submissions
- Participation in all physical meetings and regional contributions
- WSIS Stocktaking Reports
- WSIS Prizes
- 20-year Country Reports
- WSIS Targets
- 20-year UN WSIS Action Lines Reports
- Partner2Connect
- SDG Digital
- UN High Impact Initiatives

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

Agenda and Programme

Workshops	**WSIS+20 Track**
Civil Society and Private Sector consultations	**UN Consultations**
Youth Track	**Interactive Sessions**
AI Governance – AI for Good Summit	**Academia Track**

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CALLS FOR ACTION

WSIS Photo Contest 2024

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+20 Forum High-Level Event.

SUBMISSION PHASE : Opening Soon

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 - ITU, GIZ, EE, DIAL

SUBMISSION PHASE : Opening Soon

GovStack — Digital Service Design Special Prize 2024

Moldova, Winner of Digital Service Digital Special Prize 2023

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.

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Exhibition

Showcase and display a range of digital technologies and innovative solutions addressing global development challenges .

Request your exhibition space.

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WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes 2024

WSIS Stocktaking platform has been maintained by ITU since 2004 and currently comprises over 13,500 entries, aligned with the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs.
Submit your Digital projects to the most globally recognised ICT for Development international annual award.

WSIS Prizes 2024 is an exceptional international recognition of WSIS stakeholders as Winners and Champions for excellence in supporting the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and the achievement of SDGs.

WSIS Stocktaking's new collaborative is with the Partner2Connect platform, which is aligned with WSIS Action Lines and SDGs.
Contact us for more information partner2connect@itu.int

SUBMIT NOW

DEADLINE for submissions: 21 January 2024!
www.wsis.org/prizes

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