

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Implementation Process



World Summit
on the Information Society
Turning targets into action
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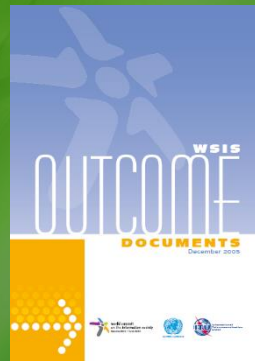


WSIS Forum 2017: Open Consultation Process

1st Physical Meeting on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

UNGA Overall Review

WSIS implementation towards 2025



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Information and communications technologies for development

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

The General Assembly,

Adopts the following outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at its seventieth session:

Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

We, the Ministers and heads of delegations participating in the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2015,

Recalling the request in paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society¹ that the General Assembly undertake an overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in 2015, and in this regard reaffirming the role of the General Assembly in this process, and reaffirming also that the Assembly, in its resolution 68/502 of 31 July 2014, decided that the overall review would be concluded by a two-day high-level meeting of the Assembly, preceded by an intergovernmental preparatory process that also meaningfully takes into account inputs from all relevant stakeholders,

Welcoming the constructive and diverse inputs from Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders in taking stock of the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the

¹ See A/60/687.

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WSIS Forum beyond 2015

Mr Ban Ki-moon, UN SG
UNGA HLM, 15 Dec 2015



We will strengthen the WSIS Forum as a key platform for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the SDGs and targets.

Beyond 2015, following the multistakeholder approach, the WSIS Forum, will build upon the outcomes of the WSIS+10 Review and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard the WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by UN WSIS Action line Facilitators will serve as the mechanism to map, analyze and coordinate the implementation of ICTs as enablers and accelerators of the SDGs.



Mr Houlin Zhao, ITU
Secretary-General



UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Chief Executives Board Joint Statement to the United Nations General Assembly on the Overall Review of the Implementation of World Summit on the Information Society Outcomes

We, the Chief Executives of organizations of the United Nations system, witnessing the momentous events taking place, with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals and the ongoing United Nations General Assembly Overall Review of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in two phases in Geneva (2003) and Tunis (2005), reaffirm the important role of information and communications technologies (ICTs) as a critical enabler for advancing the globally agreed development goals, in particular in the context of the new development framework in resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", which acknowledges that "the spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress... and to develop knowledge societies" and contains targets on use of ICTs for the empowerment of women, for education and on access to ICTs for least developed countries (LDCs).

Though access to advanced technologies has grown at a fast pace since the celebration of WSIS, the impressive gains observed during the era of the Millennium Development Goals are still hampered by existing gaps in ICT access – between and within countries, between urban and rural settings, among men and women, and boys and girls. A major digital divide is still in place, with more people offline than online and particularly poor access in vulnerable developing nations, which include LDCs, landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS). The WSIS vision remains valid and we therefore commit ourselves collectively to reinvigorate collaborative action to harness the power of new technologies in promoting sustainable development and making the goal of universal and affordable access to ICTs and knowledge a reality. This should include also a new focus on relevant content, skills, capacity building, and an enabling environment, including multilingualism, to empower the implementation of the sustainable development goals, as well as to further freedom of expression and to promote cultural diversity on the basis of human rights.

In the national development process, use of ICTs need to be systematically integrated into development plans. Renewed efforts should be made to ensure that the enabling ICT dimension is adequately reflected in United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks and equivalent documents as well as in poverty reduction strategies.

Coherence across the United Nations system in the implementation of multiple goals and commitments is essential. In this regard, we reaffirm the role of United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)¹ as the inter-agency coordination mechanism for issues related to the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS and call on UNGIS to include in its strategic priority the alignment between WSIS implementation and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

We also recognize the WSIS Forum has evolved as an efficient mechanism for multi-stakeholder implementation of WSIS action lines and cross-cutting commitments on gender equality, information exchange, knowledge creation and the sharing of best practices. Beyond 2015, it can serve as a key forum for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, with due regard to the global mechanism for follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as set out in General Assembly resolution A/70/L.

As Chief Executives of the United Nations system, we look forward to the successful outcomes of United Nations General Assembly's Overall Review of the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and we pledge our collective support for their implementation.



WSIS FORUM





WSIS Forum 2017

12-16 JUNE 2017
GENEVA, Switzerland
ITU Headquarters

The Information Society for SDGs

WSIS Forum Building Blocks

 POLICY STATEMENTS	 WSIS PRIZES	 ACTION LINE FACILITATORS MEETING	 MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE	 ACTION LINE FACILITATION MEETINGS
 INTERACTIVE SESSIONS	 COUNTRY WORKSHOPS	 THEMATIC WORKSHOPS	 KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE	 EXHIBITION
 UNGIS	 UN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS	 INNOVATIONS	 ICTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	 PARTNERSHIPS

Virtual Reality
for SDGs

TEDx Geneva

Hackathon

WSIS Forum 2016: Outcomes

WSIS Action Lines: Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs

- WSIS Forum 2016: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2016: High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Action Lines Supporting Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2016)
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2016
- WSIS Forum 2016 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2016



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WSIS Forum 2016: Outcomes

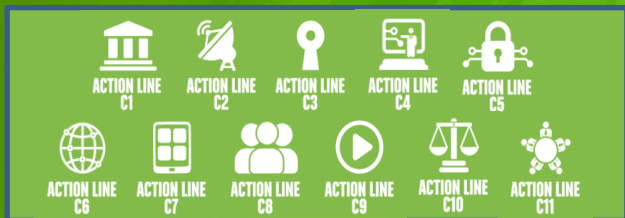
WSIS Action Lines: Supporting the Implementation of the SDGs



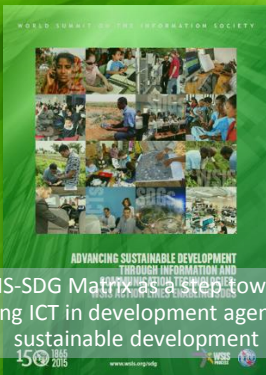
- **WSIS Stakeholder** community represented by Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia, Technical Community and International Organizations
- More than **1800** Participants
- From more than **150** Countries
- Over **85 Ministers and Deputies, Ambassadors**
- **250 high-level** representatives
- More than **150 workshops and sessions**
- **18 WSIS Prize winners**
- **70 WSIS Champions**
- Over 25 stands at the **Exhibition**
- Moderated High-Level Policy Sessions of the High-level Track (HLT) took place on the 3rd and 4th of May
- **High-Level Policy Sessions** were divided into sixteen sessions covering fourteen themes
- The **Outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2016** were presented on the last day, 6th May

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WSIS ACTION LINES – SDG MATRIX



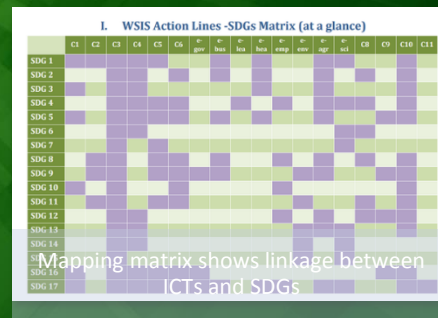
LINKING WSIS ACTION LINES WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



WSIS-SDG Matrix opens towards bringing ICT in development agenda for sustainable development



Launched by UN Action Line Facilitators collaborative effort



Mapping matrix shows linkage between ICTs and SDGs



WSIS-SDG Matrix strengthen recognition of ICT4SDG



ICTs for a Sustainable World #ICT4SDG
ICTs need to be embedded in SDGs solutions



ICTs essential to accelerating and achieving SDGs

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS \ WSIS ACTION LINES LINKAGES

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	e-gov	e-bus	e-lea	e-hea	e-emp	e-env	e-agr	e-sci	C8	C9	C10	C11
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WSIS ALs-SDG Matrix

Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals: WSIS Forum 2016 Outcomes

- Builds upon the WSIS-SDG Matrix
- Provides guidance on the outcomes of the workshops and other sessions held during the forum
- Emphasizes on the linkages between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs
- Highlights the rationale for each linkage that has been established.
- WSIS Stakeholders identified a clear relation and connection between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs in their respective workshops.



Please read the complete document here www.wsis.org/sdgs



United Nations Group on the Information Society

- *UN Chief Executives Group consisting of 30 UN Agencies*
- *UNGIS' objective is to develop extensive collaboration and partnerships among the CEB members in order to contribute to the achievement of the WSIS objectives, to help to maintain ICT-related issues as well as science and technology at the top of the UN Agenda and finally to mainstream ICT for Development issues in the mandate of CEB members*

Currently following up on the Para 12
 "... United Nations entities facilitating the World Summit on the Information Society action lines requested to review their reporting and work plans to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda."





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OPEN CONSULTATION PROCESS

Agenda and Programme of the Forum are built during the Open Consultation Process

SIX Phases

Online consultations & physical meetings

Remote Participation in Physical meetings

Official Submission Forms

Engaging all stakeholders at the international, regional, national and grassroots level.

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The **Open Consultation Process OCP** is a multistakeholder preparatory process where entities are actively engaged 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**. The physical meetings of the Open Consultation Process will benefit from **remote participation**



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The **Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2017** is structured in six phases as follows:

Phase I
Opening of the open consultations
01 September 2016

Phase II
First physical meeting
12 October 2016

Phase III
Second physical meeting
14 February 2017

Phase IV
Submissions deadline
20 February 2017

Phase V
Final review meeting
14 March 2017

Phase VI
Final brief
10 May 2017

Online Discussions

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Discussions > WSIS Forum 2017 - What themes and innovations would you like see at the upcoming WSIS Forum 2017 (June 2017)?

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Odonti
4 days ago

In my view, the role of education is to promote sustainability. So what is this education for sustainability? It is a lifelong process of change in behaviour as a result of experience(s) that could lead to an informed and involved citizenry having the creative problem-solving skills, scientific and social literacy and commitment to engage in responsible individual and cooperative actions. These actions will help ensure an environmentally sound and economically prosperous future.

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Official Submission Form



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Full name *

E-mail *

Organization name *

Organization country *

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High-Level Track: Call for Facilitators

- Call for Major Stakeholder Coordination Mechanisms following the WSIS Process to Identify and Nominate High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) for the WSIS Forum 2017 at wsis-info@itu.int
- Deadline 20th November



2016 High Level Track Facilitators



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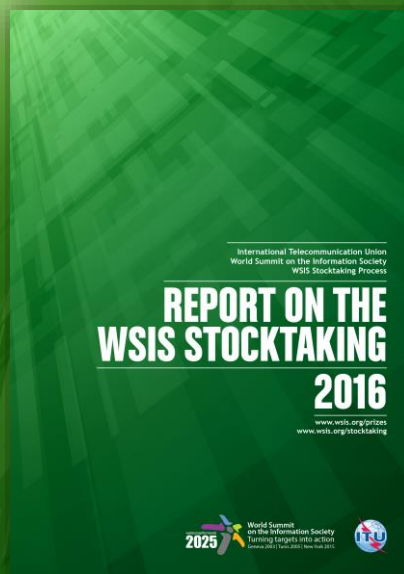
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WSIS Stocktaking: Call for Update and New Entries

WSIS Stocktaking database reached new records with **8.000 plus entries** and a growing **community of 200.000 stakeholders**

New Call for Submissions has been released in July 2016, and the newly submitted activities will be reflected in the **WSIS Stocktaking Report 2017**, which will be released at the WSIS Forum 2017.

NEW WSIS Stocktaking product are the Regional Stocktaking Reports (2014-2016), which will be released in September 2016.



www.wsis.org/stocktaking





New Call for WSIS Prizes 2017 contest was launched in August 2016 – inviting WSIS Community to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives that also **help advance SDGs**.

All WSIS Stakeholders are encouraged to **SUBMIT** their project descriptions to the WSIS Prizes contest from **5 September 2016 until 15 February 2017**.

Champions will be announced on 25 April 2017 while the **Winners** will be announced during the **WSIS Prizes Ceremony** at the WSIS Forum 2017 (12-16 June 2017). **Five Phases of the Contest:**



Phase I
Submission phase
5 September 2016 – 15 February 2017

Phase II
Nomination Phase
16 February – 15 March 2017

Phase III
Public Online Voting
16 March – 15 April 2017

Phase IV
Selection of Winning Projects by the Expert Group
16 April – 25 April 2017

Phase V
Public announcement of winners during WSIS Prize 2017 Ceremony at WSIS Forum 2017

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WSIS Prize Winning Projects



WSIS Prize Winners



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WSIS Fund in Trust: Call for Contributions 2017

Sponsorship opportunities

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 High-Level Visibility

 Marketing & Promotion

 High-Level Networking

 Many more



Partnership packages

Platinum
Strategic Partner
★★★★★

Gold
Strategic Partner
★★★★

Specific Activities
Partner
★★★

Contributing
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WSIS Forum Visibility Opportunities



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Platinum (Exclusive)



Gold



Partner

Specific Activities



Contributing



WSIS Forums till 2020

- 2017: 12-16 June
- 2018: 21-25 May
- 2019: 11-15 May
- 2020: 18-22 May



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