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2025



**World Summit
on the Information Society**
Turning targets into action
Geneva 2003 | Tunis 2005 | New York 2015

WSIS Forum 2016

Results of the Open Consultation Process
26 February 2016



Open Consultation Process

One

- **4 NOVEMBER: Opening of the Open Consultations**
- Online dialogues on the [WSIS Knowledge Communities](#)
- [Official Submissions](#) to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

Two

- **20 JANUARY: First Physical Meeting**

Three

- **8 FEBRUARY** : Deadline for Submission of Official Contributions and Binding Requests for Workshops (www.wsis.org/forum)

Four

- **26 FEBRUARY: Final Review Meeting**

Five

- **1 APRIL: Final Brief**

WSIS

- **WSIS Forum: 2-6 May 2016, ITU Headquarters**

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, analyse 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 reignite 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.

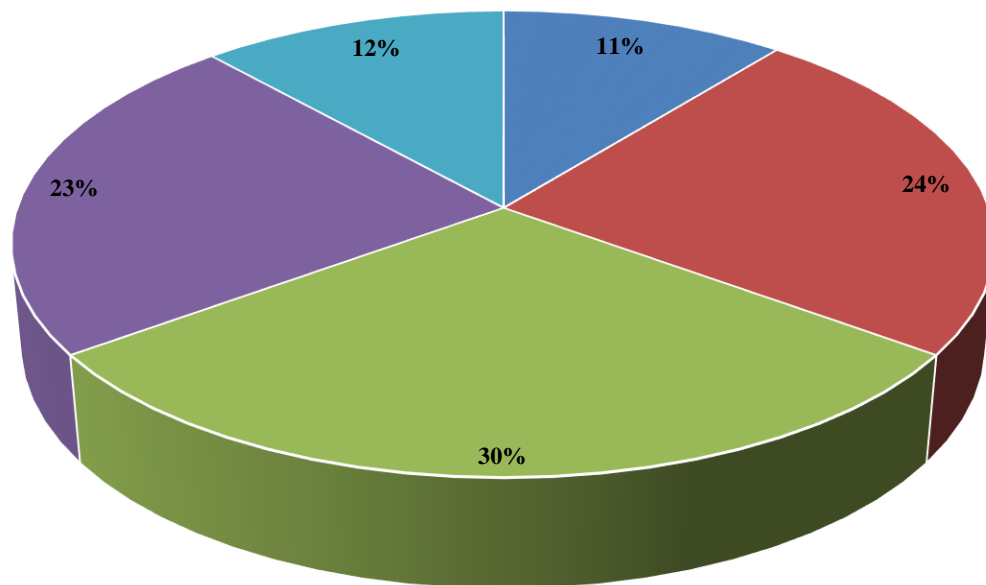
As Chief Executives of the United Nations system, we look forward to the successful outcomes of United Nations General Assembly's Overall Review of the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and we pledge our collective support for their implementation.

Open Consultation Process

- More than **115 Submissions** received from 4th of November till date
- The **Agenda and Program of the WSIS Forum 2016 are being designed** in collaboration with the multi-stakeholders on the official submissions received
- Highest number of submissions received from **civil society organizations** (30%) followed by **governments** (24%) and **private sector** (23%)
- Good distribution of submissions across the world.

Submissions: by Stakeholder Type

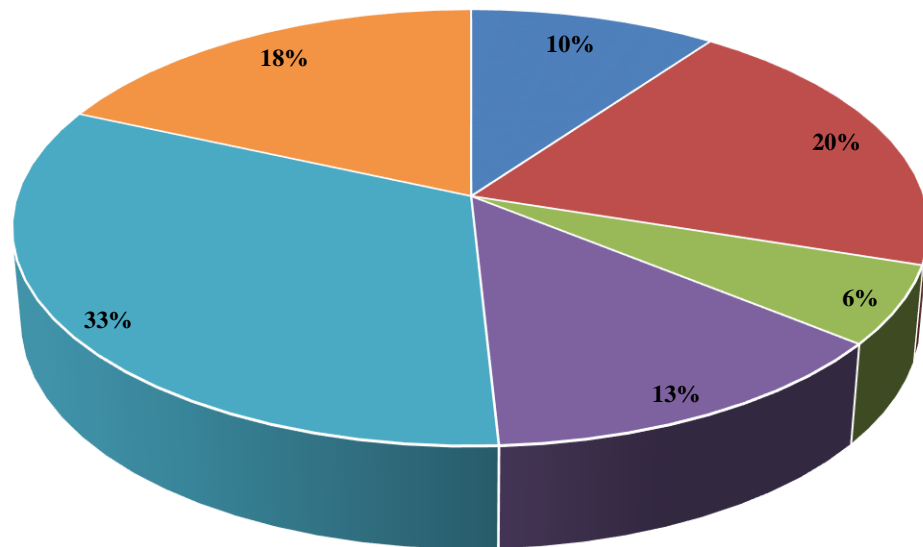
Stakeholder Type



- Academia/Technical community
- Government
- Civil Society
- International organization
- Private sector

Submission by Regions

Regions



- A - The Americas
- B - Western Europe
- C - Eastern Europe and Northern Asia
- D - Africa
- E - Asia and Australasia
- International

FORMAT

Suggestions on the Format

- Inclusive and interactive **round table discussions**
- More “**reporting out**” of main points
- The **plenary/workshop combination** works well.
- **Audio/visual** and interactive formats,.
- **World cafe, hackathons**, lightning talks ,flashes, wiki etc.
- **Grassroots Comics**: a teaching learning tool.
- Sharing experience by **open debates**
- The **TED talks** are a good idea
- Consider a “**match-making market**” in which parties can discuss cooperation / partnerships in concrete projects
- Include innovative communication means during workshops such as **lightning talks**
- More time for **audience participation**
- Workshops in the form of **coding session/s** for WSIS delegates
- **Rooms structure** to allow break-up sessions for group work,
- **Less PPT** presentations and more dialogue
- **Shorter sessions** with fewer participants
- Ensuring sessions on **similar subjects are not run simultaneously**
- **Better connectivity** for remote speakers

Suggestions on the Format

- **WSIS Stocktaking**: Excellent tool for showcasing best practices, Special emphasis on regional experiences and case studies
- Strengthening input to WSIS Forum at the **Regional and National Level**
- Strengthening the **regional layer for implementation** of WSIS towards 2025
- **Gender equity and geographic representation** are taken into consideration
- The representation of **children and youth are mainstreamed**- Currently this seems to be adhoc
- Reaching **beyond the government** representatives
- Inclusion of **persons with disabilities and specific needs** in the WSIS process
- **Private sector engagement** and ensure promoting private sector led initiatives
- **Travel funds for grass-root** leaders
- **Remote participation** for each session
- Possibility to participate through the **social networks**

THEMES

TITLES

Suggestions of Themes and Titles

- WSIS Towards 2025
- Linking WSIS to SDGs
- ICT Infrastructure
- Broadband for all
- IXPs
- Financing ICTs
- Internet of Things
- Cloud of things
- M2M
- Smart Sustainable Cities
- Clouds and drones
- Internet governance
- Net neutrality frameworks
- Multistakeholder Internet security
- Cybersecurity
- Child on line protection
- Freedom of expression and civil rights as regards ICTs use
- Data and privacy protection
- Smart enabling environment
- Collaborative regulation
- E Environment
- ICTs and Climate change: adaption, biodiversity conservation and mitigation
- Technology. in disaster management
- ICTs for Small Islands
- Uses of ICTs for conflict prevention, mediation and Reconciliation,
- E Agriculture
- Telecentre movement
- Affordable ICTs
- Transfer of technology
- Technology start-ups and tech entrepreneurs
- Monitoring, targets and Indicators for an open and inclusive information/knowledge society

Suggested Themes and Titles

- Sharing of Best Practices
- ICTs and Education
- Digital literacy
- Capacity Building
- Educating Stakeholders on WSIS Activities
- Media and information literacy
- Social Media
- Digital Divide, Digital Disruption, Digital Sovereignty
- Codes of conduct in the digital world
- Local content and data
- Multilingualism
- E-business
- Digital technologies and e-commerce
- ICT to support the SDG on trade growth
- ICTs for Gender equality
- ICTs as an enabler for the youth, women, persons with disabilities and indigenous people
- Digital cultural heritage
- Hate speech and online misogyny
- ICTs and Human rights
- Uses of ICTs to Promote a legal framework
- Legal ICT Framework
- Smart and Connected Government
- Public access to information
- Access to information
- E Government and M Governments
- Open ICT standards development process

Forum OUTCOMES

Suggestions on strengthening the Outcomes

- Each Annual Forum should continue producing a **consolidated document containing the outcomes**, as well as the meetings' agendas, workshops, ministerial roundtables, dialogue tables, etc. to provide a summary of the findings.
- **Result-focused approach** for each session and workshop should be applied: Each session should generate a concrete outcome for future reference.
- **WSIS Action Lines** should present a concise **annual progress report** consisting of emerging trends, statistics and supplemented by case studies if necessary, to be presented during the WSIS Action Line Facilitation Meetings and WSIS Action Line Facilitators Meeting, and forwarded to the UN follow ups of WSIS and SDG processes.
- **Annual progress review of WSIS process and its contribution to 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** should be prepared as an outcome of the WSIS Forum.
- Annual **report and sharing of examples of global best practices through the WSIS Stocktaking**
- Annual review by **Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development** might enrich monitoring of implementation of the WSIS outcomes
- Further collaboration and implementation of the **WSIS Action lines and SDGs Matrix**

Key Themes

- The **key themes** of the 2016 WSIS Forum are (in collaboration with the coorganizers):
 - SDGs (All or Specific)
 - Financing for Development
 - COP 21
 - World humanitarian Summit 2016
 - Gender empowerment and mainstreaming
 - Cybersecurity
 - Enabling environment
 - WSIS Framework Towards 2025

Way Forward for Discussion

WSIS Forum 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forum Track TW / AL / CW	HLM UNGIS / Opening Segment	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	Forum Track TW / AL / CW
Forum Track TW / AL / CW	Opening Segment	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	AL Facilitators Meeting
Forum Track TW / AL / CW	WSIS Prizes / Exhibition	Knowledge Café	Knowledge Café	
Forum Track TW / AL / CW	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Ministerial RT/HL Dialogue	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	Forum Track TW / AL / CW
Forum Track TW / AL / CW	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Closing of HL Segment	Forum Track TW / AL / CW	Closing
Donors Dinner	Reception / Certificates	HL Dinner		
	TEDx Talks			

WSIS High Level Track

- **Chairman of the WSIS High Level Track:** Under consultation
- Multistakeholder **strategic dialogue on WSIS-SDGs**
 - Facilitators (WSIS-OR), UN (SDG), TFM (Prof. Romain Murenzi (Rwanda)), Member State, GeSI, Civil Society
- **WSIS Prizes:** Winners to be engaged in all WSIS Forum programme sharing and showcasing their winning projects
- **Policy Statements** delivered by Ministers / HL Representatives of WSIS Stakeholders
 - To be dynamic and engaging
 - Sessions divided by themes
 - Multistakeholder set up of each session
 - Moderated by a high-level track facilitator (Selected by the respective stakeholder types)
 - Concluding session moderated by Chairman of WSIS Forum and ITU SG
- **Ministerial Round Table**
 - Chaired by ITU Secretary General
- **Closing ceremony of the High Level Track**

High Level Track: Themes

Themes for Policy Statements

- WSIS Action Lines for SDGs
- Bridging digital divides
- Enabling environment
- Capacity building
- Financing for development and role of ICT
- Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- Inclusiveness
- Gender mainstreaming
- ICT applications and services
- Digital economy and trade
- Climate change
- Media
- Ethical dimensions of Information Society
- Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

Number of Speakers: 120

Total Length of HL Panels:

8 hours

Services:

Interpretation and captioning

Length of intervention:

3-4 minutes

Structure of Intervention

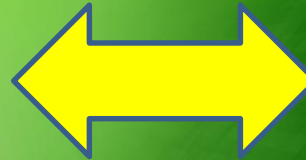
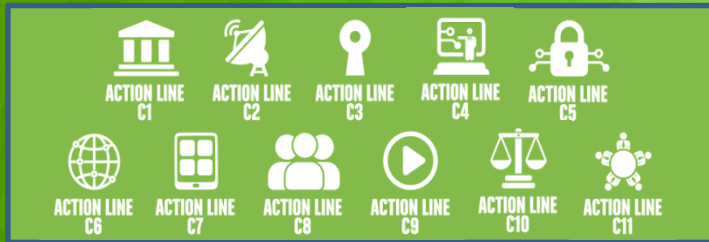
- General
- Theme Related
- Recommendations

Outcome of each session

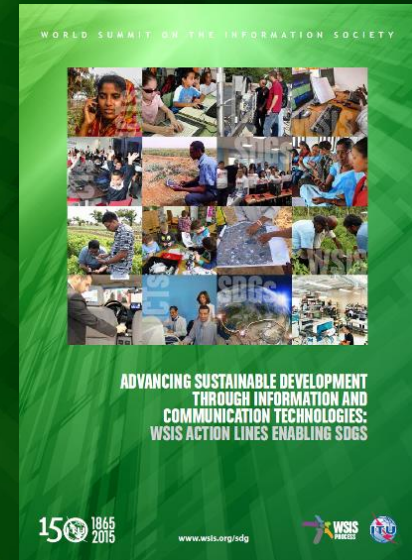
to be reported by HL Facilitator

WSIS ALs-SDG Matrix

Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals



- Released during WSIS Forum 2015
- Joint effort of all United Nations Action Line Facilitators
- Aims at drawing **direct linkages between WSIS Action Lines and proposed SDGs**, to continue strengthening the impact of ICTs for sustainable development
- analysis by each **Action Line Facilitator**, of connections and relations between their respective Action Line with the proposed SDGs and their targets



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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 STOCKTAKING PLATFORM

- Unique global platform, embraced by WSIS multistakeholder community in 2005 with the aim to provide an international register of ICT activities enabling development.
- Check out **7,000 entries** on WSIS Stocktaking Platform
- WSIS Stocktaking process has so far involved close to **140,000 stakeholders** worldwide.
- Year-around ongoing Call for Updates and New Entries – **Continue Sharing**

WSIS STOCKTAKING 2015 PUBLICATIONS

WSIS Stocktaking Report Series:

2005 2008 2010 2012 2013 2014 2015 ...

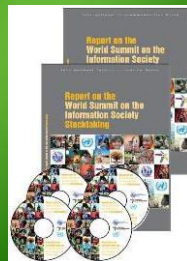
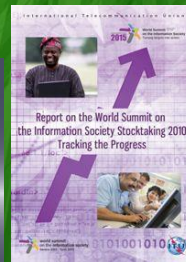
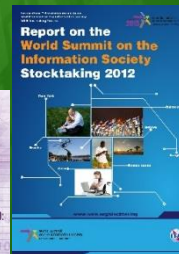
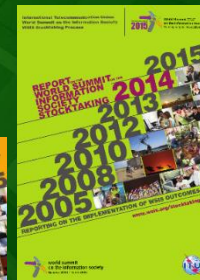
The reporting is based on the contributions of the stakeholders responding to the WSIS regular calls for update and new entries.

New Call Sent in October 2015!

Coming up in WSIS Stocktaking Report 2016:

WSIS Action Lines Projects advancing Sustainable Development Goals

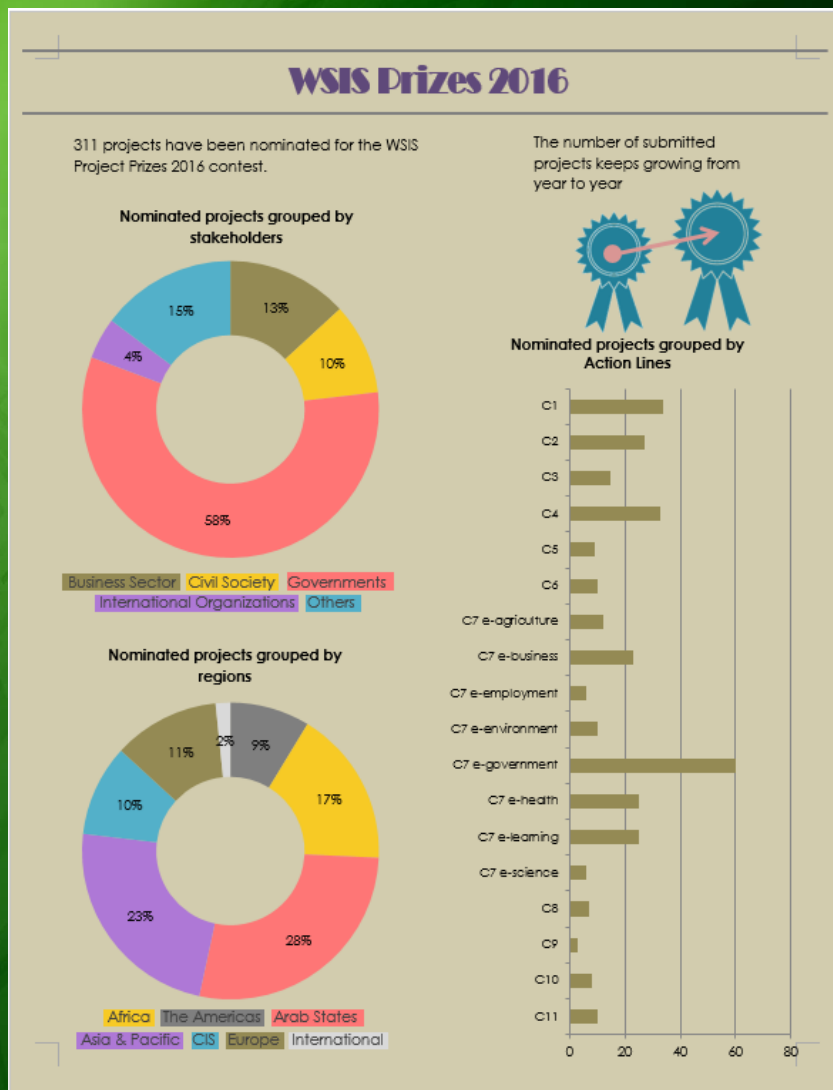
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**VOTE for Your
Favorite Projects
by 10 March 2016**
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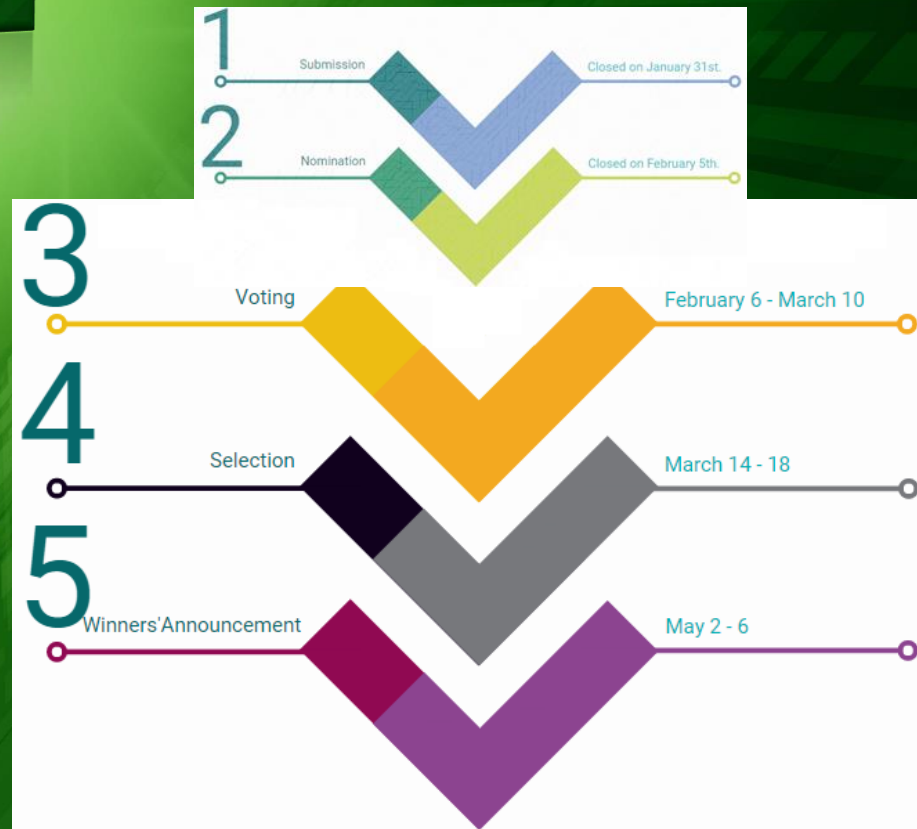
Announcement of winners to the public will take place during
WSIS Prize 2016 Ceremony at WSIS Forum 2016: 2-6 May 2016





VOTE NOW !

**Keep track of the
WSIS Prizes 2016 stages!**





WSIS Action Lines



WSIS Prizes contest now reflecting linkages between WSIS Action Lines and SDGs to continue strengthening the impact of ICTs for sustainable development.



WSIS FORUM 2016: REGISTRATION

Will be available by 10 March 2016 at wsis.org/forum

- Registration for all entities is facilitated if done by **focal point** (DFP) of the respective entities. Therefore, we strongly encourage accredited entities to designate a DFP who will be responsible for handling registration of participants via username and password
- Your organization needs to have been duly **accredited** before a **Focal Point may be designated**
- **Blue/Diplomatic** badge holders are also requested to register
- Each accredited participant will receive an **e-confirmation** to the email address provided in the registration form
- The e-confirmation will be the sole document provided for **visa support**

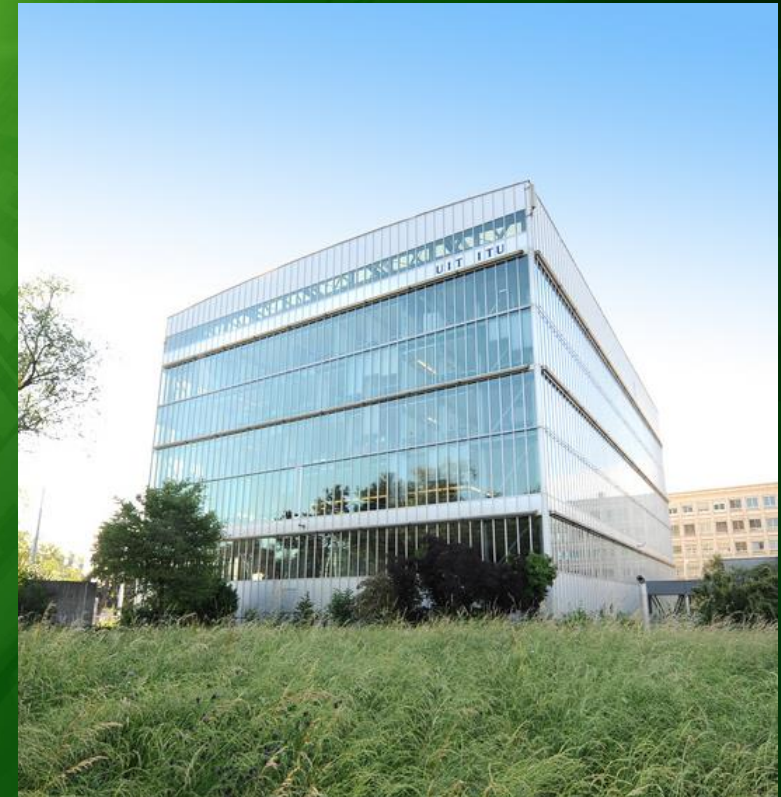


WSIS FORUM 2016: BADGING

- Badging will be located at ITU Headquarters, **Montbrillant building** (2, rue de Varembe – CH-1220 GENEVA)
- **NO** registration desk at CiCG premises; badges have to be collected at the ITU **Montbrillant building**
- Badges should be picked up personally as these are photo badges and picture is compulsory

Badges may be picked-up on:

- **Friday, 29 April 14:00 -17:00**
- **Monday, 2 May 08:00 – 17:00**
- **Tuesday, 3 May 07:30 – 19:00**
- **Wednesday, 4 May 08:00 - 17:00**
- **Thursday, 5 May 08:00 – 17:00**
- **Friday, 6 May 08:00 – 17:00**



WSIS PRIZES 2016: REMOTE PARTICIPATION

In order to facilitate the participation and ensure the inclusion of all WSIS Stakeholders, remote participation has been designed as an integral feature of the WSIS Forum 2016.



WSIS Stakeholders who wish to participate remotely in any of the sessions during the WSIS Forum 2016, can do so via either the **Webcast Service** or the **Adobe Connect** platform.

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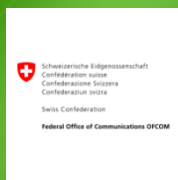
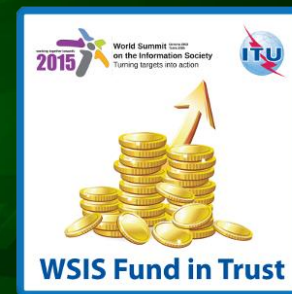
Read and comment our **blog** posts on **<https://wsisforum2015.wordpress.com>**

WSIS Fund in Trust of ITU: 2016 Partners

Strategic Partner: Platinum



The WSIS Trust Fund, established in 2011, offers the opportunity to all stakeholders to make a contribution for the year 2016. Your financial contribution will help accelerate the implementation of the WSIS-related activities, with the goal to evolve and adapt to the future needs of the Information and Knowledge Societies and WSIS process beyond 2015.



WSIS Forum beyond 2015

WSIS Forum Process: Annual Events 2016 – 2020

2016: 2-6 May

2017: 12-16 June

2018: 21-25 May

2019: 11-15 May

2020: 18-22 May

Thank You

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