

WSIS Forum 2020

Fostering digital transformation and global partnerships: WSIS Action Lines for achieving SDGs





WSIS
FORUM 2019
8-12 APRIL
Geneva, Switzerland

10
YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

WSIS Forum 2019: Key Figures



3000+ ICT experts and implementation actors attended



300+ content-rich sessions organized



150+ countries engaged

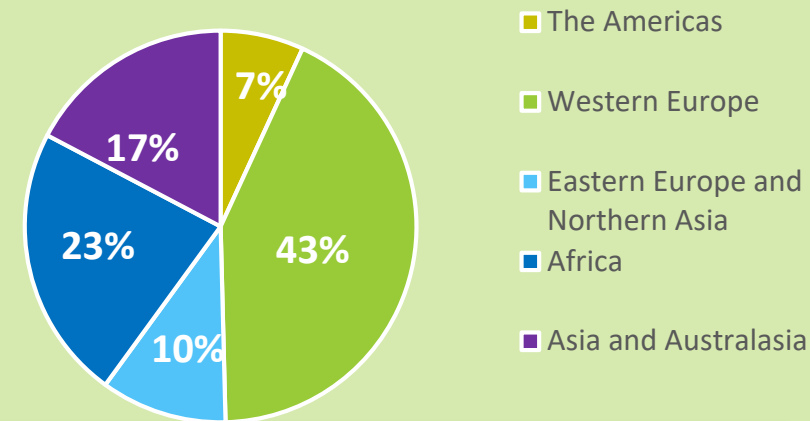


500+ high-level representatives participated



#WSIS 3rd most trending Worldwide @High-Level opening

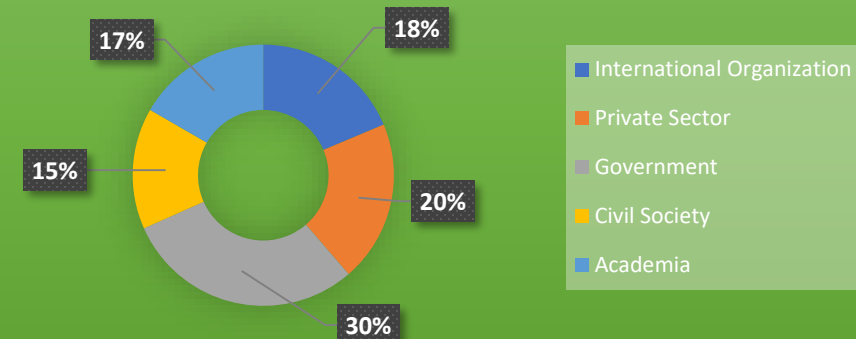
Representation of Participation by Region



Gender Participation in the WSIS Forum 2019



Representation of Participation by Stakeholder Type



WSIS FORUM 2020

World Summit on the Information Society Forum



UN multistakeholder platform facilitating the implementation of the **WSIS Action Lines** for advancing the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

Co-organized by **ITU, UNESCO, UNDP** and **UNCTAD**, in close collaboration with all **WSIS Action Line Facilitators/Co-Facilitators** and **UN Agencies**

WSIS Forum 2020 will be held on **6-9 April 2020** in **Geneva, Switzerland**

The Forum provides an opportunity for **information exchange, knowledge creation** and sharing **best practices of ICTs for development**



WSIS+15



The WSIS Forum 2020 (WSIS+15) will provide an opportunity to serve as a platform to **track the achievements of WSIS Action Lines** in collaboration with the UN Agencies involved and provide information and analyses of the implementation of WSIS Action Lines since 2005.

WSIS Forum 2020 **components:** Forum Track, High-Level Track, Special Tracks, Hackathon, Exhibition Space, WSIS TalkX, etc.



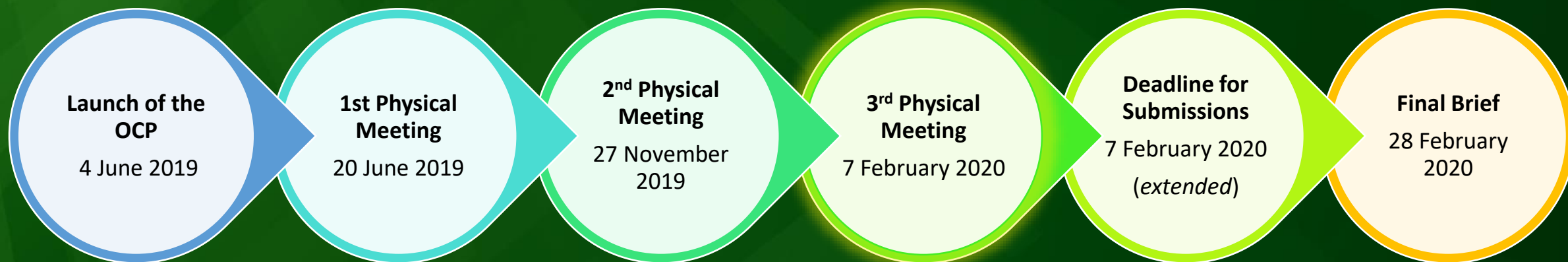
WSIS+15 FORUM 2020



Phases of the Open Consultation Process



The Agenda and Program of the WSIS Forum are built through an Open Consultation Process (OCP); 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.



WSIS Forum 2020 – Agenda (draft)



Sunday, 5 April 2020	Monday, 6 April 2020	Tuesday, 7 April 2020	Wednesday, 8 April 2020	Thursday, 9 April 2020
Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities	Exhibition Inauguration / Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Hackathon / Special Tracks / Youth Track / Innovation Track (IT)	HLM UNGIS / Opening Segment	Women's Networking Breakfast	WL UNGIS / Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks
Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities	Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Hackathon / Special Tracks / Youth Track	Opening Segment	HL Statements/ Dialogue	AL Facilitators Meeting
Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities	Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Special Tracks / Youth Track	WSIS Prizes / Exhibition	HL Statements/ Dialogue	WSIS Prizes Cafe (TBC)
Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities	Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks / Youth Track	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Ministerial RT/HL Dialogue	Forum Track TW / AL / CW / Special Tracks
Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities	Forum Track TW / AL / CW/ Special Tracks / Youth Track	HL Statements/ Dialogue	Closing of HL Segment	Closing
Hackathon #Hack4SmartSustainableCities	Donors Dinner / Youth Speak / WSIS TalkX	Reception / Certificates	Gala Dinner	

Note:

TW: Thematic Workshop
 AL: Action Lines
 CW: Country Workshop
 HLM: High-level Meeting
 HL: High-level
 RT: Round Table
 WL: Working-level

High-Level Track at the WSIS Forum 2020

7-8 April 2020



Policy Statements will be delivered by high-ranking officials of the WSIS Stakeholder community representing Governments, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and International Organizations

The High-Level track will consist of the opening segment, interactive policy dialogues, ministerial round table, and a High-Level networking program



CALL FOR ACTION: Open call for High-Level Track Facilitators

NOMINATE your representative and submit it to the WSIS Secretariat at wsis-info@itu.int

Deadline: 7 February 2020

Chairman Designate of the WSIS Forum 2020



H.E. Mr. Gustavo Montalvo

*Minister, Ministry of the Presidency,
Dominican Republic*



High-Level Track: Themes



Themes for Policy Statements

- WSIS Action Lines and the 2030 agenda
 - Bridging digital divides
 - Enabling environment
 - Capacity building
 - Financing for development and role of ICT
 - Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
 - Inclusiveness - access to information and knowledge for all
 - 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: 100+**
 - **Total Length of HL Panels: 8 hours approximately.**
 - **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 Track Facilitator**

High-Level Dialogues



**UN 75th
anniversary**

ITU:

- Ensuring Trustworthy Healthcare in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) World
- Saving Lives in Disaster using ICTs

UNESCO

**will propose
two sessions
(TBD)**

WSIS Forum 2020: KPI



- 3000+** Physical participants at Forum
- 150+** Countries represented
- 100+** Ministers and Deputies
- 20+** Ministers and Deputies other than ICT
- 500+** High-level representatives
- 250+** Workshops and sessions
- 18** WSIS Prize winners
- 72** WSIS Champions
- 35+** Stands at the Exhibition

Balanced Multistakeholder participation

50/50 Challenge Equal gender representation

Forum Track at the WSIS Forum 2020



Country and Thematic Workshops

Exhibition

WSIS Action Line Facilitators
Meetings

Open Space Talks

Special Tracks

Prizes Café

WSIS TalkX

Youth Speak

Hackathon on Smart and
Sustainable Cities

UNGIS

Special Tracks – WSIS Forum 2020

ICTs and Youth

ICTs and Accessibility for
Persons with Disabilities
and Specific Needs

ICTs and Gender
Mainstreaming

Extended Reality

ICTs and Older Persons

ICTs and Sports

Innovation for SDG

Hackathon – Smart and Sustainable Cities at the WSIS Forum 2020



When?

- 5-6 April 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland

What?

- Develop your ideas into tech solutions to help ensure Smart and Sustainable cities!
- **#Hack4SmartSustainableCities** is part of collaborative effort to organize an annual hackathon at WSIS Forum, which this year aims to identify and support innovative solutions to address cities' challenges globally.

Who?

- No age limit
- Passionate about technology and innovation for positive social/environmental impact

How?

- More info: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2020/Home/Hackathon>
- Link to apply: <https://form.jotformeu.com/form/93373750487366>

Connecting Dots at the Regional Level



- *ITU, UNESCO and UNDP continue playing leading facilitating roles in the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and organize a meeting of UN Regional Commissions at the WSIS Forum*

- Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group: **UNESCAP (2019-2020)**
- Permanent Secretariat: **ITU**
- Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the Regional Level and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes
- Strengthening of the regional perspective at the global level of the WSIS Process



- *UN Regional Commissions in collaboration with other working towards regional WSIS UN Agencies implementation reviews.*

- WSIS Regional Review Asia-Pacific was recently held on 28 August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting was jointly organized by ITU and UN ESCAP.
- Regional review of the WSIS action lines implementation in accordance with ESCAP resolution 72/10.
- Contributing as the regional formal submission to the WSIS Forum 2020 Open Consultation Process by bringing the regional trends, challenges and opportunities to the global dialogue on the WSIS implementation

United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)

31 Members of UNGIS reiterated commitment to the WSIS Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes.

Current co-chairs: ITU and UNDP

Vice-Chairs: UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNESCAP

Activities in 2019

WSIS Forum 2019

- UNGIS High-Level Leaders Breakfast, 9 April 2019, Geneva
- UNGIS Working Level Meeting, 12 April 2019, Geneva

HLPF 2019

- UNGIS Joint Statement
- Side Event *“Fostering digital transformation and global partnerships for SDG achievement”* [Aligning WSIS process with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 11 July 2019, New York
- UNGIS Technical Meeting, 11 July 2019, New York

Upcoming activities

WSIS Forum 2020

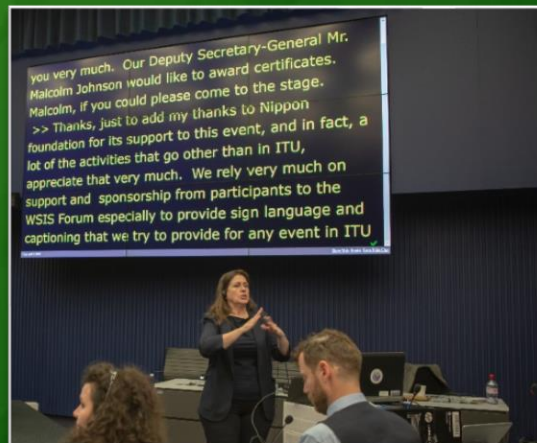
- UNGIS High-Level Leaders Breakfast, 7 April 2020, Geneva
- UNGIS Working Level Meeting, 9 April 2020, Geneva

HLPF 2020

- UNGIS Joint Statement
- UNGIS Side-event
- UNGIS Technical Meeting



New Services & Tools for Stakeholders Engagement



Sign
Language



WSIS Forum website in six
UN official languages



Machine
Captioning

WSIS Forum 2020 Photo Contest



WSIS Forum Photo Contest 2020 invites the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. **SUBMIT** your photos at www.wsis.org/forum

Deadline: 3 February 2020

WSIS Stocktaking

Your Opportunity to Search, Submit, Promote Your ICT Projects and Databases

- Established in 2005, WSIS Stocktaking database reached new records with 12.000+ entries and a growing community of 350,000 stakeholders.
- Besides *WSIS Prizes*, also hosting repositories on *Artificial Intelligence, Accessibility, eHealth* etc.
- Explore more online and contact us if you want collaborate in producing the largest ICT for development global database
- www.wsis.org/stocktaking





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WSIS Prizes an Integral Part of WSIS Stocktaking Platform

*Global and Regional Reporting
Now also featuring customized
reporting based on your needs*

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CONTINUE SHARING
YOUR PROJECTS AND
EXPERIENCES ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF
WSIS ACTION LINES

Search...

Explore

Search

Epidemiology

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Projects

Reporting

WSIS Prize

WSIS Prizes 2020

- More than **800 Submitted Projects**
- **354 Projects Nominated** for the Online Voting Phase
- **Deadline for Voting 24 January**
- **90 WSIS Prizes 2020 Champions will be announced on 10 February**
- **18 winning projects and 72 champion projects will be recognized at the WSIS Prizes 2020 Ceremony on 7 April 2020, during the WSIS Forum 2020 in Geneva**

www.wsis.org/prizes





WSIS PRIZES

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Through Graphic Lenses

- Africa 133
- Asia & Pacific 353
- Eastern Europe 28
- Latin America & Caribbean 97
- Western Europe & North America 165

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION





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Through Graphic Lenses

Capacity Building 77
Access to Information 75
ICT Infrastructure 68
ICT Application eGov 66
ICT Application eHea 64
ICT Application eLea 63
ICT Application eBus 59
Promotion of ICTs 54
ICTs and Cultural Diversity 39
Building Confidence in ICTs 36
ICT Application eAgr 30
Ethical Dimension 25
International Cooperation 24
Enabling Environment 23
Media 23
ICT Application eEnv 22
ICT Application eSci 13

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER WSIS ACTION LINE CATEGORY





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Through Graphic Lenses

Women 56%
Youth 47%
Remote and Rural Communities 35%
People with Disabilities 31%
The Poor 28%
Older Persons 28%
The Unemployed 26%
Indigenous and Nomadic People 16%
Migrants 13%
Refugees & Internally Displaced 10%

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER TARGET BENEFICIARY GROUP





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Through Graphic Lenses

Government 34%

Private Sector 31%

Civil Society 19%

Academia 12%

International Organizations 4%

NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER ENTITY TYPE



31%

Private Sector



19%

Civil Society



12%

Academia



4%

International
Organization



34%

Government

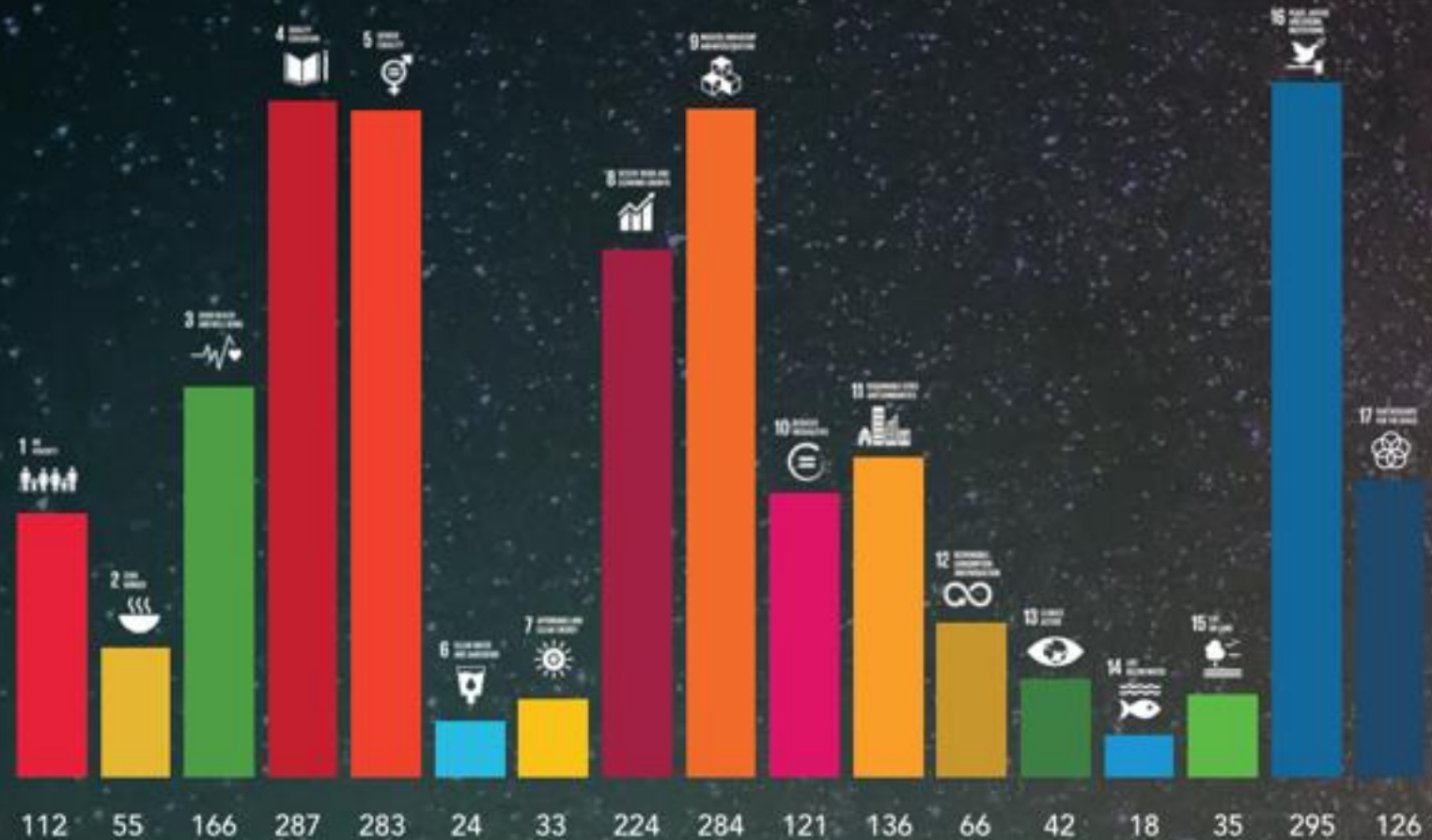
Through Graphic Lenses

Exploring the Linkages
With SDGs



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NUMBER OF PROJECTS PER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL



Impact of the WSIS Forum



- Training Course for the “Amazons of the Digital” 16 -18 October 2019, Cotonou, Benin by the Ministry of Digital Economy and Communication of Benin
- World XR Forum was invited to Rwanda to showcase innovative platform for the development of immersive technologies focusing on e-education
- The Village Broadband Internet Project, a winning project of the WSIS Prizes 2019 from the Ministry of Digital Economy and Society (MDES) Thailand has enabled social economic development and received global recognition
- WSIS Regional Review meeting in Bangkok, co-organized by UNESCAP was attended by several stakeholders who came to the WSIS Forum 2019 and they initiated collaborations for the next year’s Forum
- Women’s empowerment NGO from Pakistan has received funding from GTZ after organized a session at the WSIS Forum 2019
- Co-Creating New Opportunities for Drone Applications, 26 – 28 June 2018, Cotonou, Benin by Benin’s Agency for Digital Development. A half-day theory part was presented by WeRobotics Co-Founder Sonja Betschart, laying the foundations of basic knowledge on drone technology and use cases pursued in our Flying Labs across the Global South.



Reminder of Open Calls



WSIS Prizes 2020

Submit your outstanding project that leverage the power of ICTs

Deadline:
29 November 2019
(Application closed)



Open Consultation Process (OCP)

Request workshops/exhibition space/speakers and provide inputs on the format and themes

Deadline:
7 February 2020



WSIS Photo Contest 2020

Submit your photo that shows how ICTs are playing an enabling role in achieving the SDGs

Deadline:
7 February 2020



High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF)

Nominate your representative for the HLTF

Deadline:
7 February 2020

WSIS Forum 2020: Visibility and Partnership packages



STRATEGIC PARTNER:
PLATINUM

ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR STRATEGIC PARTNER PLATINUM
(EXCLUSIVE)

STRATEGIC PARTNER:
GOLD

ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR
STRATEGIC PARTNER GOLD

STRATEGIC PARTNER:
SILVER

ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR
STRATEGIC PARTNER SILVER

PARTNER:
CONTRIBUTING

ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR
CONTRIBUTING PARTNER

PARTNER:
SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

ENHANCED VISIBILITY OFFER FOR
PARTNER FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES



WSIS FORUM 2020 | PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



- Japan
- Oman
- Poland
- Qatar
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Switzerland
- United Arab Emirates
- IEEE
- IFIP
- ISOC
- University of Geneva – Geneva
- Tsinghua Initiative
- Global Coalition on Aging (GCOA)



Social Media channels



Follow **#WSIS** and stay up to date with our latest news across our different social media channels.

Facebook page for WSIS Process (@WSISprocess). The page features the WSIS+15 FORUM 2020 logo and text: "6-9 April Geneva, Switzerland". An alert message states: "ALERT: Please be informed that the dates for the #WSIS Forum 2020 have been changed and we now look forward to welcoming you to Geneva on 6-9 April 2020 with pre-events& Hackathon on 4-5 April. Book your calendars, update your traveling arrangements and stay tuned for more news towards WSIS+15 event!... See More".

Twitter post from World Summit on the Information Society (@WSISprocess). The tweet reads: "#WSIS Forum 2020 - Launch of the Open Consultations will take place on 4 June 2019 at 1600-1700h (CET). You are invited! Please join us remotely at connect.itu.int/itu-spm-roomg2/". The image shows a large audience in a conference hall with large "WSIS" letters in the foreground.

Instagram profile for wsis_process. The bio reads: "wsis_process | 377 posts | 1,343 followers | 436 following | WSIS Process | World Summit on the Information Society. The major global #UN multistakeholder platform for discussing #icts role in achieving UN's #sdgs. bit.ly/2oiZAZP". The grid shows various posts related to the forum, including "ICTs and Youth", "PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES", "Extended Reality for SDGs", "WSIS PRIZES", and "ICTs and Sports".

WSISFLASH banner for the World Summit on the Information Society. It features the WSISFLASH logo and a photo of students working on laptops. The text reads: "WSIS FORUM 2020 6-9 April, Geneva". Below the photo, it states: "The WSIS Forum agenda and programme are completely crowdsourced through the Open Consultation Process (OCP). The process aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum through the engagement of all stakeholders in the preparatory process. The Open Consultation Process is structured in six phases and will include a collection of inputs."



THANK YOU

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