



World Summit
on the Information Society
Turning targets into action
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Knowledge Societies for
Sustainable Development Goals
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Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) 2019-2020 Inter-sessional Panel

Progress made in the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes at the Regional and International level

8 November 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

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Head, Strategy & Planning Division (SPD), ITU





WSIS
FORUM 2019
8-12 APRIL
Geneva, Switzerland

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WSIS Forum 2019: Key Figures



3000+ ICT experts and implementation actors attended



300+ content-rich sessions organized



150+ countries engaged

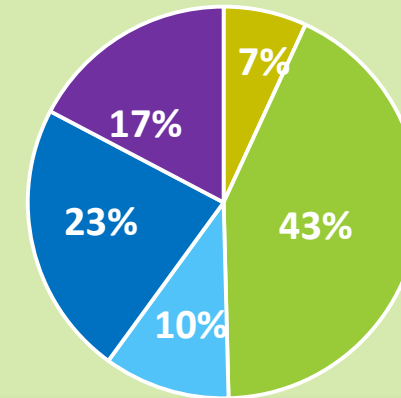


500+ high-level representatives participated



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

Representation of Participation by Region



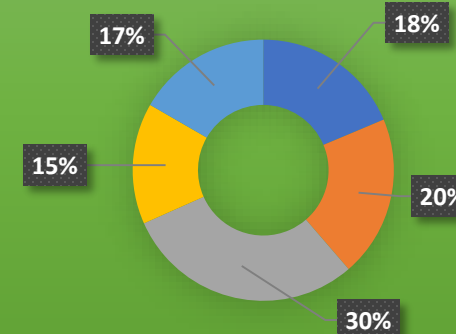
- The Americas
- Western Europe
- Eastern Europe and Northern Asia
- Africa
- Asia and Australasia

Gender Participation in the WSIS Forum 2019

Male (59%)

Female (41%)

Representation of Participation by Stakeholder Type



- International Organization
- Private Sector
- Government
- Civil Society
- Academia

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



WSIS Regional Review Asia-Pacific

Jointly organised by UNESCAP and ITU on 28 August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand

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



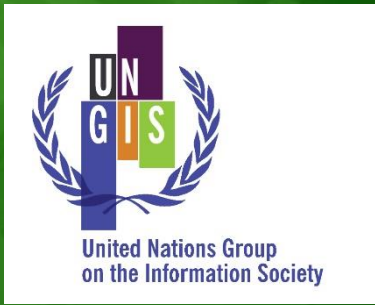
Annual Regional Commissions Meeting at WSIS Forum

Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group: UNESCAP (2019-2020)
Permanent Secretariat: ITU

Annual meetings held at the WSIS Forum

Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the Regional Level and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes

Coordination of regional approaches and harmonization
Engagement of stakeholders into the regional implementation
Strengthening of the regional perspective at the global level of the WSIS Process



United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)

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

CURRENT CHAIR: ITU and UNDP

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





PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT

- **Improving** the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries
- **Guiding** policy makers in producing ICT statistics that are crucial to decision-making, including the identification of a core list of ICT indicators and methodologies to collect these indicators
- **Helping** countries collect ICT statistics, particularly through capacity-building and hands-on training for national statistical offices, and collects and disseminates information society statistics.
- **Coordinating** Partnership Task Group on ICT for SDGs, co-lead by ITU and UIS as the main activity of the Partnership between 2017 to Sept 2018
- **Proposing** a thematic list of ICT indicators that could be used to measure ICT availability and use in sectors relevant to the SDGs that are not covered in the SDG indicators framework

UPDATES

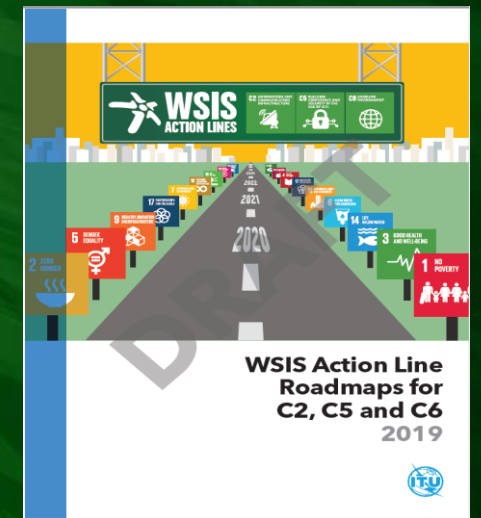
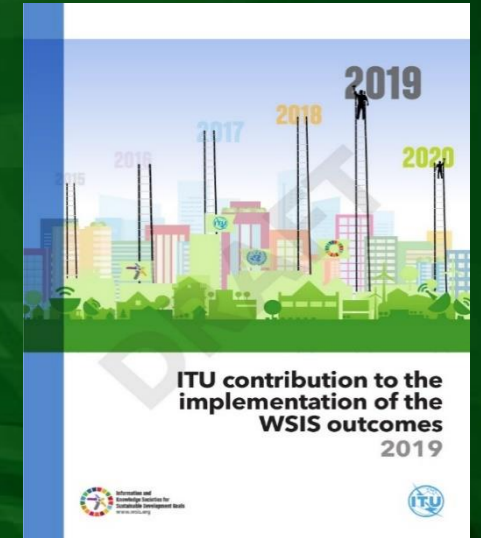
- A first draft thematic list of ICT indicators for the SDGs was presented at the WSIS Forum in April 2019.
- After the Forum, a public consultation was held, with a comment period until the end of April.
- After this public consultation, the Task Group of the Partnership finalised the list, and submitted it to the full Partnership for adoption.
- It will be presented to the Statistical Commission in March 2020 as part of the Partnership input document to the UNSC.

ITU Contribution to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes-2019

- This annual Report provides updates on the tasks carried out by the ITU at the operational and policy level, covering all assigned mandates with reference to the WSIS Process.

WSIS Action Line Roadmaps for C2, C5 and C6 – Update 2019

- Roadmaps are detailed plans to guide progress towards achieving the WSIS Implementation goals. Direct links between the activities and the strategic goals and relevant resolutions, programmes and initiatives of the ITU are highlighted that also clearly display the linkages with the SDGs.





WSIS Forum 2020 | CALLS TO ACTION

Open Consultation Process (OCP)

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

Deadline: 3 February 2020

WSIS Prizes 2020

Submit your outstanding project that leverage the power of ICTs

Submission deadline: 22 November 2019

WSIS Photo Contest 2020

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

Deadline: 3 February 2020

High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF)

Nominate your representative for the HLTF

Deadline: 3 February 2020

Contribute to Shaping Themes and Format of WSIS Forum 2020:
Submit at www.wsis.org/forum 

WSIS Forum 2020: KPIs



- 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
- 70 WSIS Champions
- 35+ stands at the Exhibition
- **Balanced** multistakeholder participation
- **50/50 Challenge**: Equal gender representation



OPEN CONSULTATION PROCESS

Launch of the OCP

4 June 2019

1st Physical Meeting

20 June 2019

JOIN US at 2nd Physical Meeting
27 November 2019 (during IGF-19, Berlin)

3rd Physical Meeting

7 February 2020

Deadline for Submissions

3 February 2020

Final Brief

28 February 2020

- WSIS Forum Agenda is crowdsourced through OCP
- The OCP will include a collection of **inputs from regional and national WSIS** related events
- The 3 physical meetings of the Open Consultation Process will benefit from **remote participation**

SUBMIT your IDEAS
www.wsis.org/forum



WSIS Forum 2020 (WSIS+15) 6-9 April, Geneva



- High-Level Track
- WSIS Action Line Facilitation Meetings
- Thematic and Country Workshops
- Special Tracks: ICTs and Youth, Gender Mainstreaming, ICTs and Sports, ICTs and Older Persons, Extended Reality for SDGs, Space and SDGs, ICTs and Accessibility, etc.
- WSIS TalkX
- Hackathon
- Exhibition

WSIS Stocktaking

Your Opportunity to Search, Submit, Promote, Share 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!

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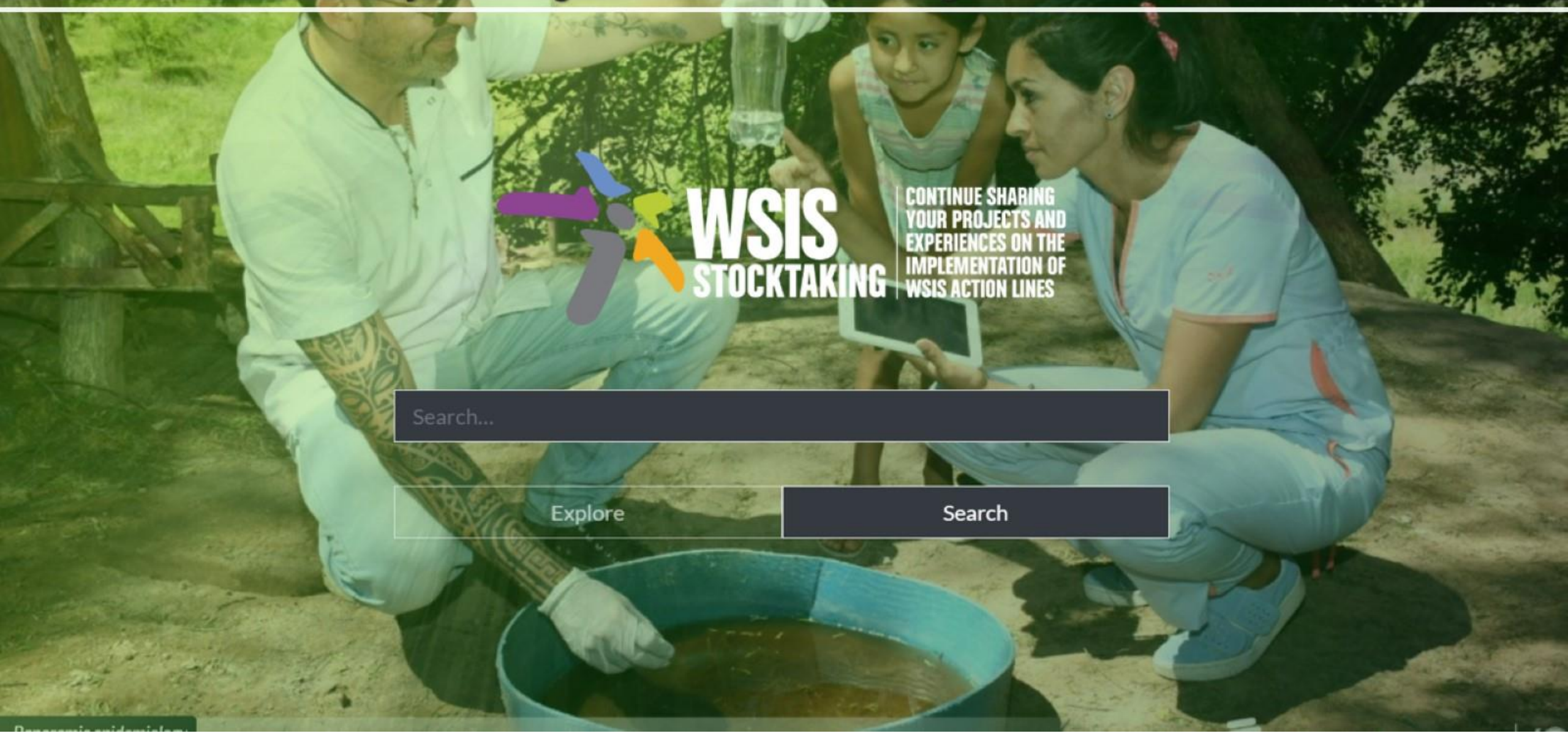




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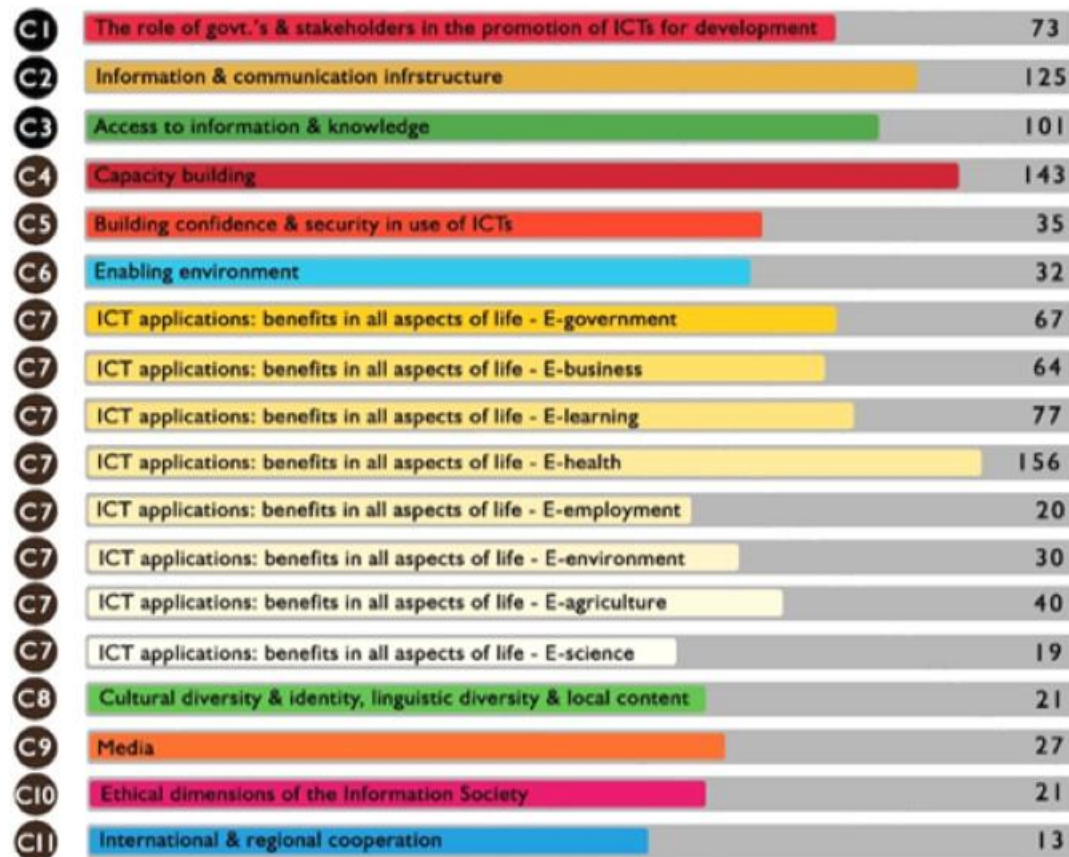
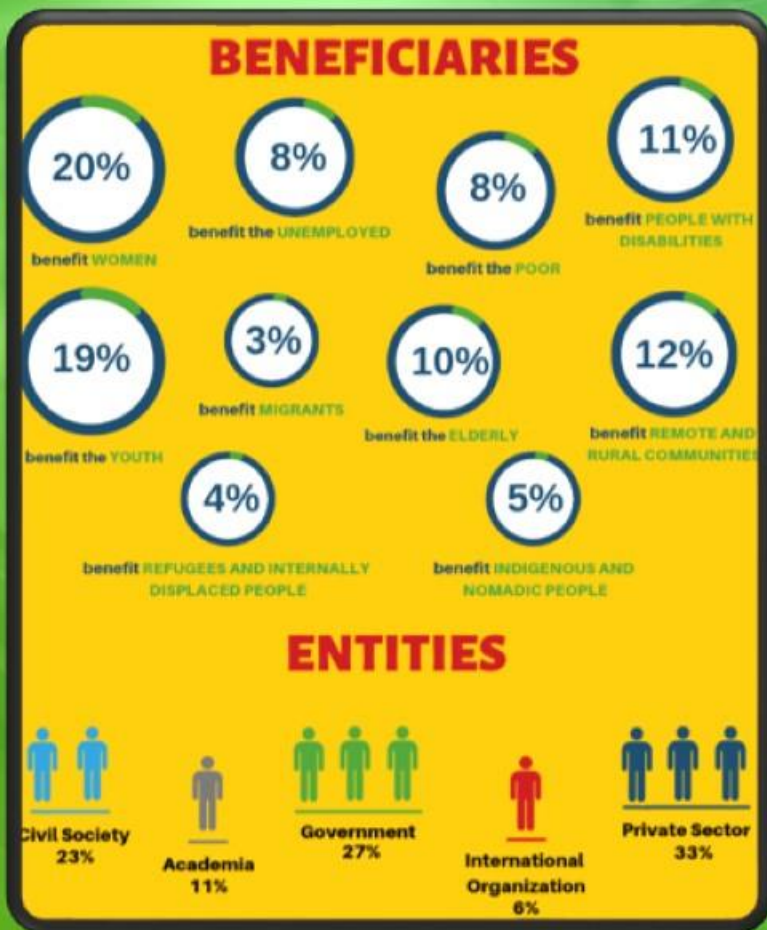
WSIS Stocktaking Platform: Global and Regional Reporting

Now also featuring customized reporting based on your needs



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

WSIS Prizes 2019: Most Successful Edition 1000+



WSIS Prizes 2020: New Call for Submissions

Promote Asia and Pacific ICT practices with the rest of the World by 22 November



SUBMIT projects and run for #WSIS Prizes 2020

www.wsis.org/prizes

Share the news and promote good #ICT4SDG work

For additional information, contact wsis-prizes@itu.int

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
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STRATEGIC PARTNER:
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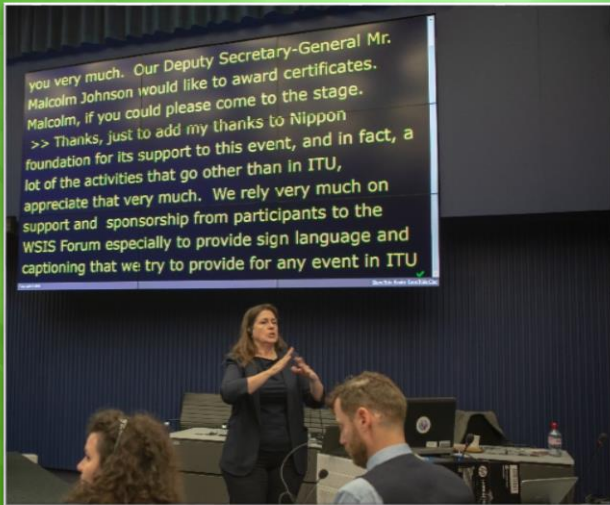
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PARTNER:
SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

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PARTNER FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES



New Services & Tools for Stakeholders Engagement



Sign Language



WSIS Forum website in six UN official languages



Machine Captioning

Harnessing rapid technological change for inclusive and sustainable development



WSIS Forum 2018 Photo Contest
Promoting access to information
to our key stakeholders in the
Pacific, Vanuatu and Fiji

5G - Fifth generation of mobile technologies

Artificial Intelligence for good

Bridging the gender divide

Digital inclusion of all

ICTs to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



Exploring space technologies for sustainable development and the benefits of international research collaboration in this context



ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)

Non-geostationary satellite systems

Satellite issues: Earth stations in motion (ESIM)

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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



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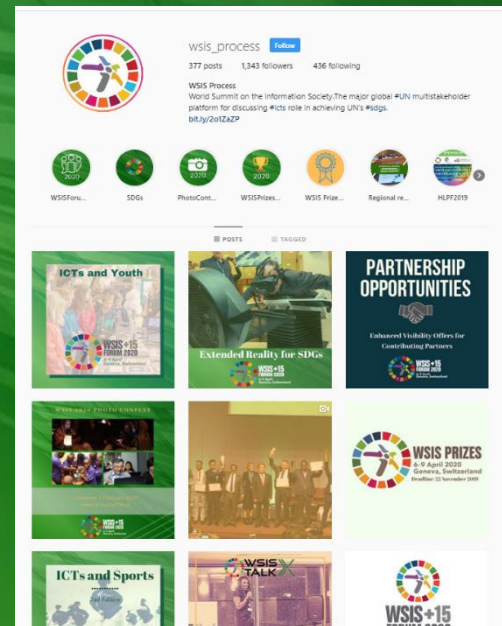


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#WSIS Forum 2020 - Launch of the Open Consultations will take place on 4 June 2019 at 1600-1700h (CET). You are invited! Please join us remotely at connect.itu.int/itu-spm-roomg2/



7:05 AM - 31 May 2019
6 Retweets 11 Likes




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377 posts 1,343 followers 436 following

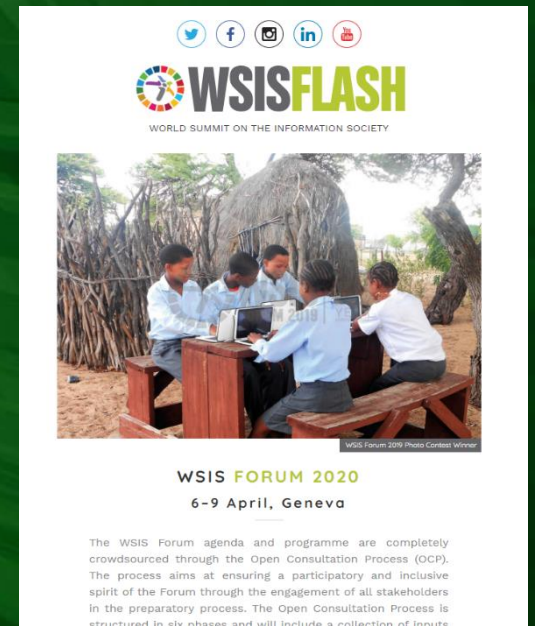
WSIS Process
World Summit on the Information Society. The major global #UN multistakeholder platform for discussing #ICTs role in achieving UN's #SDGs. bit.ly/2oIEAZP

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WSISPrize...
WSIS Prize...
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HLPF2019


POSTS TAGGED



ICTs and Youth
PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Enhanced Visibility Offers for Contributing Partners
WSIS PRIZES
6-9 April 2020
Geneva, Switzerland
Headline: 22 November 2019
ICTs and Sports
WSIS TALK



WSISFLASH
WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY



WSIS FORUM 2020
6-9 April, Geneva

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





**WSIS+15
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