

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Implementation Process



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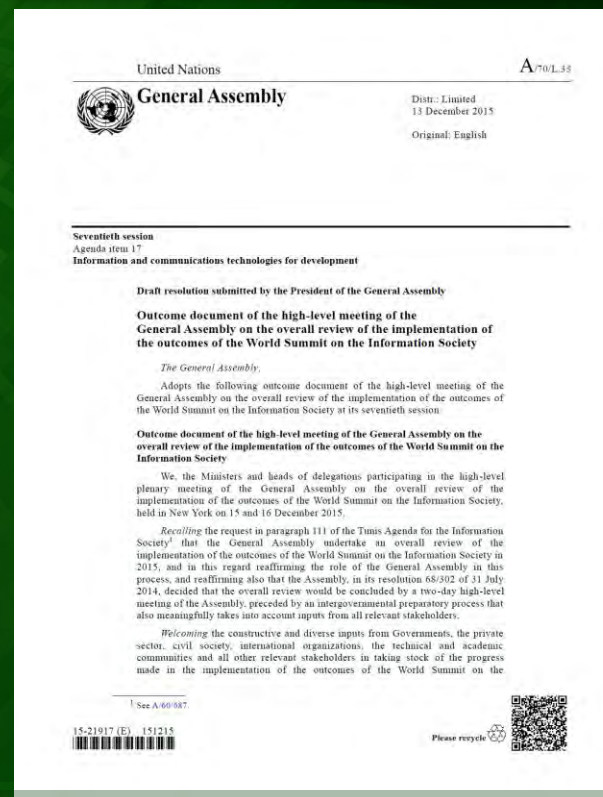


UNGA Overall Review

WSIS implementation beyond 2015



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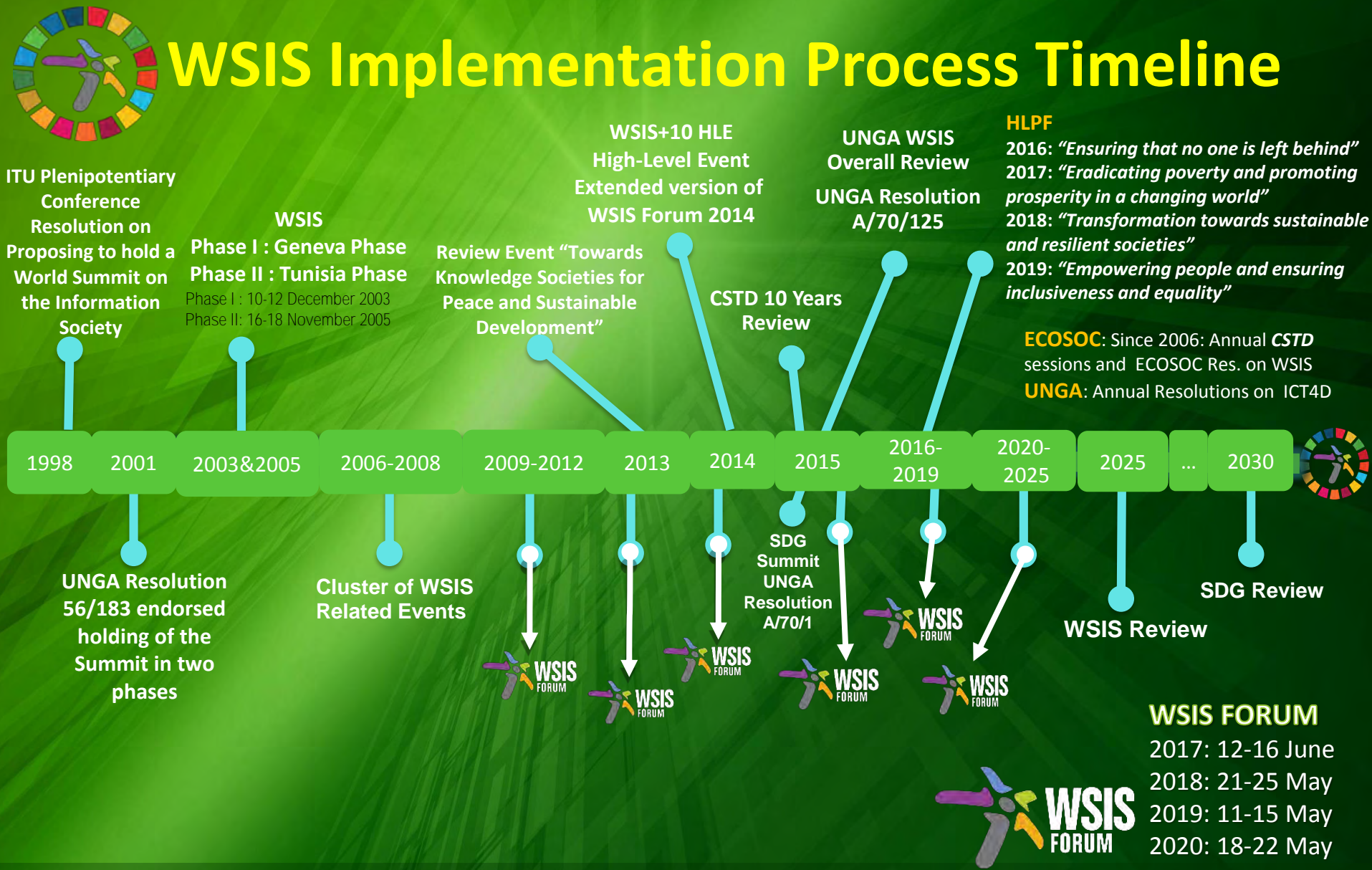
- A unique UN Process, multi-stakeholders, and provides a global framework for Information and Knowledge Societies
- Eleven WSIS Action Lines covering all aspects of information and knowledge societies
- UN General Assembly overall review on the implementation of WSIS (UNGA Resolution A/70/125). The resolution provides guidance on the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes till 2025.
- In particular, it calls for close alignment between the World Summit on the Information Society process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Para 12 of the UN Resolution A/70/125

-We commit to harnessing the potential of information and communications technologies to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other internationally agreed development goals, noting that they can accelerate progress across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We accordingly call upon all Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders to integrate information and communications technologies into their approaches to implementing the Goals, and request United Nations entities facilitating the World Summit on the Information Society action lines to review their reporting and work plans to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda...

WSIS Implementation Process Timeline





Towards Effective Implementation



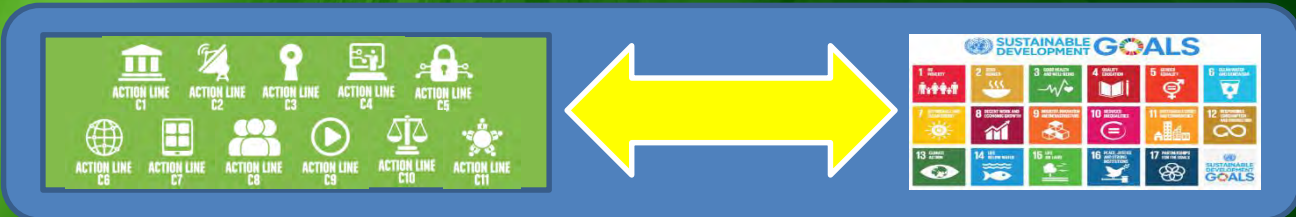
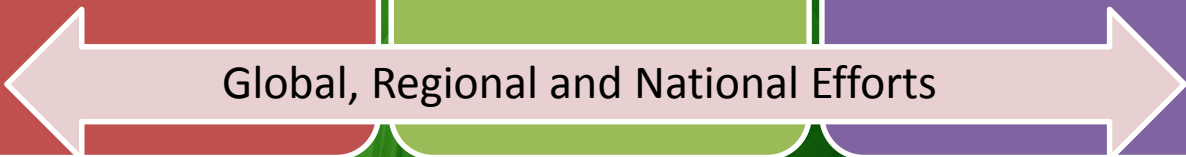

WSIS Forum and Reviews



WSIS Stocktaking and Prizes



WSIS Measurement





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).

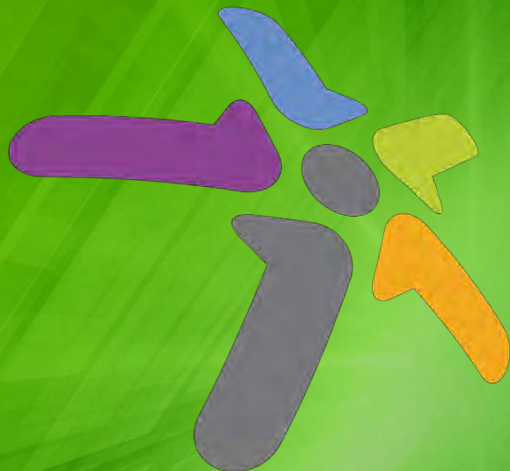
Though access to advanced technologies has grown at a fast pace since the celebration of WSIS, the impressive gains observed during the era of the Millennium Development Goals are still hampered by existing gaps in ICT access – between and within countries, between urban and rural settings, among men 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)³ 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/70/1.

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.



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ESCAP
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
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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 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.



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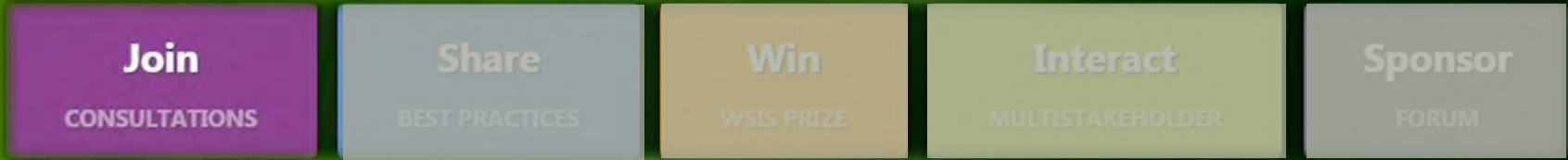
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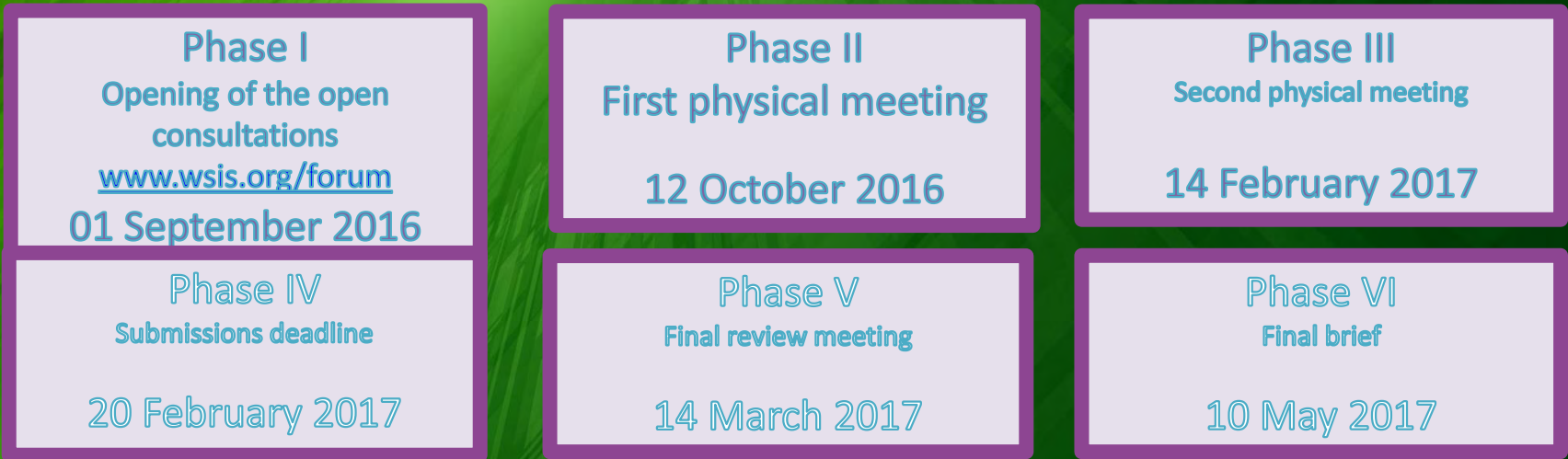




The **Open Consultation Process OCP** is a multistakeholder preparatory process where entities are actively engaged to ensure broad ownership and further improvements of the Forum. The Open Consultation Process will include a collection of **inputs from regional and national WSIS related events**. The physical meetings of the Open Consultation Process will benefit from **remote participation**



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





Annual Regional Commissions Meeting at WSIS Forum

- 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





Connecting Dots at the Regional Level

- In accordance to Para 109 of the Tunis Agenda ITU, UNESCO and UNDP continues playing leading facilitating roles in the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action and organize a meeting of moderators/facilitators of action lines
- In the outcomes of the UN General Assembly overall review on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (GA Resolution A/70/125), regional commissions are invited to continue their work in implementation of WSIS and their contribution to the reviews thereof, including through regional reviews.
- UN Regional Commissions in collaboration with other UN Agencies are working towards regional WSIS implementation reviews.
 - **Regional Workshop on resilient ICT connectivity for the Knowledge Economy, SDGs and the WSIS Goals, 21 September 2016, , Almaty, Kazakhstan, UNECE And UNESCAP (In collaboration with ITU)**
 - **Meeting on The Regional Review of the World Summit on the Information Society Action Line Implementation, 4 October 2016, , Bangkok, Thailand , UNESCAP (in collaboration with ITU and UNESCO)**
 - **Emerging Issues in ICT & Annual WSIS Meeting , 23 November 2016, UNECA (in collaboration with ITU and UNESCO), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
 - **WSIS Review, March 2017, UNESCWA in collaboration with ITU**
 - **WSIS Review, April 2017, Chile, UNECLAC in collaboration with ITU**
 - **WSIS Review , 2017, UNECE in collaboration with ITU (TBD)**





WSIS Regional Reviews - Outcomes

- Building regional capacities on the WSIS and its alignment with 2030 Agenda
- Building awareness on the enabling role of ICTs in sustainable development and placing ICTs in central point of the national sustainable development agendas and policies
- Advocating for inclusion of ICTs in the programming of future UNDAFs
- Fostering of cross sectoral approaches using ICTs to accelerate achievement of SDGs (e-health, e-learning, e-business, e-agriculture, e-governance ...)
- Encouraging collaborative regulation, policy making and implementation
- Fostering interagency collaboration on implementation of the WSIS outcomes and ICT for sustainable development, while aligning WSIS and SDG processes
- Identifying best practices from national, regional and global experiences for the WSIS Prizes
- Reporting on efforts at the national and regional level related to WSIS implementation and WSIS-SDG alignment to WSIS Stocktaking Process
- Contributing as the regional formal submission to the WSIS Forum Open Consultation Process by bringing the regional trends, challenges and opportunities to the global dialogue on the WSIS implementation.
- Facilitating further UN reporting on WSIS and SDGs (incl. ECOSOC, HLPF, UNGA)



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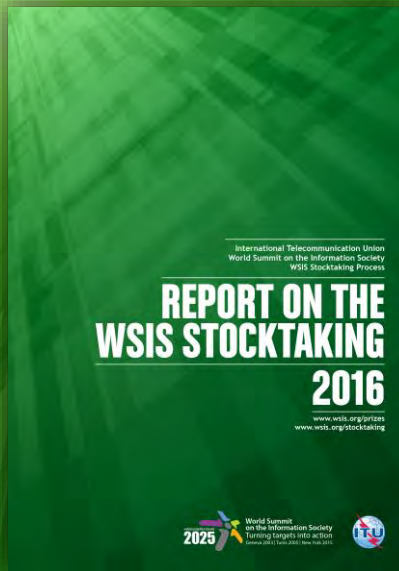
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WSIS Stocktaking: Call for Update and New Entries

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.

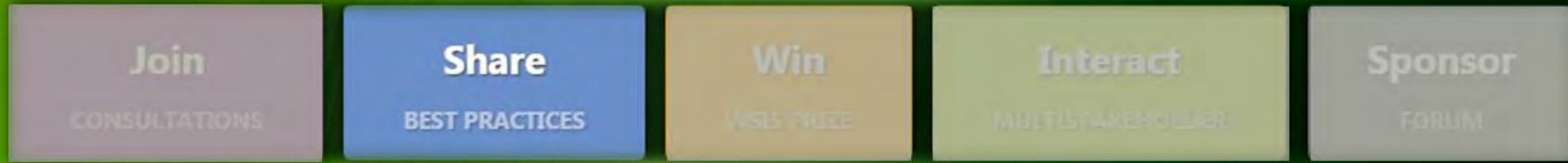
NEW WSIS Stocktaking product are the Regional Stocktaking Reports (2014-2016), which will be released in September 2016.



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WSIS Stocktaking Process



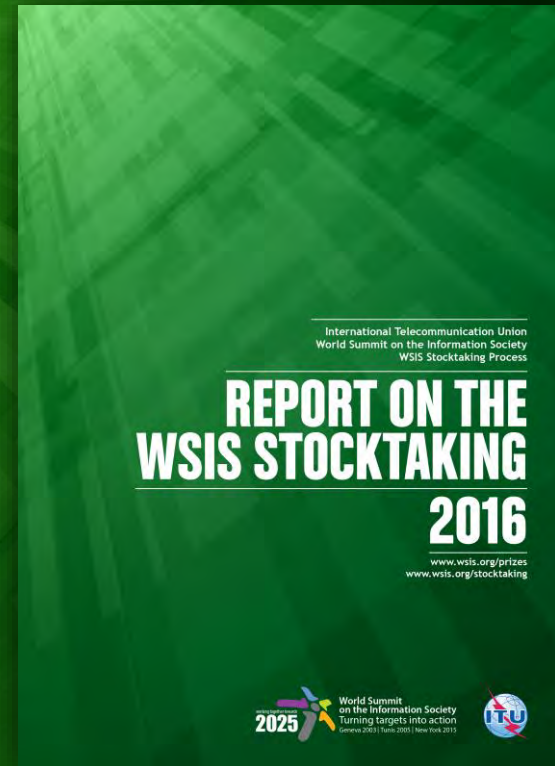
The Call for the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2017 is ongoing

Submit your ICT-related projects and initiatives and share best practices of implementing WSIS Action Lines and advancing to SDGs

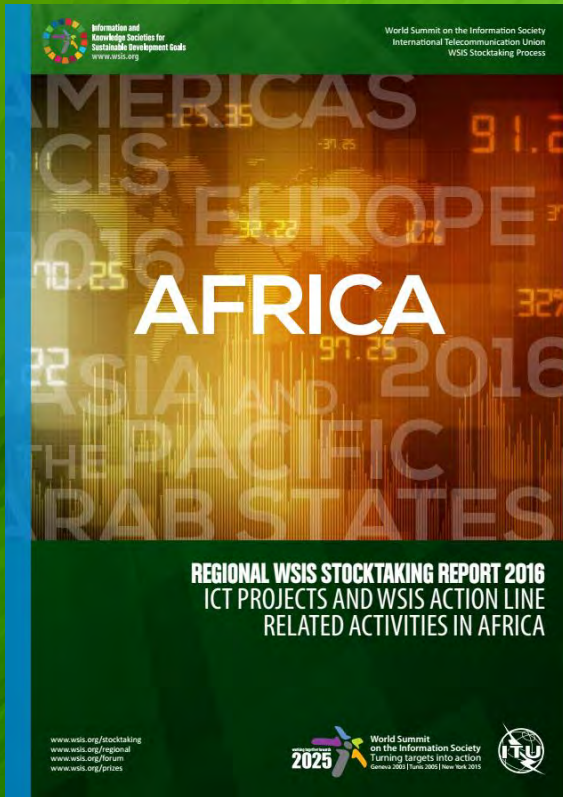
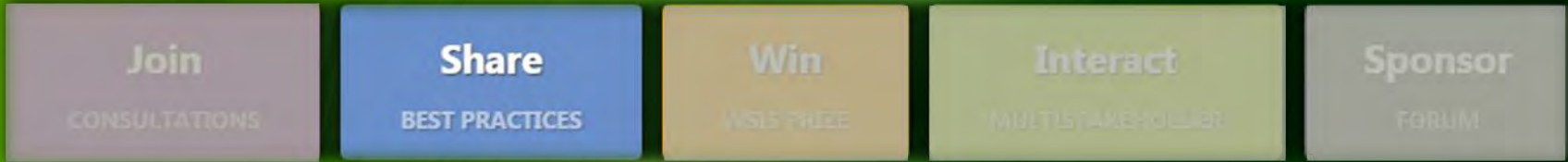
Submitted activities will be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2017 which will be released at WSIS Forum 2017 (12-16 June 2017). The deadline for submission will be 1 March 2017. We invite all to continue following WSIS Flash and WSIS social media channels, and contribute to WSIS Stocktaking process. WSIS Stocktaking database reached new records **with 8.000 plus entries** and a growing **community of 200.000** stakeholders.

Call for Update and New Entries – Submit at:

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Launch of the Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report 2016: ICT Projects And WSIS Action Line Related Activities in Africa Region



Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report in the Africa Region (2014-2016) is to be launched at the Africa Regional WSIS Follow-up and Annual Review & Expert Group Meeting on Emerging Issues in ICT – 2016, 22-24 November 2016, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, organized by UNECA

Summary of the Report

- Hundred and thirty-six entries (136) were submitted from the Africa Region to the WSIS Stocktaking platform (with more than 200 projects since 2012, the first WSIS Prizes contest)
- Seven entities from this region have been awarded WSIS Prizes as winners and champions with two projects awarded from Rwanda, and one each from Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, South Africa and Zimbabwe
- Congratulations to all WSIS Prizes Winners and Champions from the Africa Region

“It is with pleasure that I recognize the commitment of this region to the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes, including the commitment made to share best practices regarding the use of ICTs to help advance the SDGs.” – Mr Houlin Zhao, ITU Secretary-General



NEW WSIS Stocktaking products: the Regional Stocktaking Reports (2014-2016)



- Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report in **CIS Region** (2014-2016) was launched during Regional Workshop on Resilient ICT Connectivity for the Knowledge Economy, SDGs and the WSIS Goals, 20-21 September 2016, Almaty, Kazakhstan, organized by UNESCAP and UNECE
- Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report in the **Asia and Pacific** (2014-2016) was launched during Regional Review of the World Summit on the Information Society Action Line Implementation, 4 October 2016, Bangkok, Thailand, organized by UNESCAP
- **Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report in the Africa Region** (2014-2016) is just being launched at the Africa Regional WSIS Follow-up and Annual Review & Expert Group Meeting on Emerging Issues in ICT – 2016, 22-24 November 2016, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, organized by UNECA
- Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report in the **Americas Region** (2014-2016) is to be launched at the Open Forum session on the WSIS Action Lines supporting the implementation of the SDGs - WSIS Forum: Information and Knowledge Societies for SDGs during the IGF Forum, 6-9 December 2016, Guadalajara, Mexico
- Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report in **Arab States and Europe Region** (2014-2016) will be launched in the beginning of 2017



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- Use WSIS process to reach global community and foster cooperation and partnership building
- Embed online interface on your website facilitating sharing local success stories with global community
- Enrich content of your web site sharing the good practices from all over the world
- Be part of the global effort





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



WSIS Prize Winners and Champions from the Africa Region



WSIS Prize Winning Projects



AFRICA REGION

AFRICA WSIS Prize Winners

2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012



2016 | CHAMPION PROJECT in Action Line C8 Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

The NatIV Project

Ian N Mutamiri, ZIMBABWE



2013 | WINNER in Action Line C7 ICT Applications -eLearning

Training and connecting rural people

African Forum for the Promotion of New Information and Communication Technologies (AFPNICT), CONGO



2015 | WINNER in Action Line C10 Ethical dimensions of the Information Society

Tackling Ethical Dimensions of Online Media Content through Self-Regulation

Rwanda Media Commission, RWANDA



2013 | WINNER in Action Line C9 Media Africa Digital Media Academy

Ministry of Youth and ICT and Workforce Development Authority (WDA), RWANDA



2014 | WINNER in Action Line C2 Information and communication infrastructure

Rural Telephony Project

Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications, GHANA



2012 | WINNER in Action Line C1 The Role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development

Global Information Society Watch (GISWatch)

The Association for Progressive Communications, SOUTH AFRICA/INTERNATIONAL



2014 | WINNER in Action Line C9 Media Infotech TV Show: Disseminating ICT knowledge through media

Philmon Press P.L.C, ETHIOPIA



United Nations Group on the Information Society



30 UN Agencies Members

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

Upcoming Activity:
Identification of ICT related activities mandated in the 30 UN Agencies.



WSIS ACTION LINES – SDG MATRIX



LINKING WSIS ACTION LINES WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



WSIS-SDG Matrix as a step towards bringing ICT in development agenda for sustainable development



Launched by UN Action Line Facilitators collaborative effort

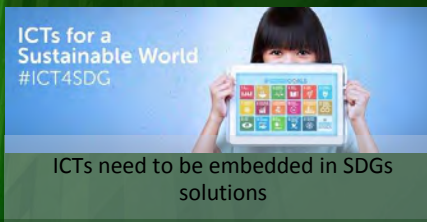
L. WSIS Action Lines -SDGs Matrix (at a glance)

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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



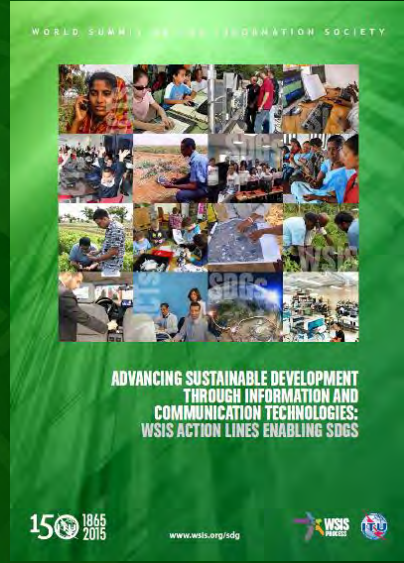
ICTs essential to accelerating and achieving SDGs

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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TOWARDS EVIDENCE BASED POLICY MAKING

- Shift from theory to practice and impact
- Report through WSIS Stocktaking on your efforts providing link between WSIS Action Lines and SDGs
- Draw conclusions from the automated matrix providing strength of proposed links between WSIS Action Lines and SDGs
- 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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Measuring ICTs for Development

- The Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development is an international, multi-stakeholder initiative that was launched in 2004 to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries.
- The Partnership has guided policy makers in producing ICT statistics that are crucial to informed decision-making, including through the identification of a core list of ICT indicators and methodologies to collect these indicators.
- The Partnership helps developing countries collect ICT statistics, particularly through capacity-building and hands-on training for national statistical offices, and collects and disseminates information society statistics.
- Its membership has grown from originally 11, to today 14 regional and international organisations. The Partnership work is coordinated by a Steering Committee, which is elected every 3 years. The current Steering Committee is made up of ITU, UNCTAD, and UIS.



www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/intlcoop/partnership/default.aspx



Measuring ICTs for Development

- The 2016 edition of the Measuring the Information Society Report will be launched during the World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS) 2016, in Gaborone, Botswana.
- The Measuring the Information Society Report, which has been published annually since 2009, features key ICT data and benchmarking tools to measure the information society, including the ICT Development Index (IDI).
- The IDI 2016 captures the level of ICT developments in 175 economies worldwide and compares progress since the year 2014. The report assesses IDI findings at the regional level and highlights top performing countries and those that have most dynamically improved their rank in the IDI since 2014. It also uses the findings of the IDI to analyze trends and developments in the digital divide.
- The report highlights the role of ICTs in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and presents the newly agreed SDG indicator framework, including the ICT indicators. In addition, it presents 2015 prices for ICT services for about 160 countries and provides a detailed analysis of mobile-cellular, fixed-broadband and mobile-broadband prices over the period 2008-2015.



www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/idi/2016/



Measuring ICTs for Development

- The 14th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS) was held in Botswana, from 21 to 23 November 2016.
- WTIS-2016 is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Government of Botswana.
- WTIS, which is usually attended by around 300-400 participants, is open to all the ITU membership and is primarily targeted at those responsible for ICT statistics in relevant Ministries, regulatory agencies, telecommunication operating companies and national statistical offices. Experts interested in the subject of information society measurements are also welcome to attend the Symposium.



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WSIS Fund in Trust: Call for Contributions 2017

Sponsorship opportunities

Moving towards 2025, and following the multi-stakeholder approach, the WSIS Forum will build upon the outcomes of the WSIS+10 Review and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- High-Level Visibility
- Marketing & Promotion
- High-Level Networking
- Many more

Partnership packages

<p>Platinum Strategic Partner</p> <p>★★★★★</p>	<p>Gold Strategic Partner</p> <p>★★★★</p>	<p>Specific Activities Partner</p> <p>★★★</p>	<p>Contributing Partner</p> <p>★</p>
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