World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Implementation Process

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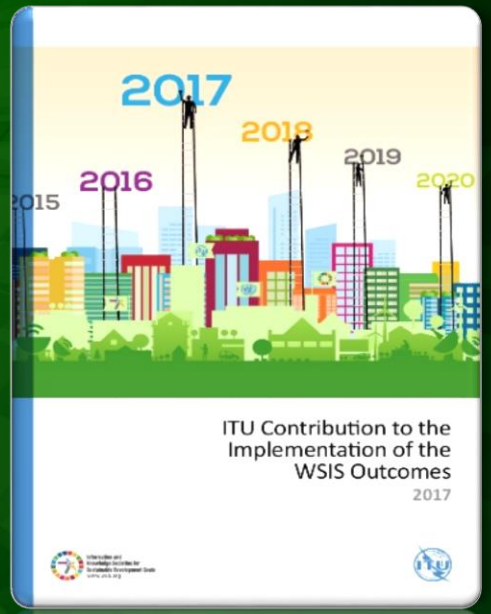
WSIS Implementation Process

Celebrating 15 Years of the Geneva Plan of Action

- Facilitation and Implementation of WSIS Action Lines
- WSIS Forum
- WSIS Stocktaking
- WSIS Prize
- United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)
- Partnership on Measuring ICTs for Development

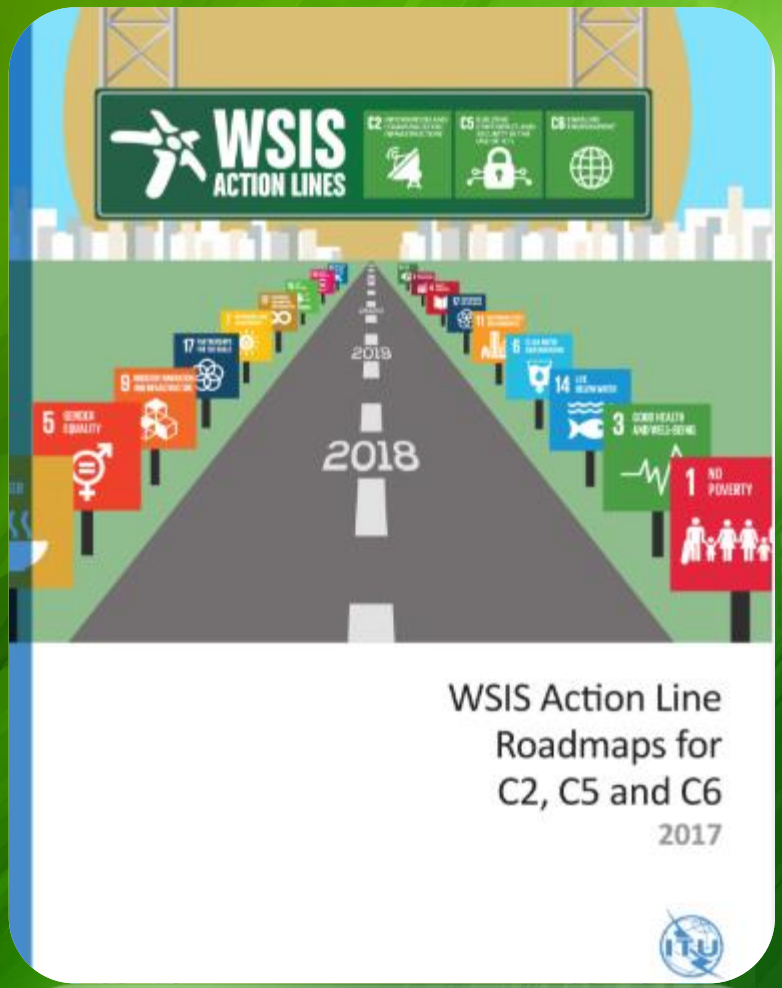
ITU Contribution to the WSIS Implementation:

The 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, in particular:



- Lead facilitator (along with UNESCO and UNDP) in coordinating the multistakeholder implementation of the *Geneva Plan of Action*.
- Facilitator of Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure) and C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs); upon the UNDP's request the ITU accepted to play the role of the Facilitator of Action Line C6 (Enabling environment).
- Co-facilitator of Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7 and C11; and partner for Action Lines C8 and C9.
- Rotating Chair of the United Nations Group on Information Society (UNGIS).
- Steering committee member of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Measurement.(Development)
- Facilitator of the WSIS Stocktaking Process.
- Initiator and facilitator of the WSIS Project Prize.
- Implementation of other WSIS outcomes.

WSIS Action Line Roadmaps for Action Lines C2,C5 and C6



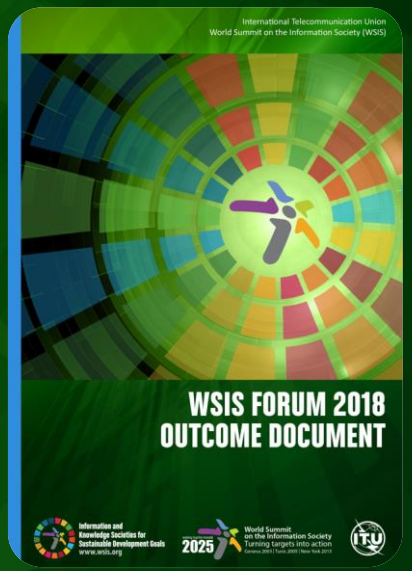
- Roadmaps are detailed plans to guide progress towards achieving the WSIS Implementation goals.
- Direct links between the activities and the strategic goals and relevant resolutions, programmes and initiatives of the ITU are highlighted that also clearly display the linkages with the SDGs.
- The roadmaps include timeframes, expected results, as well as list relevant partners..

WSIS Forum 2018: OUTCOMES

Leveraging ICTs to Build Information and Knowledge Societies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

The WSIS Forum is the only event of its kind where the programme is completely crowdsourced: the Agenda and Programme were built on the basis of official submissions received during the Open Consultation Process.

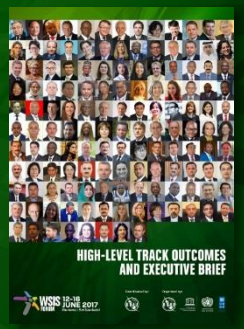
- 2500+ ICT experts contributed to the event
- Thousands followed and intervened remotely
- 500+ High-Level representatives
- 250+ workshops and open space talks discussed linkages between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs
- 30+ exhibition spaces highlighted innovation and projects from the ground

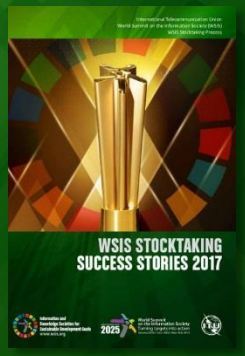


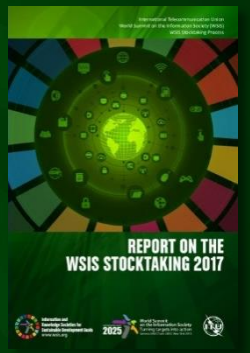
WSIS Forum 2018: Outcomes

Leveraging ICTs to Build Information and Knowledge Societies for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

- WSIS Forum 2018: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2018: High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- Implementation of WSIS Action Lines for Moving Towards Resilient and Sustainable Societies (HLPF 2018) WSIS Stocktaking Report 2018
- WSIS Forum 2018 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2018







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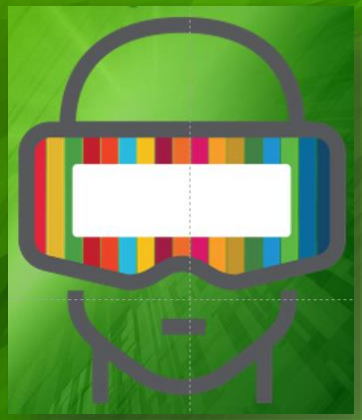
Special Tracks at WSIS Forum 2018

Virtual Reality for SDGs



TEDxGeneva

TEDx Geneva
x = independently organized TED event

Hackathon

WSIS FORUM 2018
#HackAgainstHunger

ICTs solutions for SDGs

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Innovation Track - Accelerating Digital Transformation: Building Vibrant ICT Centric Innovation Ecosystems,

WSIS Forum 2018: WSIS Action Lines aligned to the SDGs

- Building on the WSIS-SDG Matrix developed by UN WSIS Action Line Facilitators, a **mapping tool** was available to emphasize the linkages between the Action Lines and the SDGs identified by WSIS Stakeholders in their respective sessions and workshops.

- **WSIS/ SDGs Matrix WSIS Forum 2018: Outcomes**- WSIS Stakeholders identified a clear relation and connection between the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs for their respective workshops and session at the WSIS Forum,

- **Report by WSIS AL Facilitators:** Implementation of WSIS Action Lines for Moving Towards Resilient and Sustainable Societies (HLPF 2018)

UN Regional Commissions at the WSIS Forum 2018

- All five UN Regional Commissions participated actively in the preparatory process and the discussions at the WSIS Forum 2018
- Presence of Executive Secretaries of UNECE and UNCSCWA
- Annual UN Regional Commissions Meeting that discussed the implementation of Activities in 2017-2018/2019
  - Current Chair: UNECE
  - Permanent Secretariat: ITU

UN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

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 working towards regional WSIS implementation reviews.

High-Level Political Forum 2018

- WSIS Forum 2018 Outcomes submitted to the HLPF, 9-18 July 2018
- WSIS Action Line Facilitators report on Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies
- UNGIS side event and Joint contribution

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

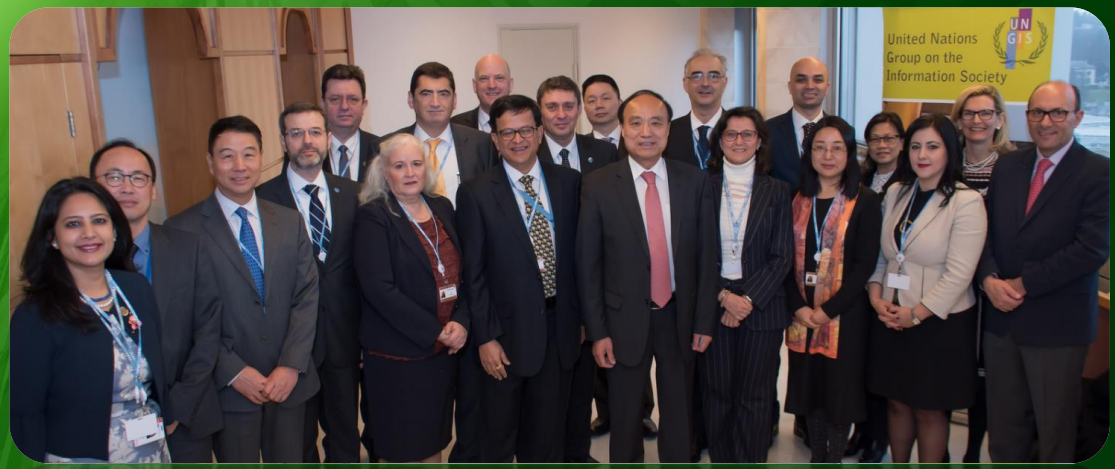
United Nations Group on the Information Society UNGIS

UN Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) reiterated commitment to the WSIS Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes.

Upcoming Activities:

- UNGIS Joint Statement at HLPF
- UNGIS Side-event at HLPF, with the engagement of the WSIS Prize winners

CURRENT CHAIR: ITU



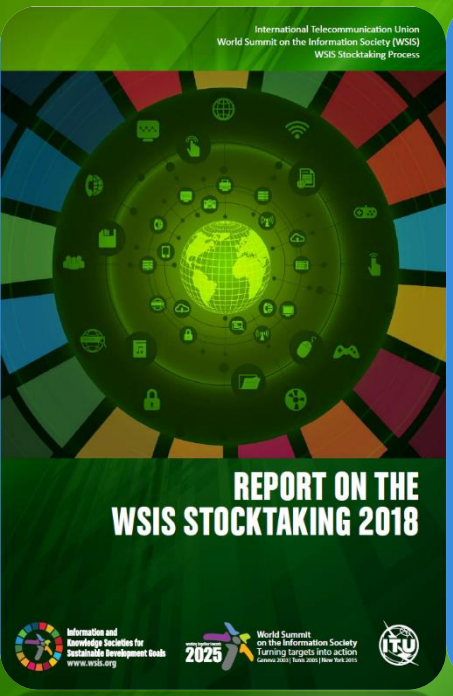
PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT

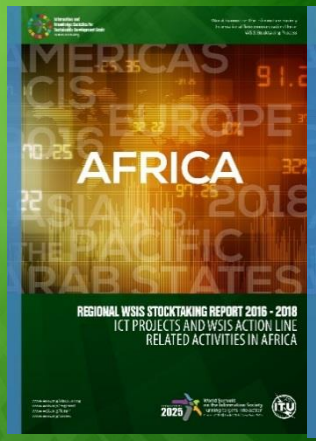
- **Improving** the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries
- **Guiding** policy makers in producing ICT statistics that are crucial to decision-making, including the identification of a core list of ICT indicators and methodologies to collect these indicators
- **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

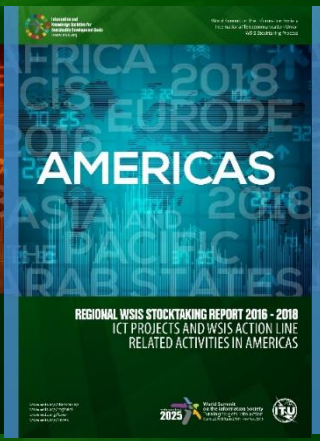
WSIS Stocktaking Process 2018

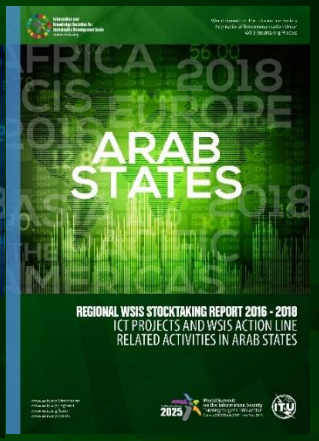
- WSIS Stocktaking Platform increased to 300,000 registered stakeholders, with close to 10,000 entries since 2004
- A unique international database of ICT-related projects and activities advancing SDGs
- ICT4D community is invited to continuously submit and promote WSIS Stocktaking process
- NEW online platform to be launched this summer

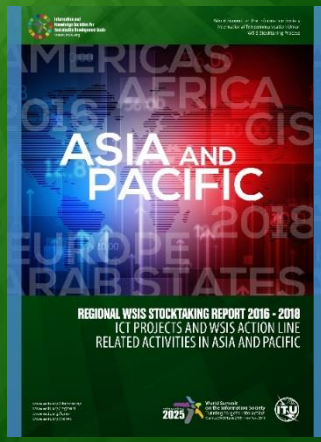
WSIS Stocktaking 2018 Publications

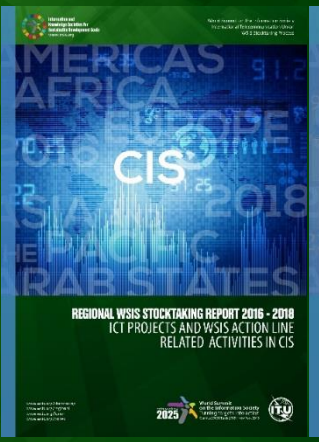


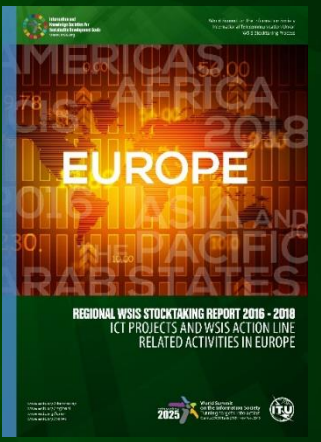












WSIS Prizes 2018

- 7th Edition awarded 18 prize winning projects for their work using information and communication technologies to improve lives, impact the environment, reduce inequalities and many more
- 2018 was another record-breaking contest with 685 submitted projects, out of which 492 were nominated for the online voting phase which was a big breakthrough with 45% increase since 2017
- Call for next year will be launched this summer…

Gender Mainstreaming

EQUALS GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

ACCESS – Achieve equal access to digital technologies
SKILLS – Empower women and girls with skills to become ICT creators
LEADERS – Promote women as ICT leaders and entrepreneurs

Goal of EQUALS is to create a movement where women and girls are **equal** participants in the digital technology revolution through:

- Advocacy
- Awareness raising;
- Partnership
  - 60 partners reached (including 29 Research Group members)
- Research and analysis
  - Contributing to the growth of the Action Map

Upcoming Events

Annual Partners Plenary Meeting

EQUALS in Tech Awards

Youth

- Globally nearly 67 million young women and men are unemployed and nearly 145 million young people are employed but living in poverty.
- The global youth employment crisis is one of the biggest development challenges faced by youth all over the world and in particular in emerging economies.
- Due to the global youth employment crisis, ILO, ITU and 20 other United Nations agencies have joined hands to scale up action and impact on the global youth employment crisis by launching the Decent Jobs for Youth global initiative, under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- The Global Initiative is focused on 8 thematic priorities, one of them digital skills.
- A digital tool kit has been designed to support the Decent Jobs for Youth Community

ICTs and Renewal Energy

- ICTs have an important role to play in increasing the share of renewable energy by 2030.
- At ITU, we are working hard to mitigate the impact of the ICT sector on the environment, be it by limiting the volume of e-waste or reducing greenhouse gas emissions for electronic devices.
- During the WSIS Forum 2018 a Letter of Intent was signed by ITU and other Heads of UN entities on building an e waste coilation.

BROADBAND COMMISSION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

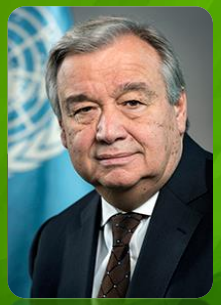
UN Broadband Commission advances action towards broadband digital connectivity for all

Industry, government and UN convene for Spring 2018 meeting of Commission in Rwanda on eve of 'Transform Africa' Conference

Broadband Commission Working Groups during the meeting in Kigali:

- The Working Group on **Digital Entrepreneurship** chaired by Mr Andrus Ansip, VP of the European Commission
- The Working Group on **Broadband for Most Vulnerable Countries** chaired by Ms Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- The Working Group on **Digital Health** - Primary Healthcare and Non-Communicable Diseases chaired by Dr Ann Aerts, Head of Novartis Foundation and Intel
- The Working Group on **Epidemic Preparedness** chaired by Dr Chang-Gyu Hwang, CEO at KT Corp.

Commitment from UN Leadership



Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General

“Connecting the unconnected is crucial to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is essential for sharing information, bringing people in from the margins and giving people a voice. I thank the World Summit on the Information Society Forum for promoting an inclusive process to meet this goal.”

Ms. Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General

“WSIS Forum is the central venue for the global community to reflect on the developments, implications and opportunities of ICTs and to act collectively to bring the benefits to all. I commend the efforts made by stakeholders to align the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda. The WSIS-SDGs matrix, developed by UN agencies, is a valuable tool that shows the clear links between ICTs and the SDGs.”

Mr. Houlin Zhao, ITU Secretary-General

“Thanks to all of you, this forum has become the leading ICT for development event in the world. The WSIS Forum is our common platform to foster partnerships, showcase innovation, and exchange best practices in the field of ICT through the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines.”

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WSIS Forum 2019

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NEW Calls for Action coming up soon…

Thank You

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