Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to WSIS outcomes at the regional and international levels

2022-2023 CSTD Inter-sessional Panel, 25 October 2022

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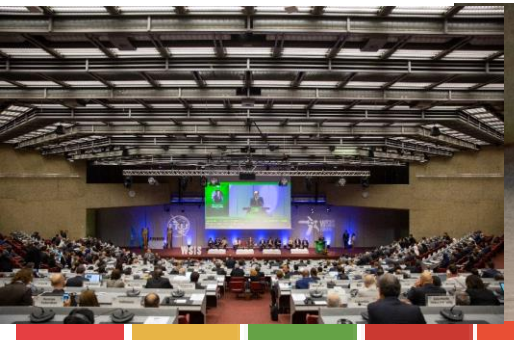
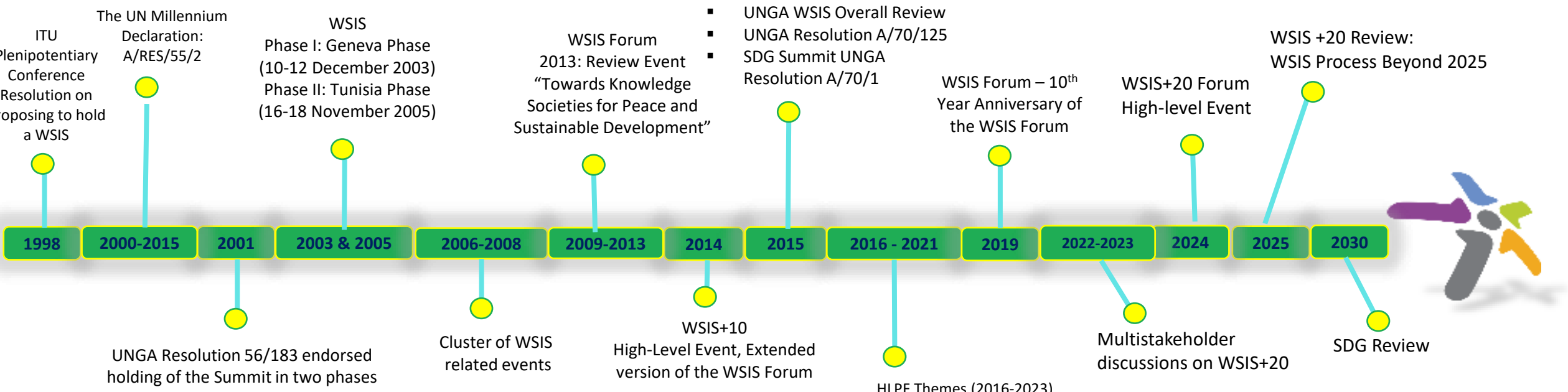


WSIS Process timeline



WSIS FORUM IS HELD EVERY YEAR

2017: 12-16 June
2018: 21-25 May
2019: 8-12 April
2020: 22 June - final week (7-10 September)
2021: January onwards – final week (17-21 May)
2022: March Onwards – final week 30 May – 3 June
2023: 13-17 March – virtual sessions (April – May)
2024: 27-31 May
2025: 26-30 May

HLPF Themes (2016-2023)

- 2016: "Ensuring that no one is left behind"
- 2017: "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world"
- 2018: "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
- 2019: "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality"
- 2020: "Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development "
- 2021: "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"
- 2022: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"
- 2023: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels

WSIS Action Lines – Sustainable Development Goals

Impact of WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals

WSIS-SDG Matrix: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/sdg/

The WSIS implementation mechanism at the international level is organised taking into account the themes and action lines in the Geneva Plan of Action, and moderated or facilitated by UN agencies when appropriate.

WSIS Action Lines and UN Secretary-General *'OUR COMMON AGENDA'*

United Nations | Common Agenda

- LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND
- PROTECT OUR PLANET
- PROMOTE PEACE & PREVENT CONFLICTS
- ABIDE BY INTERNATIONAL LAW & ENSURE JUSTICE
- PLACE WOMEN & GIRLS AT THE CENTER
- BUILD TRUST
- IMPROVE DIGITAL COOPERATION
- ENSURE SUSTAINABLE FINANCING
- BOOST PARTNERSHIPS
- LISTEN TO & WORK WITH YOUTH
- BE PREPARED

WSIS Action Lines

WSIS Forum 2022:
Outcomes, announcements, and key highlights

WSIS FORUM 2022
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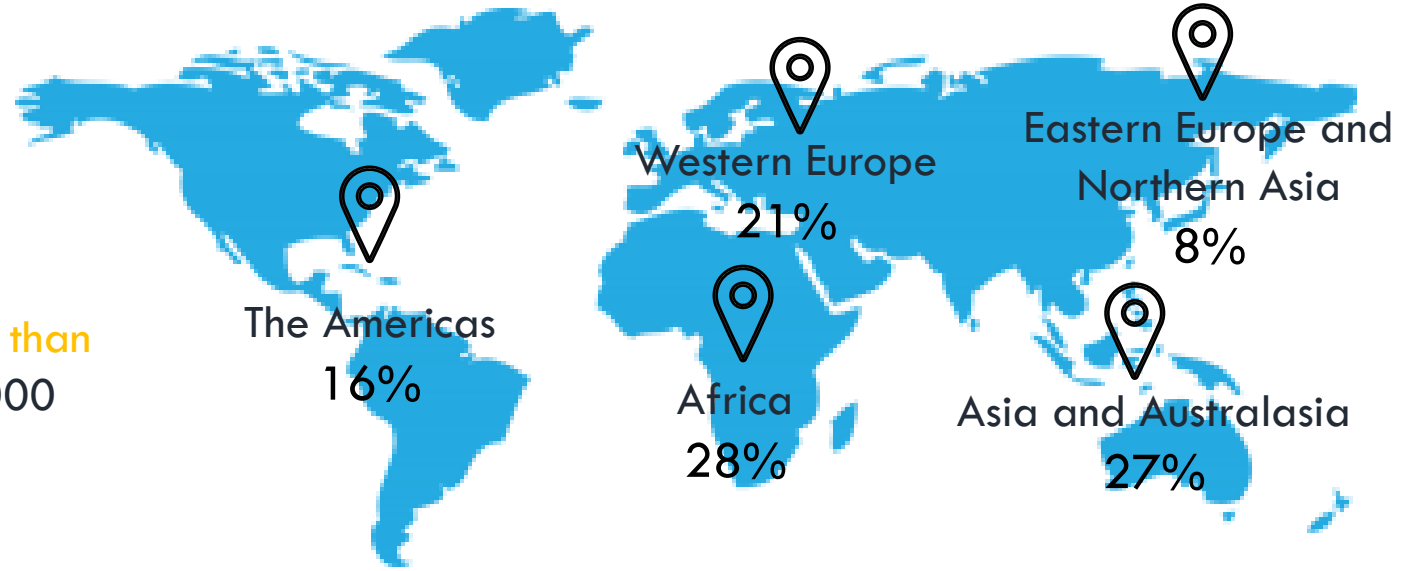
WSIS Forum 2022: Participation (1/2)

The WSIS Forum 2022 final week welcomed more than 1,000 physical participants, with more than 30,000 remote participants since 15 March.



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Female
47%

Other
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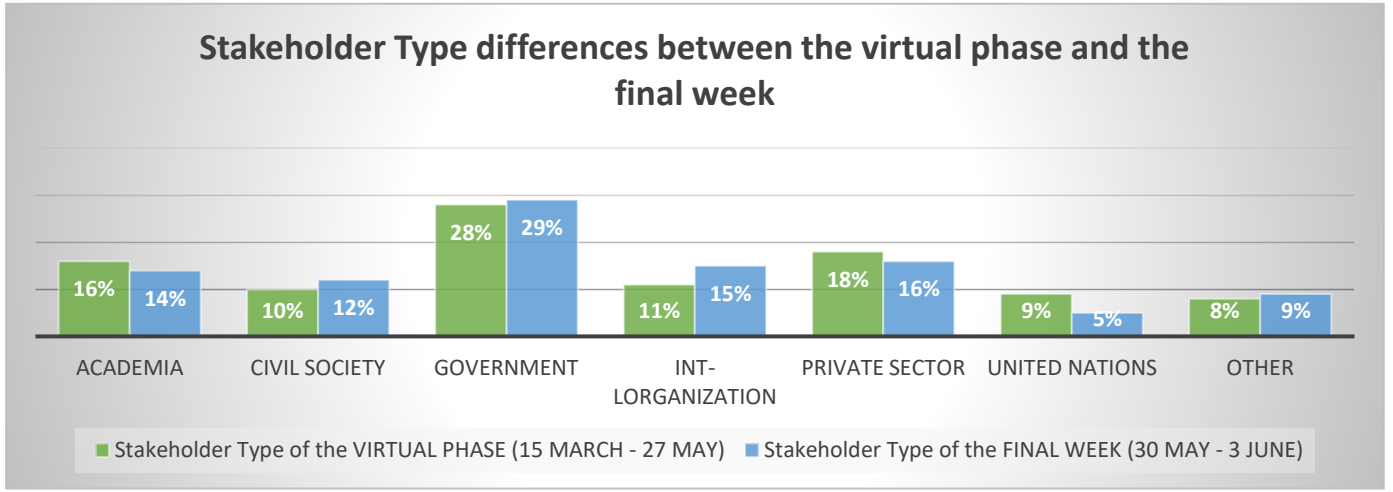

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WSIS Forum 2022: Participation (2/2)

250 sessions, including thematic workshops, country workshops, WSIS Action Line Facilitation meetings, high-level dialogues, high-level policy sessions, knowledge cafes and open-space talks enabled on-site as well as virtual participants from over 150 countries

500 high-level representatives of the wider WSIS Stakeholder community, including Ministers and Deputies, Ambassadors; and Leaders from the Private Sector, Academia, and Civil Society

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WSIS Forum 2022: High-Level track

Chairman

H.E. Professor Isa Ali Ibrahim
(Pantami)
Minister
Federal Ministry of Communications
and Digital Economy
Nigeria

HIGH-LEVEL TRACK FACILITATORS

The 11 High-Level Policy Sessions were moderated by the High-Level Track Facilitators nominated by the organisations representing different stakeholder types.

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WSIS Forum 2022: Special Initiatives

ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming

WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology
WSIS Gender Trendsetters

ICTs and Older Persons

WSIS Forum Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize
WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons

ICTs and Youth

WSIS Youth Campaigners

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World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WTISD) 2022

17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the **creation of the International Telecommunication Union** and is celebrated every year as the **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day**.

The theme for the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2022 (WTISD-22) is **"Digital technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing".**

WTISD 2022 allows ITU membership, partners and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the important role of telecommunications/ICTs in supporting people to stay healthy, connected and independent, physically, emotionally and financially – to a life of healthy ageing - and as critical for the sustainability of economic and health systems.

17 May 2022, 13:00-14:30 CEST, with the participation of:

- Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, ITU
- Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General, WHO
- H.E. Ms. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, Minister, Ministry of Communication and Digitalization, Ghana
- Ms. My Linh Kha, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Japan Asia-Pacific, AMGEN
- Dr. Jane Barratt, Secretary-General, International Federation on Ageing

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/Session/133
More information on WTISD-22: https://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/2022/Pages/default.aspx

Hackathon - Designing a Sustainable Future using ICTs
Co-Organized by the WSIS Forum 2022 and TDRA UAE

08 – 24 November 2021

largest number of registrations: India, Tunisia, Nepal, Pakistan, and Algeria

1319 Participants

65 Teams – 54% Female

89 Countries

33 Submissions

15 Finalists

Winners

I. Digital Safety

1. Privizen - AI driven Privacy Guard – Q-Aztecs
2. VigilPopuli - Browser based internet security system - WolfPackSociety
3. Personal Assistant Robot Using Arduino - vishwajeeth9297_3a8b

II. Blockchain for a better life

1. . Block Chain based Innovative Fool Proof Real Estate Transactions – Safer/Efficient Real-Estate Transactions - The U-Team
2. Blockchain-Based Decentralized Identity Management for Remote Healthcare - The Unknowns
3. Lyfetime – TeamLyfetime

III. Climate Change

1. Identification of Deadliest Mosquitoes Using Wing Beats Sound Classification on Tiny Embedded System Using Machine Learning and Edge Impulse Platform - ML4ENV
2. PKL (PKL Knows Landslide) - kritish.pokharel_432c
3. AI Tree - Ai Tree

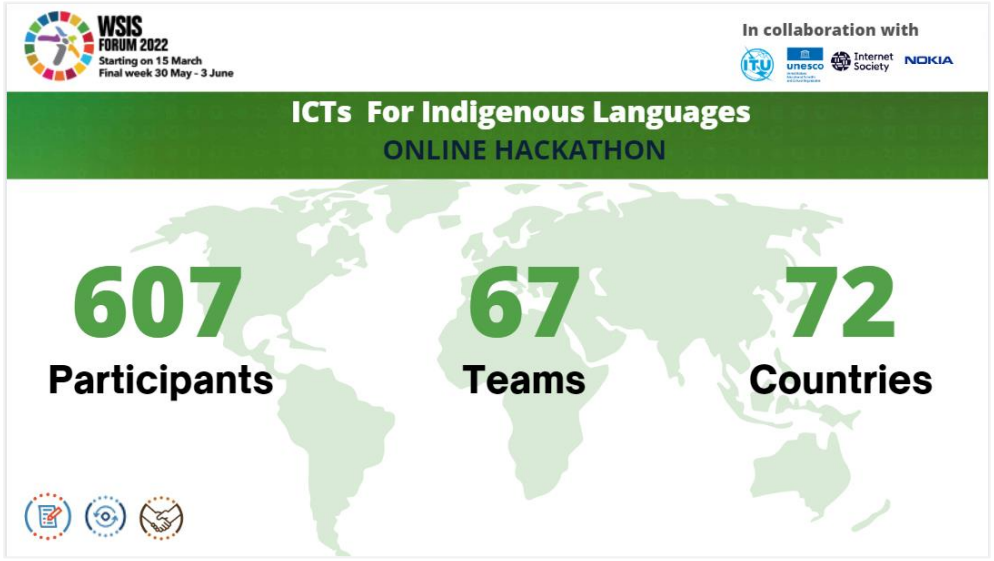
The Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) of the United Arab Emirates in cooperation with the WSIS Forum 2022 organised an international hackathon across three challenge areas to promote achievement of Sustainable Development Goals using ICTs.

Hackathon : ICTs for Indigenous Languages

In partnership with ITU, UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Internet Society, NOKIA

ITU, UNESCO, ISOC, Nokia and relevant stakeholders are jointly organise a WSIS Forum 2022 Hackathon on ICTs for Indigenous Languages

3 Challenge areas: knowledge, empowerment and preservation



2 Mentoring sessions with distinguishes experts

3 winners announced during Final week of WSIS Forum and awarded each:

1000 $
+
Mentorship opportunity with Nokia

Networking and Exhibition platform!

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#ImeetyouatWSISForum is an exhibition and networking platform where registered participants of the WSIS Forum 2022 could connect and forge new partnerships. This year, both the exhibition and networking events took place both physically and virtually to provide spaces for partners and exhibitors to showcase their services, products, and projects and offer opportunities to connect through our virtual platform. The networking platform is structured according to various topics, allowing stakeholders to interact according to specific topics of interest and develop new partnerships.

WSIS Forum 2022: Outcomes and Publications

- WSIS Forum 2022: Outcome Document
- WSIS Forum 2022 High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
- WSIS Stocktaking Report 2022
- WSIS Forum 2022 and SDG Matrix
- WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2022
- WSIS Forum 2022: Report - WSIS Action Lines: Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Home/Outcomes

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WSIS Forum 2022 Partners

STRATEGIC PARTNER PLATINUM

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PARTNERS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

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Inspiring development

SUPPORTING PARTNERS

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Global Coalition on Aging

Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

WSIS FORUM 2023

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13–17 March 2023
Geneva, Switzerland

virtual workshops in April and May

Contribute | Win & Share | Innovate | WSIS Forum 2022

Theme: ***WSIS Action Lines for building back better and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs***

Hosted and coordinated by | ITU

Co-organized by | ITU | UNESCO | UNCTAD | UNDP

Open Consultation Process

The **Open Consultation process (OCP) aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum**. This process actively engages multistakeholders in the preparatory process 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 Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2023 is structured in five phases as follows:

Phase 1

Launch of the OCP

7 September 2022

Phase 2

1st Meeting

30 November 2022, 11:00-12:00 CET/12:00-13:00 EAT: Open Forum on Implementation of WSIS Action Lines and WSIS Forum (during IGF 2022 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

Phase 3

2nd Meeting

13 January 2023, 14:00-15:00 CET

Phase 4

Special WSIS Forum 2022 Chairman Session (WSIS+20: Highlighting the achievements and challenges of the WSIS Action Lines for achieving the SDGs)& Deadline for Submissions

1 February 2023, 13:00-14:00 CET

Phase 5

3rd Meeting

13 February 2023 14:00-15:00 CEST

High-Level Track

- High-level Policy Sessions
- Ministerial Round Table
- High-level Dialogues
- Ambassadors Briefing and High-level meeting
- Mayors Round Table in collaboration with Geneva Cities Hub and City of Geneva
- High-Level Meeting with Parliamentarians

Current Chairman

H.E. Professor Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami)
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Call to Action
WSIS Forum 2023 High-Level Track Facilitators

- Open Call for Major Stakeholder Coordination Mechanisms following the WSIS Process to Identify and Nominate High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) for the WSIS Forum 2023.

- The main task of the HLTF is to **capture the vision, Identify emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the leaders of their session.**

- The High-Level Policy Sessions will be moderated by the High-Level Track Facilitators nominated and identified by each stakeholder type i.e Private Sector, Civil Society, Technical/ Academic community and International Organization.

- Each stakeholder type is invited to launch an Open Call to identify HLTF to represent their respective communities.

at wsis-info@itu.int by 1 February 2023

Call to Action : WSIS Prizes 2023

Submit your ICTs projects to the most globally recognised ICT for Development international annual award.

FIVE PHASES OF THE CONTEST

- **The first phase**: **Submission phase**
  7 September 2022 – 7 December 2022 (Deadline for last submission: 23:00 Geneva time)
- **The second phase: Nomination Phase**
  13- 23 December 2022.
  Revision of submitted projects that will result with a list of 360 nominated projects, twenty (20) projects per Action Line Category (18) - twenty projects per each category will be nominated
- **The third phase: Public online voting**
  25 December 2022 – 25 January 2023 (Deadline for casting last vote: 23:00 Geneva time)
  Identification of five projects per category with the highest number of votes
- **The fourth phase: Selection of winning projects by the ITU Expert Group** that will result with a list of winning projects
  25 January 2023 – 10 February 2023
- **The fifth phase: Announcement of winners to the public during WSIS Prize 2023 Ceremony at WSIS Forum 2023,** and the release of publication "WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2023", which is a compilation of extended descriptions of the 18 winning projects and 72 champion projects.

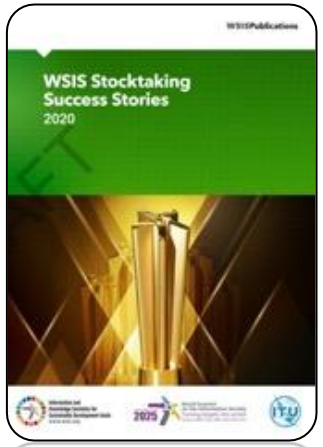
Deadline for Submissions : 7 December 2022 www.wsis.org/prizes

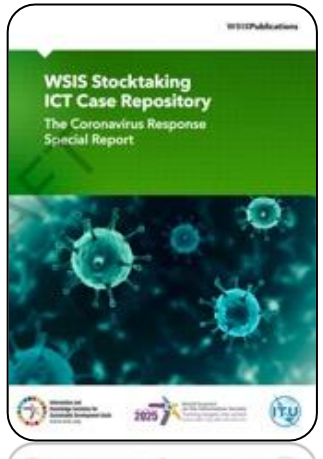
WSIS Stocktaking: 2022-2023 Call for New Entries

Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database www.wsis.org/stocktaking currently with 15,000+ submitted projects and initiatives from 350,000+ registered stakeholders has been vigilant and started collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

UN General Assembly called for a close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: WSIS Stocktaking is highlighting the contribution of 11 WSIS Action Lines to the achievement 17 SDGs;

ECOSOC resolution 2022/15 reiterates the importance of sharing best practices at the global level and encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform.





NEW Call for Submission:
www.wsis.org/stocktaking

Call to Action: WSIS Photo Contest 2023

Following the successful of previous Photo Contests editions, WSIS Forum continues to exercise the Photo Contest in 2023 and invites the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participate in building a collage of ICT for Sustainable Development photographs from around the world by promoting the Photo Contest within your networks and communities. The three winning entries in the WSIS photo contest will be awarded and presented at the WSIS Forum 2023.

Deadline: 1 February 2023

WSIS Forum 2023 : Special Tracks

ICTs and Youth

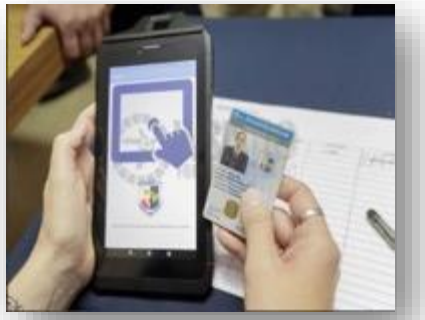
ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming

ICTs and Emerging Technologies for sustainable development and ICTs for Industry 4.0

ICTs for Well-being and Happiness

ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs

ICTs and Older Persons



Cybersecurity

ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures

ICTs for Developing Countries (and LDCs)

NEW!

ICTs and Clean Technologies for Climate Change

…And many more partnerships and activities!

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS	TRAININGS	SPECIAL TRACKS	SPECIAL PRIZES
Misinformation: Digital Marketing of Harmful Products to Children In collaboration with WHO, ITU and UNESCO launch of • In collaboration with the UN Technology Bank for LDC, ITU and WHO: safe listening **WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older persons:** • Awareness building on the opportunities and challenges of ICTs for Older Persons • Intergenerational working groups with enterprises, in collaboration with CSEND	**Qatar trainings on Digital Accessibility** **WSIS Gender Repository Trainings**: In collaboration with Vision Empower, trainings will be organised for the following: • Sensitization programme for women and girls to raise awareness about the crucial role of Technology in the lives of visually-impaired people (4 quarterly workshops) • Training workshops for educators/caregivers working and/or willing to work with visually-impaired people (2 half-yearly programme)	1st ever Academic Round Table was organized that resulted in the creation of a **WSIS Special track focused on Academia, Research Exchange**, Involving Academic community in digital cross sectoral projects.	**WSIS-SDG Metaverse Global Prize & VR competition 2023**: in collaboration with Exponential Destiny **WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Special Prize 2023** in collaboration with ITU, WHO, UNDESA and Global Coalition on Aging (GCOA) **WSIS Special Prize on Indigenous Languages 2023** **Special WSIS Prize 2023 for Best Digital Service Design** in collaboration with GovStack Global - ITU, GIZ, EE, DIAL

WSIS Forum 2023 Hackathon

Hackathon: DigitalGov Hack

Advancing the Digital Economy by leveraging Emerging Technologies

- ITU, Digital Government Authority (DGA) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and relevant stakeholders will jointly organize a WSIS Forum 2023 Hackathon on DigitalGov Hack: Advancing the Digital Economy by leveraging Emerging Technologies
- The Hackathon will call on stakeholders to form teams to explore the use of ICTs in answering to the next calling challenges leveraging emerging technologies.
- Linked with the WSIS Action Lines, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Stay tuned for the Launch of the Hackathon on 1 November 2022

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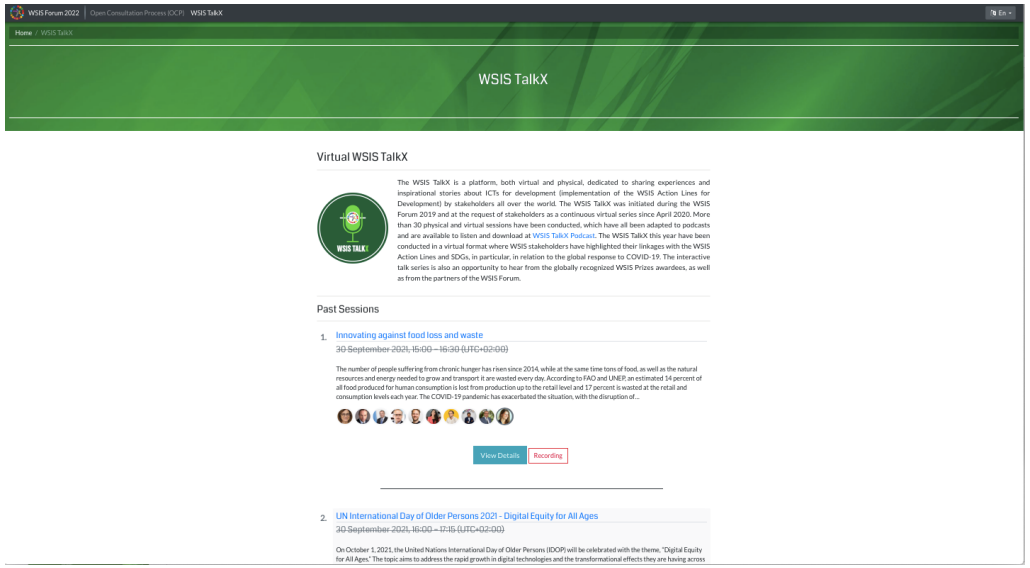
WSIS&SDG TalkX

The **WSIS&SDG TalkX is a platform, both virtual and physical, dedicated to sharing experiences and inspirational stories about ICTs for development** (implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for Development) by stakeholders all over the world.

Upcoming TalkX

World Cities Day (In collab with Geneva Cities Hub)	3 November 2022
Worlds Children Day 2022- Connecting every School to Internet and every young person to ICT- Recognizing the Leadership	18 November 2022
International Day of Persons With Disabilities	3 December 2022
World Wildlife Conservation Day	4 December 2022



Listen to our Podcasts

https://wsistalkx.buzzsprout.com

Visit our page and Register for the upcoming TalkX

www.itu.int/go/WSISTalkX

WSIS Special Initiatives

WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology

The WSIS Process affirms the **importance of promoting and maintaining gender equality and women empowerment**, guaranteeing the inclusion of women in the emerging global ICT society, and emphasizes the need to fully integrate gender equality perspectives in WSIS related strategies and facilitate their implementation to ensure that the Information Society enables women's empowerment and full participation based on equality in all spheres of society and in all decision-making processes.

Launch of the Repository: 4 August 2021

Repository of Women in Tech

At the request of and in collaboration with WSIS Stakeholders a repository of Women in Tech has been launched. The goal is to identify and connect women leaders and practitioners in all sectors of the ICT industry from all regions and engage them in events, forums and activities.

Nominate WSIS Gender Trendsetter

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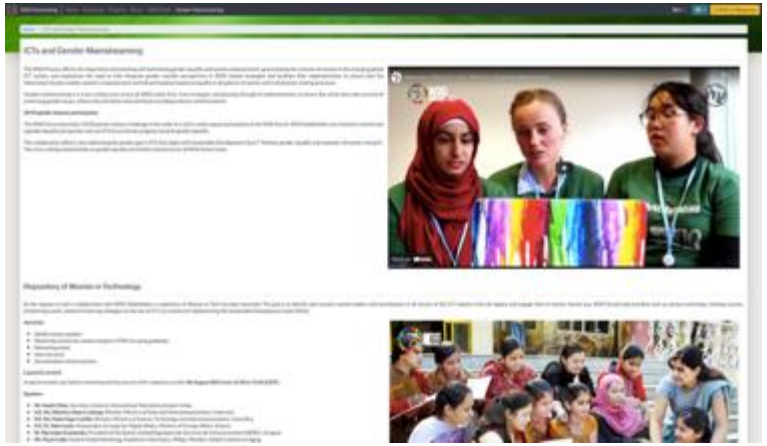


50/50 Gender Balance Participation

The WSIS Forum launched a 50/50 gender balance challenge in the wake of a call to realise equal participation at the WSIS Forum. This collaborative effort is also addressing the gender gap in ICTs that aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". The cross-cutting commitments on gender equality are further echoed across all WSIS Action Lines.

Activities

- Identify women speakers
- Networking events
- Interview series
- Mentorship sessions for women and girls in STEM, for young graduates
- Documentation of best practices

More information

http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender

WSIS Gender Trendsetters

WSIS Special Initiative:

WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons

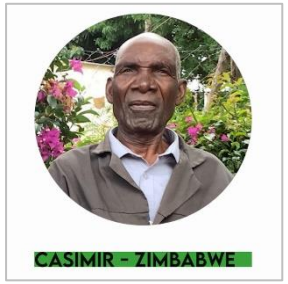
The WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons has been created at the request of stakeholders. It has 5 sub-groups at present led by Chairs and Co-Chairs:

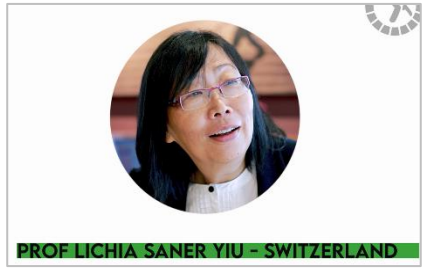
1. Design and Accessibility (Mr. Alfredo Ronchi, EC MEDICI Framework; Mr. Raymond Saner, CSEND; Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, CSEND)
2. Capacity Building and Education (Mr. Ian Philp, Age Care Technologies; Dr. Rakesh L., Ada Lovelace Software Private Limited)
3. Cybersecurity issues (Dr. Pavan Duggal, International Commission on Cyber Security Law)
4. Innovation (Ms. Heba Al Heraki, Bevol International Platform; Ms. Tafadzwa Muusha, University of Zimbabwe Innovation Hub)
5. Healthy Ageing (Global Coalition on Aging)

WSIS Special Initiative :
WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons

AGEING BETTER WITH ICTS: SHARING OF TANGIBLE EXPERIENCE

At the request of the MultiStakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons, WSIS Team conducted a series of 8 interviews with older persons from different regions, to highlight how ICTs are helping this segment of society in their daily life. The video is currently being finalized and will be shared very soon!





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- *Awareness Building*
- *Partnerships and Collaboration*
- *Youth Empowerment*

ICTs & CLIMATE ACTION

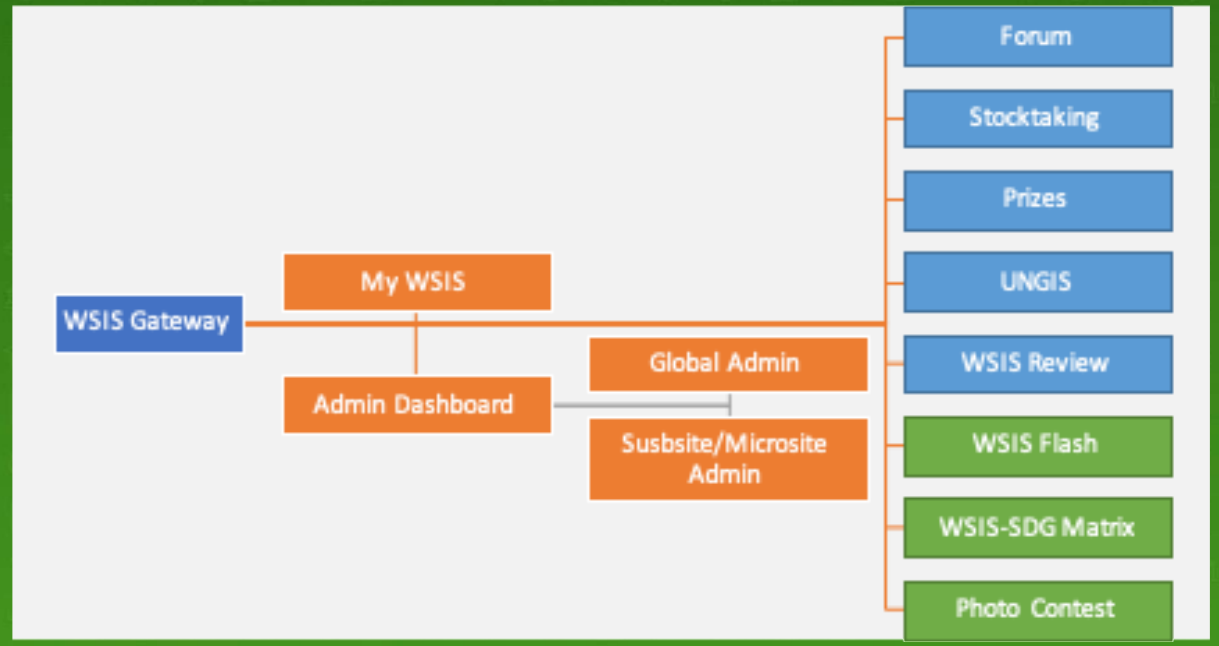
ICTs & YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

ICTs & BUSINESS

WSIS Gateway

The redesign of WSIS Websites and development of one WSIS Gateway will include new information architecture; content migration to and implementation of a new design system.

It will also include new user experience features, improved data visualization and community engagement, among others.



United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)

United Nations Group on the Information Society

Established in 2006, approved by the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB).

UNGIS is the **United Nations system's inter-agency mechanism** to **contribute to the achievement of the objectives of WSIS,** providing guidance on issues related to inclusive information and knowledge societies, helping **maintain issues related to science and technology at the top of the UN Agenda,** and **mainstreaming ICT for Development** in the mandate of CEB members.

	Comprised of **31** UN system entities	**2022-2023:** Current Chair: ITU Vice-Chairs: UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UN ECA	UNGIS conducts annual high-level and working level meetings at the WSIS Forum. To date, UNGIS has organised **19** high-level meetings at the annual WSIS Forum.
UNGIS report and its work	UNGIS contributed to the **sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)**	UNGIS contributed to the annual HLPF through a **joint statement** and organized a **side-event** during the HLPF	**Dialogue on the Role of Digitalization in the Decade of Action** to raise awareness of both the importance of digitalization in achieving the SDGs	**Digital Transformation Repository** that will be used as a reference guide and repository for UN Agencies on different implemented initiatives/activities showing the direct impact of the WSIS Action Lines on SDGs

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UNGIS meetings – WSIS Forum 2022

UNGIS Leaders High-Level Breakfast Meeting

31 May 2022

UNGIS working-level meeting

3 June 2022

UN Regional Commissions

Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group:
UN ECA (2022-2023)
Permanent Secretariat: ITU

Annual meetings held at the WSIS Forum

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. Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the regional Level and strengthening 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

Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT

- Launched in 2004 to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries. The initiative is a direct response to the request made by the WSIS to produce official statistics to monitor the information society.
- The Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development is made up of the 14 partner 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 UN DESA.
- ITU is the chair of the Steering committee of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development in 2022.

Reminder of Open Calls

WSIS Prizes 2023

Submit your outstanding project that leverage the power of ICTs

Deadline:
7 December 2022

Open Consultation Process

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

Deadline:
1 February 2023

WSIS Photo Contest 2023

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

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Nominate your representative for the HLTF

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WSIS Forum 2023 Partnership Opportunities

WSIS Forum 2023 - Visibility and Partnership Packages

- STRATEGIC PARTNER PLATINUM
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- PARTNER FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES
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Partner with us for the WSIS Forum 2023!

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WSIS+20: Review and WSIS Beyond 2025

Report of the UNESCO Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes, 15 October 2021; *elaborates UNESCO's roadmap towards the WSIS+20 review*

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS Beyond 2025: WSIS+20 Roadmap; *elaborates the ITU Secretary-General's roadmap on the role of ITU in the WSIS+20 Review process and its preparations*

WSIS Forum 2022: Multistakeholder Dialogues and discussions

- *Knowledge Café: WSIS+20, 30 May 2022*
- *High-Level Strategic Dialogue: WSIS+20: Multistakeholder Digital Cooperation for Global Development (WSIS Action Lines to achieve the SDGs), 31 May 2022*
- *High-Level Dialogue: WSIS+20 – WSIS Beyond 2025, 2 June 2022*

WSIS Forum 2024 : WSIS+20 Forum High-level Event celebrating the achievements of the WSIS Process and identifying the opportunities and challenges in implementing the WSIS Action Lines.

WSIS+20 Stocktaking Report

CSTD Report on the implementation of WSIS

WSIS Action Lines advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

CSTD Priority Themes

PRIORITY THEME 1: Technology and innovation for cleaner and more productive and competitive production

- ITU as the co-facilitator for the WSIS Action Line C7: e-Environment: ICT applications can support sustainable development, in the fields of public administration, business, education and training, health, employment, agriculture, science, and in this particular regard, field of green technology and innovation as part of e-environment. ITU has been working closely with the lead facilitator WMO and other co-facilitators UNEP, UN-Habitat and ICAO.
- ITU-T plays a vital role in establishing the trajectory and standardizing digital transformation in cities supporting technology and innovation for cleaner and more productive and competitive production.
- ITU creates a circular economy for electronics, such as through improving expertise in the collection of e-waste data, increasing coverage of national e-waste policy and regulation, and identifying and mapping technological interventions in the e-waste management space
- ITU provides a platform where diverse membership (international organisations, research institutions, academia etc.) can come together to develop international standards that help support developing countries with regard to digital transformation. Initiatives such as the United for Smart Sustainable Cities, the annual WSIS Forum and the WSIS Stocktaking database provide an open platform for knowledge sharing on how cities around the world can benefit from digital technologies.

PRIORITY THEME 2: Ensuring safe water and sanitation for all: a solution by science, technology and innovation

- ITU-T is setting the standard for smart water management to support access to safe water and sanitation, globally. International standards such as the ones developed by ITU help countries, cities and organizations better understand water management, identify the infrastructure needed to support smart water management and how to implement various policies and measures accordingly.
- Through the WSIS Forum and WSIS&SDG TalkX, stakeholders have an opportunity to showcase examples of projects/policies of the management of water and sanitation and provide access to safe water and sanitation for all.
- ITU recently published a key resource on Frontier technologies to protect the environment and tackle climate change that highlights successfully implemented frontier technologies to address the issues surrounding water management.
- The United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) is a global UN initiative coordinated by ITU, UNECE and UN-Habitat, and supported by 14 UN bodies to provide an international platform for information exchange and partnership building to guide cities and communities in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This initiative strengthens national STI capabilities to help address challenges surrounding water management at the city level.

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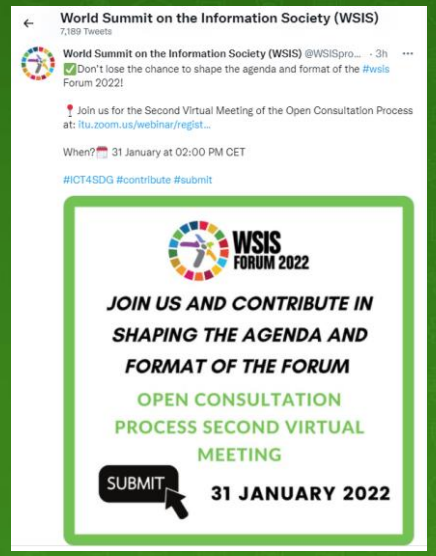

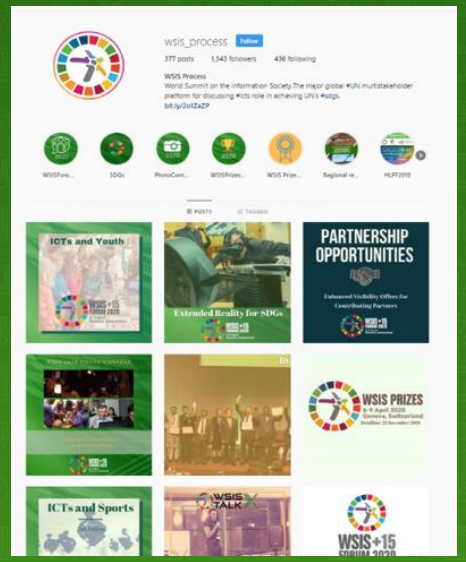

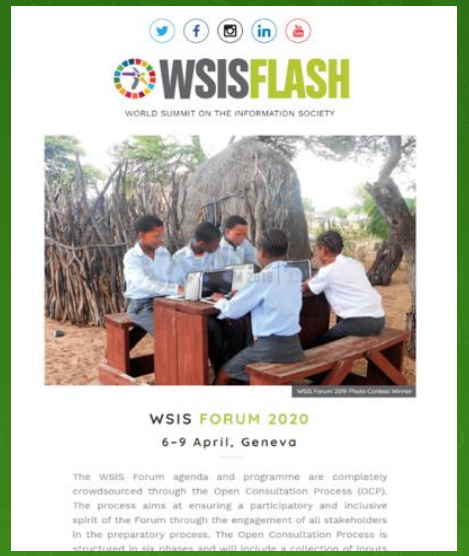

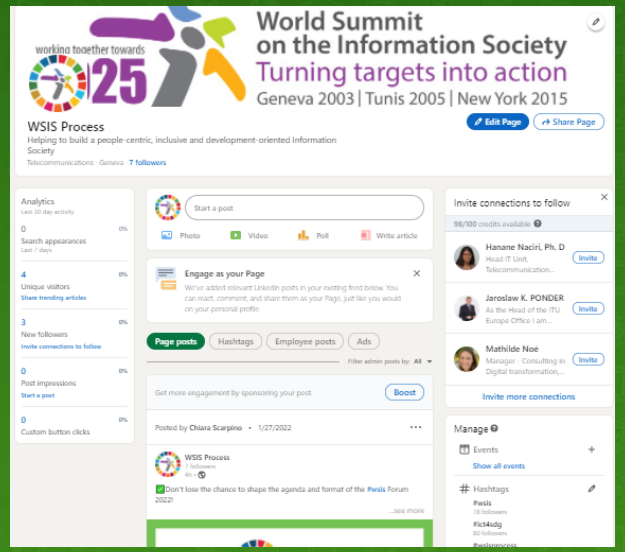

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