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

#WSIS
www.wsis.org
The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution on proposing to hold a WSIS event in 2003.

- **2006-2008**: Cluster of WSIS related events
- **2014**: UNGA WSIS Overall Review
- **2015**: UNGA Resolution A/70/125
- **2016-2021**: SDG Summit UNGA Resolution A/70/1
- **2019**: WSIS Forum – 10th Year Anniversary of the WSIS Forum
- **2022-2023**: WSIS+20 Forum High-level Event
- **2024**: Multistakeholder discussions on WSIS+20
- **2025**: SDG Review

**WSIS Process timeline**

- **1998**: The UN Millennium Declaration: A/RES/55/2
- **2016**: 
  - UNGA WSIS Overall Review
  - UNGA Resolution A/70/125
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- **2024**: Multistakeholder discussions on WSIS+20
- **2025**: SDG Review

**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”
- 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”
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’

WSIS Action Lines

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 LINE 1: PROGRESS FOR DEVELOPMENT
WSIS ACTION LINE 2: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
WSIS ACTION LINE 3: ACCESS TO AND USE OF THE INTERNET
WSIS ACTION LINE 4: CAPACITY BUILDING
WSIS ACTION LINE 5: MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES
WSIS ACTION LINE 6: ENVIRONMENT
WSIS ACTION LINE 7: E-HEALTH
WSIS ACTION LINE 8: E-EMPLOYMENT
WSIS ACTION LINE 9: E-INFORMATION SOCIETY
WSIS ACTION LINE 10: INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION COOPERATION
WSIS ACTION LINE 11: E-EDUCATION
WSIS ACTION LINE 12: E-GOVERNMENT
WSIS ACTION LINE 13: E-SCIENCE
WSIS Forum 2022: Outcomes, announcements, and key highlights
The WSIS Forum 2022 final week welcomed more than 1,000 physical participants, with more than 30,000 remote participants since 15 March.

Male 52%
Female 47%
Other 1%

Stakeholder Type differences between the virtual phase and the final week:

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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.
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.
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
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
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.

**Participants**
- **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. Lyftime – TeamLyftime

**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 largest number of registrations: **India, Tunisia, Nepal, Pakistan, and Algeria**
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
#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
WSIS Forum 2022 Partners

- Strategic Partner Platinum
- Strategic Partner Gold Plus
- Strategic Partner Gold
- Partners for Specific Activities
- Contributing Partner
- Supporting Partners
Theme: WSIS Action Lines for building back better and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs
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)
Minister
Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy
Nigeria
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](mailto: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](http://www.wsis.org/prizes)
Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database [www.wsis.org/stocktaking](http://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.
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 for Older Persons
- ICTs and Clean Technologies for Climate Change
- ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs
- ICTs and Cybersecurity
- ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures
- ICTs for Developing Countries (and LDCs)
...And many more partnerships and activities!

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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.

www.wsis.org/forum
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

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Visit our page and Register for the upcoming TalkX

www.itu.int/go/WSISTalkX

Listen to our Podcasts

https://wsistalkx.buzzsprout.com
WSIS Special Initiatives
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
- https://forms.gle/WnzqX59xXYdF1uqx6

**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
MEET THE WSIS GENDER TRENDSETTERS!

Mr. Vafa Afschar
Chief Evangelist, Salesforce

Ms. Susana Arrechea
Digital Community Center Project Director, Movilizamos, Road for profit public benefit company

Ms. Elena Estavillo Flores
CEO, Casa del Tiempo, People Centered Future Think Tank

Ms. Mei Lin Fung
Chair and Co-founder, People Centered Internet

Ms. Gaby-Hingonne Gaddide
National Coord, Action pour l’Éducation & la Promotion de la Femme, TCHAD

Ms. Mikaela Jade
CEO and Founder, Indigital EduTech

Ms. Kirthi Jayakumar
Coder and Creator at Saahas

Dr. Tawfik Jelassi
Assistant Director-General, UNESCO

Mr. Malcolm Johnson
Deputy Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union

Ms. Tatyana Kanzaveli
Founder and CEO, Open Health Network

H.E. Ms. Lotte Knutsen
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, European Union

Ms. Fang Li
Deputy Director, Research Institute of Technology and Standard, CAICT

Mr. Benoit Louvel
Service Design Front Office Director, Customer Service & Operations, Orange Business Services

H.E. Ms. Neema Lugangira
Member of Parliament of Tanzania & Founder of NGO, Omuka Hub

Ms. Samantha Pauletta
Research and Business Dev. Manager, CSEM

Ms. Ari Qayumi
Founder and CEO, Mindful Venture Capital

Ms. Yvette Ramos
President, WomenVai

Ms. Natalja Rodionova
Founder, Sisters of Code & IT Academy STEP Cambodia

Ms. Magatte Wade
Entrepreneur, Magatte Wade

Ms. Vidhya Y. Vaid
Co-founder and Trustee, Vision Empower

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#WSIS
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)
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!
WSIS Youth Campaigns

Awareness Building

Partnerships and Collaboration

Youth Empowerment

ICTs & CLIMATE ACTION

ICTs & YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

ICTs & BUSINESS
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)

**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.

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**Comprised of 31 UN system entities**

**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

To date, UNGIS has organised **19** high-level meetings at the annual WSIS Forum.

[www.ungis.org](http://www.ungis.org)
UNGIS meetings – WSIS Forum 2022

UNGIS Leaders High-Level Breakfast Meeting
31 May 2022

UNGIS working-level meeting
3 June 2022
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
• 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
**Deadline:** 1 February 2023

**High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF)**
Nominate your representative for the HLTF
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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
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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