

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

CSTD 2026-2027 Inter-sessional Panel

6 November 2026

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WSIS+20 Implementation towards 2035

Updates since the adoption of UNGA resolution A/RES/80/173

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WSIS Action Line Road Maps

- 18 Action Lines linked with SDGs and GDC
- Includes human rights emerging technologies, and women and girls
- Target and achieved results, indicators and metrics
- 24,000+ projects and activities

UNGIS

- 52 members and observers
- Permanent Secretariat: ITU
- 2026-2027: Chair ITU, Vice-Chairs UNESCO, UNDP, UNCTAD, UNECE
  - Task Force on Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development: 30 members from 25 UN entities
  - UNGIS Joint Implementation Road Map for WSIS–GDC Coherence
  - UNGIS Multistakeholder Consultation Group: 92 members, with 113 nominations received

WSIS Stocktaking

- Users: 2.2 million active participants
- 24,500+ total submissions
- Linked to WSIS Action Lines, SDGs, and GDC Objectives

Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

- Steering Committee: ITU, UNCTAD, UN DESA
- Survey: Systematic Review of ICT indicators - open until 30 November 2026

WSIS Forum

- Save the date: 21-25 June 2027
- Registration and open calls launching soon
- Participate in building the agenda and the programme

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WSIS Action Line Road Maps:
Updates

WSIS+20 OUTCOME DOCUMENT (A/RES/80/173)

113. We request the action line facilitators, in coordination with the United Nations Group on the Information Society, to develop targeted and result-oriented implementation road maps for their respective action lines and the outcomes of the present resolution, linking the World Summit action lines with relevant Sustainable Development Goal targets and Global Digital Compact commitments, including potential targets, indicators and metrics to facilitate monitoring and measurement, and to report on the outcomes of this work to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its thirtieth session, in 2027.

WSIS ACTION LINE ROAD MAPS

- Descriptions of main aspects
- Linkages to SDGs
- Linkages to GDC objectives
- Aspect of gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls
- Aspect of human rights
- Aspect of emerging digital trends
- Projects and activities
- Expected and achieved results
- Indicators and metrics

Regular coordination with WSIS Action Lines facilitators, facilitated by ITU

Report to CSTD 30th annual session April 2027



Impact-focused

24,000+ projects and activities documented in the WSIS Stocktaking Database showcasing global efforts and progress in implementing the WSIS Action Lines

Learn more: https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/ActionLines.aspx

Road maps: https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/implementation/roadmaps/preview.html

50+ UN PARTNERS

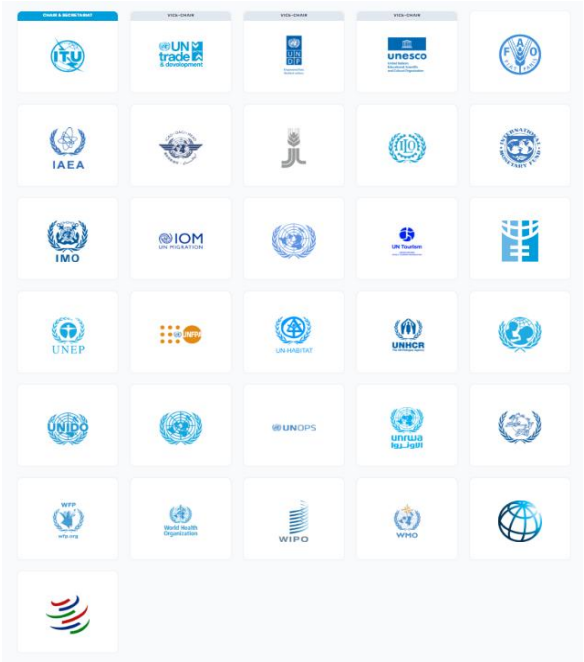


United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)

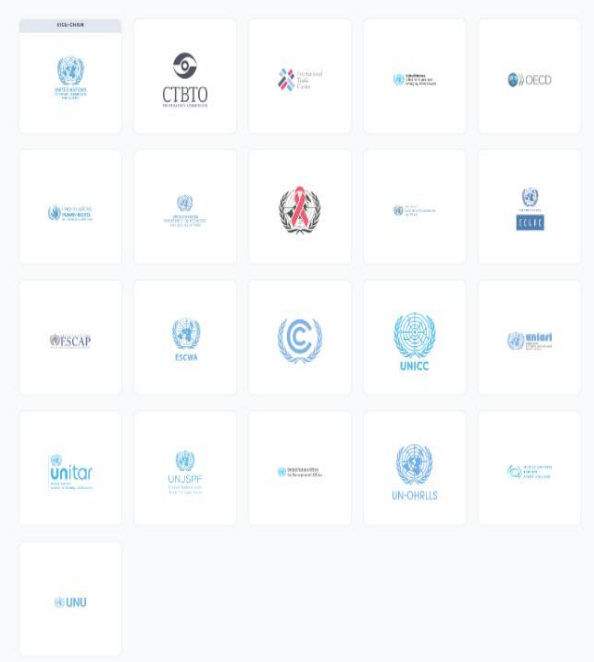
Objectives

- Collaboration and partnerships among the CEB members in order to contribute to the achievement of the WSIS objectives, digital transformation.
- Help to maintain ICT-related issues as well as science and technology at the top of the UN Agenda and to mainstream ICT for Development issues in the mandate of CEB members.
- Complement and add value to existing programmes and projects by facilitating synergies and joint efforts, avoiding duplication.

31 Members



21 Observers



Learn more: www.ungis.org

UNGIS: WSIS+20 Follow-Up

UNGIS Task Force

Strengthening financial mechanisms for digital development

Joint Implementation Road Map

Coherence between WSIS and the Global Digital Compact

Multistakeholder Consultation Group

Dialogue between UNGIS and all stakeholders

Facilitated by the UNGIS Permanent Secretariat, ITU
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UNGIS Task Force

Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development

Mandate

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We invite the International Telecommunication Union, as the secretariat of the United Nations Group on the Information Society, working with the World Summit action line facilitators and other members of the Group, within existing resources, to establish an internal task force to conduct an assessment of gaps and challenges and to submit concrete recommendations on strengthening financial mechanisms for digital development for developing countries, building on and complementing existing best practices, including those of multilateral financial institutions, development partners and other relevant stakeholders, such as the private sector. We further request that the work be completed and the outcomes of the work be reported to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its thirtieth session, in 2027, for consideration by Member States. We also invite the internal task force to monitor financial commitments for the implementation of these outcomes.

Members

30

Experts from

25

UNGIS Member and Observer organizations

itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Home/TaskForce

UNGIS Task Force

Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development

Call for Submissions, Timeline and Implementation

Call for Submissions

We invite stakeholders to **share best practices on strengthening financial mechanisms for digital development**: financing models, instruments and partnerships that have delivered results in developing countries.

Engaging with all stakeholders, including:

- Multilateral financial institutions, Development partners
- Private Sector
- WSIS Action Lines facilitators
- UNGIS-MCG

Deadline: **9 November 2026**

Timeline and Implementation

8 September 2026

1st Meeting of the UNGIS Task Force

29 October 2026

1st Open Consultation with stakeholders

9 November 2026

Deadline for the Call for Submissions on Best Practices

Nov–Dec 2026

Consolidation of the mapping; members' contributions on gaps, challenges and recommendations

21 January 2027

2nd Open Consultation with stakeholders

April 2027

Outcome to be reported to the CSTD 30th annual session, April 2027


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UNGIS Multistakeholder Consultation Group (UNGIS-MCG)

Background

The UNGIS-MCG builds on the outcomes of the WSIS+20 Review, including UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/80/173, as well as stakeholder inputs through the 29th annual session of the CSTD, the annual WSIS Forum and UNGIS-related events.

Purpose

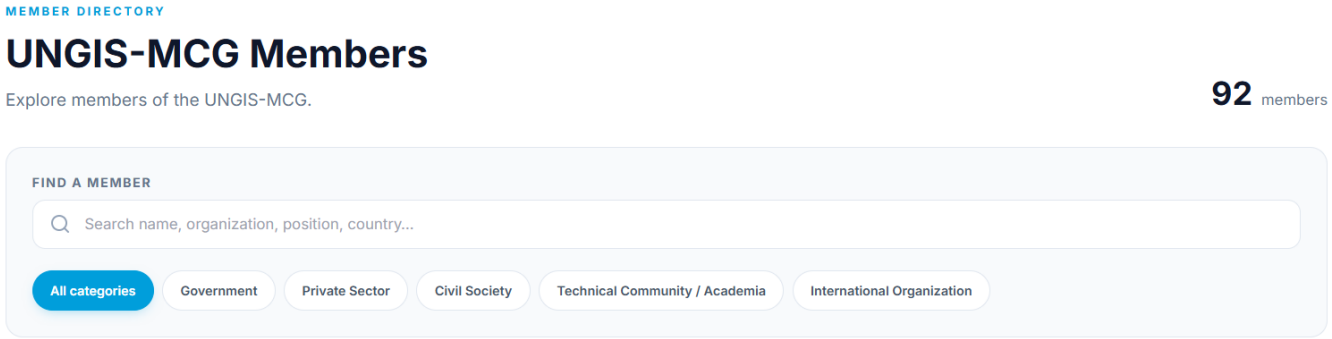
To foster and enhance multistakeholder dialogue between UNGIS and all stakeholder communities: governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, academia and international organizations

Timeline

- May – June 2026: Open Call for Expressions of Interest through the official UNGIS-MCG form
- 1 October 2026: Announcement of members of UNGIS-MCG
- 27 October 2026: First meeting of the group
- 30 September 2027: Final meeting

Members

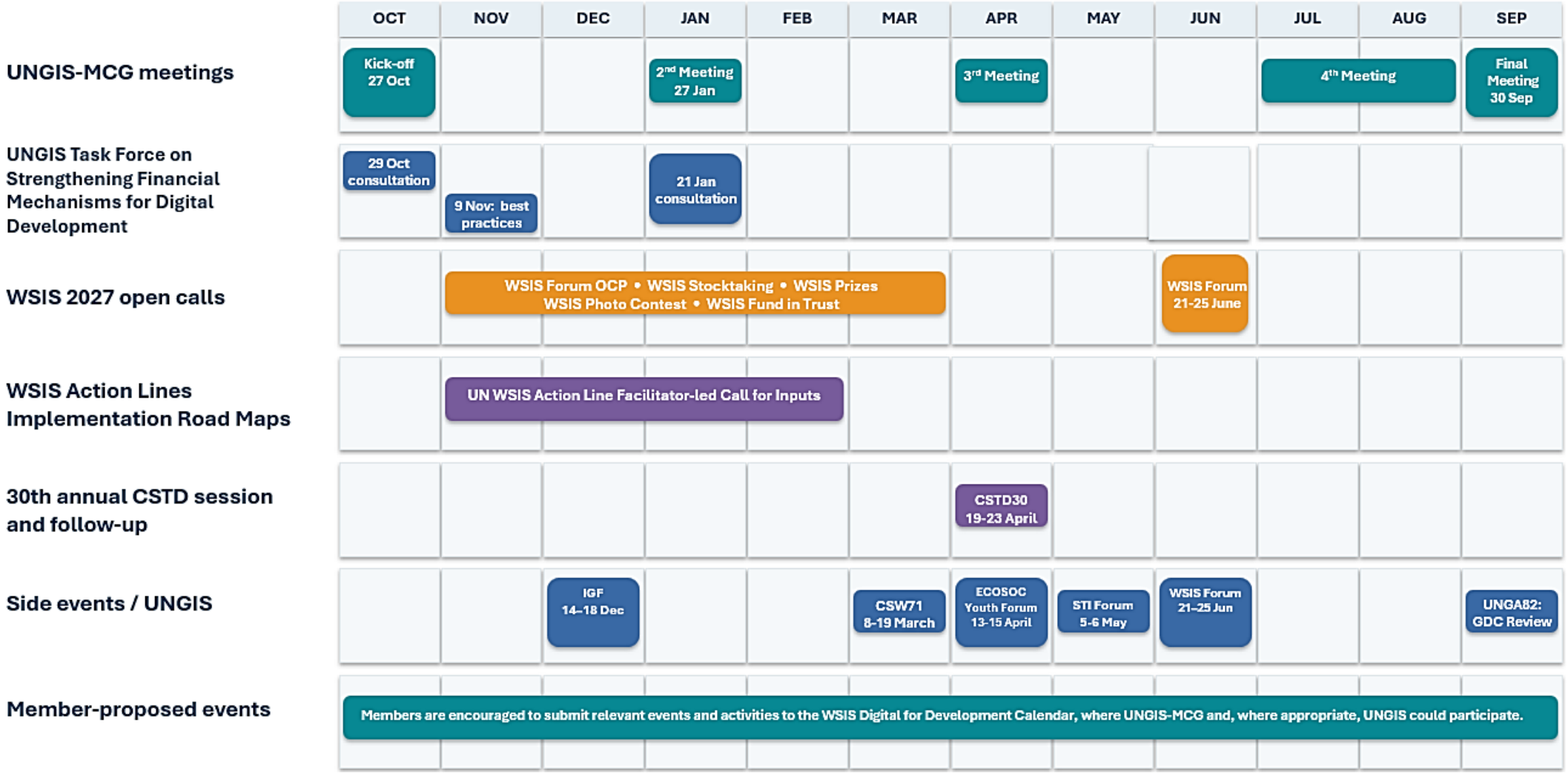
- 92 members from diverse stakeholder communities, regions, and areas of expertise
- Initial term: 1 October 2026 – 30 September 2027
- Voluntary participation and contributions



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UNGIS-MCG

1 OCT 2026 – 30 SEP 2027 • Indicative activities and engagement opportunities




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Joint Implementation Road Map

Strengthening coherence between WSIS and the Global Digital Compact

Mandate

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Building on this work and consistent with the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, we request the United Nations Group on the Information Society, within existing mandates and resources, to prepare a joint implementation road map, to be presented for the consideration of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twenty-ninth session, in 2026. The road map should aim to strengthen coherence between the World Summit and the Global Digital Compact, ensuring a unified, resource-efficient approach to digital cooperation that avoids duplication and maximizes synergies across the United Nations system.

01 **Coherence**

Between the WSIS framework and the Global Digital Compact

02 **Unified approach**

One UN system that avoids duplication and maximizes synergies



- The road map was presented at the 29th annual session of CSTD on 21 April 2026

Next step: The roadmap will be further refined based on feedback from Member States and stakeholders and will be presented at the 30th session of the CSTD in 2027.

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Articles/View/3267



WSIS FORUM 2026

6-10 July 2026
Geneva, Switzerland

Highlights and Key Outcomes

6 - 10 July 2026 | Geneva, Switzerland

ITU Headquarters 6–7 July · Palexpo 8–10 July

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United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNDP

UN trade & development
UNCTAD

KEY FIGURES

Geneva Digital Week brought together the WSIS Forum 2026, the AI for Good Global Summit, and the first UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance.







250+
SESSIONS
across WSIS Action Lines, high-level dialogues, interactive sessions, Leaders TalkX, knowledge cafés, etc.

~1,000
SPEAKERS
contributing diverse perspectives on key digital priorities

12,000
PARTICIPANTS
in-person and remote across Geneva Digital Week

177
COUNTRIES
represented across all regions

50+
EXHIBITION SPACES
showcasing innovative digital initiatives

1,700+
APP USERS
actively used the WSIS Forum networking app

KEY FIGURES: HIGH-LEVEL







78 MINISTERS & DEPUTIES

46 REGULATORS

29 UN HEADS & DEPUTIES

Total
500+

High-Level representatives

alongside Heads of States, Ministers, Heads of Regulatory Authorities, Ambassadors, Heads of UN Agencies, Mayors, Heads of International Organizations, Parliamentarians, CEOs, Civil Society leaders, youth, academia, and others



WSIS Prizes 2026

WSIS STOCKTAKING

Since 2004, WSIS Stocktaking continues to serve as the global repository for collecting and sharing ICT-enabled initiatives supporting the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines and the Sustainable Development Goals, highlighting good practices, innovative solutions, and collaborative efforts from around the world.



24,000+

Projects Documented

Highlighting the significant contributions toward digital development and transformation across various sectors



2.2 Million

Stakeholders Engaged Worldwide

Network of individuals and organizations that have participated in WSIS Stocktaking over the past 20 years



18

WSIS Action Lines

WSIS Stocktaking projects and ICT initiatives showcase implementation of WSIS Action Lines and highlight linkages with SDGs and GDC objectives



10,000+

WSIS Prizes Submissions

Featuring WSIS Prizes, a major global contest recognizing best practices since 2012, celebrating achievements and awarding each year 18 winners and 72 champions.



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Global & Special Reports

In 2026, WSIS Stocktaking published an annual Global Report, Success Stories (18 WSIS Prize Winners), Linkages with SDGs, and Implementation of GDC objectives.

www.wsis.org/stocktaking

KEY OUTCOMES

From Commitments to Implementation

Following the WSIS+20 Review and the Global Digital Compact, a clear mandate to move from dialogue to delivery.

Digital Inclusion Beyond Connectivity

Affordable access, digital skills, relevant content and meaningful use remain central priorities.

AI for Development

Ensuring AI that is safe, trusted, and inclusive. AI must serve development.

Digital Finance for Inclusion

Reaching individuals, small businesses, women, youth and underserved communities.

Youth as Partners

Young people recognized as innovators and leaders, not just beneficiaries.

Closing the Gender Digital Divide

Equal access to connectivity, skills, finance, safe online spaces and leadership.

Measuring Real Impact

Better measure how digital cooperation makes a tangible difference in people's lives – particularly in developing countries and communities most at risk.

Cooperation Across the Digital Divide

Strengthening partnerships, interoperability and coordination to ensure digital progress reaches all.


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21-25 June 2027
Geneva, Switzerland

WSIS Forum 2027

Call to action: shape what comes next

01

Shape the agenda

Open Consultation Process: propose sessions, speakers and programme priorities.
Deadline for submission:
12 March 2027

02

Share impact on the ground

WSIS Stocktaking: Share your success stories and contribute to the global database of ICTs initiatives and best practices
Year-round submission

03

Aim for global recognition

WSIS Prizes 2027: nominate impactful digital development projects
Deadline for submission: 12 March 2027



Thank You

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Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 2025-2026
Inter-sessional Panel
Geneva, 6 November 2026

PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT

The future of core ICT indicators

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Chair of Partnership Steering Committee

PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development

- **Global initiative** to improve availability and quality of internationally comparable ICT statistics
- Main mechanism for the **coordination of ICT statistics internationally**
- **Members:** 14 international and regional agencies involved in official ICT statistics
- **Steering Committees (2026–2027):** ITU, UNCTAD, and UN DESA
- **Core List of ICT Indicators** endorsed by UN Statistical Commission
- **Conducted regional workshops and trainings** to help countries develop capacity

Launched in June 2004

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The Core List of ICT Indicators

is composed of **over 50 indicators** in the following areas:

ICT infrastructure and access

- Fixed broadband subscriptions
- Mobile-cellular subscriptions
- Coverage of mobile networks

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ICT access and use by households and individuals

- Households with Internet access
- Individuals using the Internet
- Skills for using the Internet

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ICT access and use by enterprises

- Enterprises with Internet access
- Use of social media
- E-commerce by enterprises

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ICT sector and trade in ICT goods

- Value added of the ICT sector
- Exports of ICT goods
- Imports of ICT goods

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ICT in education

- Schools with Internet access
- Teachers with ICT skills
- Use of ICT for teaching and learning

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ICT in government

- Government websites
- Online services
- E-participation

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E-waste indicators

- E-waste generated
- E-waste collection rate
- E-waste recycling rate

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https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/coreindicators/Core-List-of-Indicators_March2022.pdf

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A Historic Milestone

UN General Assembly recognizes the Partnership

In December 2025, the UN General Assembly adopted the WSIS+20 Outcome Document (Resolution **A/RES/80/173**).

The resolution (paragraphs 114–118):

Recognizes
the Partnership's contributions to ICT indicators and statistics.

Reaffirms
the importance of measurement for digital development.

Assigns
a new global mandate to the Partnership for reviewing WSIS monitoring indicators and methodologies.

The General Assembly requests:

The Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development,
in cooperation with WSIS Action Line Facilitators and with the support of the UN Statistical Commission, to:

- **conduct a systematic review** of existing indicators and methodologies
- **and report its findings** to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in **2027.**

2027

Goal | Strengthen the global measurement framework to track digital progress, advance evidence-based policies and support an inclusive Information Society for all.

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Revisiting the Core List of ICT Indicators for WSIS+20

CURRENT STRENGTHS

- ✓ Infrastructure & access
- ✓ Affordability
- ✓ Digital skills
- ✓ Internet use, activities, barriers

PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE FUTURE

Quality & meaningful connectivity

AI adoption
- Individuals

Digital trust & cybersecurity
- Security in the use of ICTs
- Cybersecurity indicators

Enabling policy environment
- Existence of broadband strategies
- AI governance frameworks
- Data governance legislation

Sustainability (Green ICT)
- Green ICT infrastructure (energy efficiency, renewable energy use)

Inclusive digital transformation
- gender, disability, etc.

KEY MESSAGE

The current Core List has served the international community well by measuring connectivity, access, affordability and basic digital skills. However, as we look towards WSIS+20, we need indicators that measure not only whether people are connected, but whether connectivity is **meaningful, trusted, secure and enabling innovation.** This includes new measures on AI adoption, cybersecurity, digital trust, network quality, advanced digital skills, sustainability and digital inclusion, while ensuring that any new indicators remain feasible, internationally comparable and grounded in official statistics.

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Monitoring and measurement: the New UN General Assembly Mandate (A/RES/80/173)

117	Undertake a systematic review of existing ICT indicators and methodologies and report findings to the 30th session of the CSTD in 2027.	- Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development, in cooperation with WSIS Action Line Facilitators and with support of the UN Statistical Commission

Follow-up and Review | Public Institutions

The Questionnaire: Purpose and Scope

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Systematic review of ICT indicators — consultation on the relevance of the Core List for measuring the WSIS Action Lines.

The consultation remains open.

What the survey asks

- **(i)** Are you familiar with the Core List of ICT Indicators, and do you use it in your work?
- **(ii)** Which additional indicators would better measure progress under the WSIS Action Lines?
- **(iii)** Any further comments?
- *Findings are reported without attribution.*

What is measured today

- **A majority of respondents use the Core List directly in their work.**
- Designing nationally representative ICT surveys
- Anchoring regional reporting templates
- Benchmarking across countries
- Cross-checking against related standards on sustainable cities
- A few respondents are unfamiliar with it — mostly outside the statistical community, working on digital rights and sovereignty.

Who has responded so far

- Academia, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, the UN system and international organizations.
- **Africa, Latin America and Europe** are represented.
- No input yet from Asia-Pacific or North America; limited input from the Arab States.
- *Further outreach is needed before findings can be treated as representative.*

Preliminary Results

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Emerging findings from the responses received to date; not yet representative

Consultation remains open.

Main message

- **Core List is a floor, not a ceiling** — an indispensable global reference, but insufficient on its own for current policy priorities.
- **Supply-side bias**: the demand-side modules on usage, skills and affordability are hardest for NSOs to populate.
- In the latest reporting year, almost no African country submitted recent digital skills data to ITU.
- **Gaps on newer priorities**: DPI, AI readiness, digital sovereignty, linguistic equity, e-waste, cybersecurity maturity.

Priority measurement gaps

- **Artificial intelligence** — readiness, sectoral use, skills, governance (C7, C10, C4)
- **Quality of connectivity** — meaningful connectivity, satellite/D2D (C2)
- **Security, trust, integrity** — cyber maturity, misinformation (C5, C9, C10)
- **Economic & environmental** — ICT value added, data centres, footprint (C6, C2, C7)
- **Digital public infrastructure** — digital ID, cross-border payments (C7, C11)
- **Local content & language** — IXP traffic, language equity (C8, C6, C2)
- **Digital literacy** as a prerequisite indicator under C4.

Feasibility & next steps

- **Feasibility is the binding constraint** — most proposals rated medium to medium-high.
- Methodologies often exist; standard definitions and regular national reporting do not.
- Exception: cybersecurity maturity, drawing on an established index, rated highly feasible.
- **Broaden outreach** to Asia-Pacific, North America, the Arab States and NSOs.
- **Convene an expert group** to carry out the review.
- **Supplement, not replace** — modular, more frequent updates.

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Thank you!

For more information:

Email: indicators@itu.int

Partnership website: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/intlcoop/partnership/default.aspx

Core ICT Indicators: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/coreindicators/Core-List-of-Indicators_March2022.pdf

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