27th Session of the CSTD

WSIS: where we are today

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Governance

UNGA Resolutions
ECOSOC Resolutions
CEB through the United Nations Group on Information Society (UNGIS)
CSTD
Annual WSIS Forum
Annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
UN Agencies mandated to implement WSIS Action Lines
UN Regional Commissions mandated to implement WSIS at regional level

WSIS Prizes | WSIS Stocktaking | Partnership for Measuring ICT development | WSIS Special Initiatives
20 years of WSIS

- Strong example of global digital cooperation in action
- Impressive results
- Cementing the multistakeholder model: IGF and WSIS Forum
- Provides an inclusive and equal platform for all
- Frameworks to systematically discuss evolution of technology and its implications from various perspectives
WSIS has brought the UN agencies together and allowed them to create a framework for collaboration: UNGIS

- Action Lines continue to be relevant
- Provide a robust framework for digital progress moving forward
- Process proven flexible
- Evolved over time staying abreast of new and emerging technologies

20 years of WSIS
20 years

WSIS

Facts and Figures
Geneva 2003
11,000+ Participants
175 countries

Tunis 2005
19,000+ Participants
174 countries
120,000+

multi-stakeholder participants
(onsite and virtual)

WSIS Forum
15 years, 160 countries
WSIS Forum gender distribution

- 2003: Women 29.8%, Men 70.2%
- 2005: Women 24.5%, Men 75.4%
- 2023: Women 45%, Men 55%
- 2024: Gender parity?
13,000+ digital projects aligned with SDGs

WSIS Stocktaking Database
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2,000,000+
Subscribers
WSIS Stocktaking Database
Project numbers by Action Line

C1  ICTs for development  7138
C2  Infrastructure  4228
C3  Access to info & knowledge  5165
C4  Capacity building  4235
C5  Confidence & security  2740
C7  Enabling environment  2727
C7  eGovernment  3419
C7  eBusiness  3329
C7  eLearning  2560
C7  eHealth  7138
C7  eEmployment  7138
C7  eEnvironment  7954
C7  eAgriculture  8199
C7  eScience  8109
C8  Diversity & local content  7515
C9  Media  3419
C10  Ethical dimensions  7722
C11  Int & regional cooperation  7469
WSIS Bridging the Digital Divide
Internet Users since 2003

2003: 12.4% (785 mil people)
2005: 16.8% (1.1 bil)
2023: 64% (5.4 bil)
2030?:
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WSIS+20 FORUM
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

27-31 May 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

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WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event

Objectives
Chart the next phase of WSIS
Take stock of achievements, key trends, challenges and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action

Expected outcomes
Session outcome documents
Chair’s Summary
For the UNGA overall review in 2025 and possible submission to the Summit of the Future

Format
Leaders TalkX
High-Level Dialogue
Interactive sessions
Ministerial Roundtable
Exhibition
Social Events
Sharing sessions, etc.
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Thematic areas

Action Lines facilitation meetings
Digital Governance Processes: WSIS, GDC, Summit of the Future
20 years: achievements, challenges & opportunities
WSIS beyond 2025
Gender mainstreaming & ICTs
Youth Day
Country success cases

Capacity building & digital education
Clean technologies for climate change
Cybersecurity
Digital health
Digital inclusion
Digital Public Infrastructure
Emerging tech & AI
eScience
ICTs & older persons
ICTs & sports
Media
Smart sustainable cities
Universal & meaningful connectivity
WSIS Prizes
Since 2012

5000+ submissions

112 countries

234 Winners

576 Champions
WSIS Prizes 2024

1050 Submissions received

90 Champions announced

18 Winners to be announced at WSIS+20 Forum HLE

More info here
WSIS Photo Contest

Since 2017

1389 submissions

473 finalists

26 winners

More info here
Multistakeholder outcome on 20 years of WSIS implementation and a vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be submitted to the Summit of the Future 2024 and endorsed during the high-level meeting at UNGA in 2025
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Takeaways

WSIS Process is an existing, well-functioning, multistakeholder UN mandated process for digital governance.

Related mechanisms – IGF, WSIS Forum, UNGIS and others have proven to be robust and flexible.

Can continue to evolve for future needs.

WSIS should be leveraged to avoid duplication and wastage of resources, especially in the context of other UN processes.
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