

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



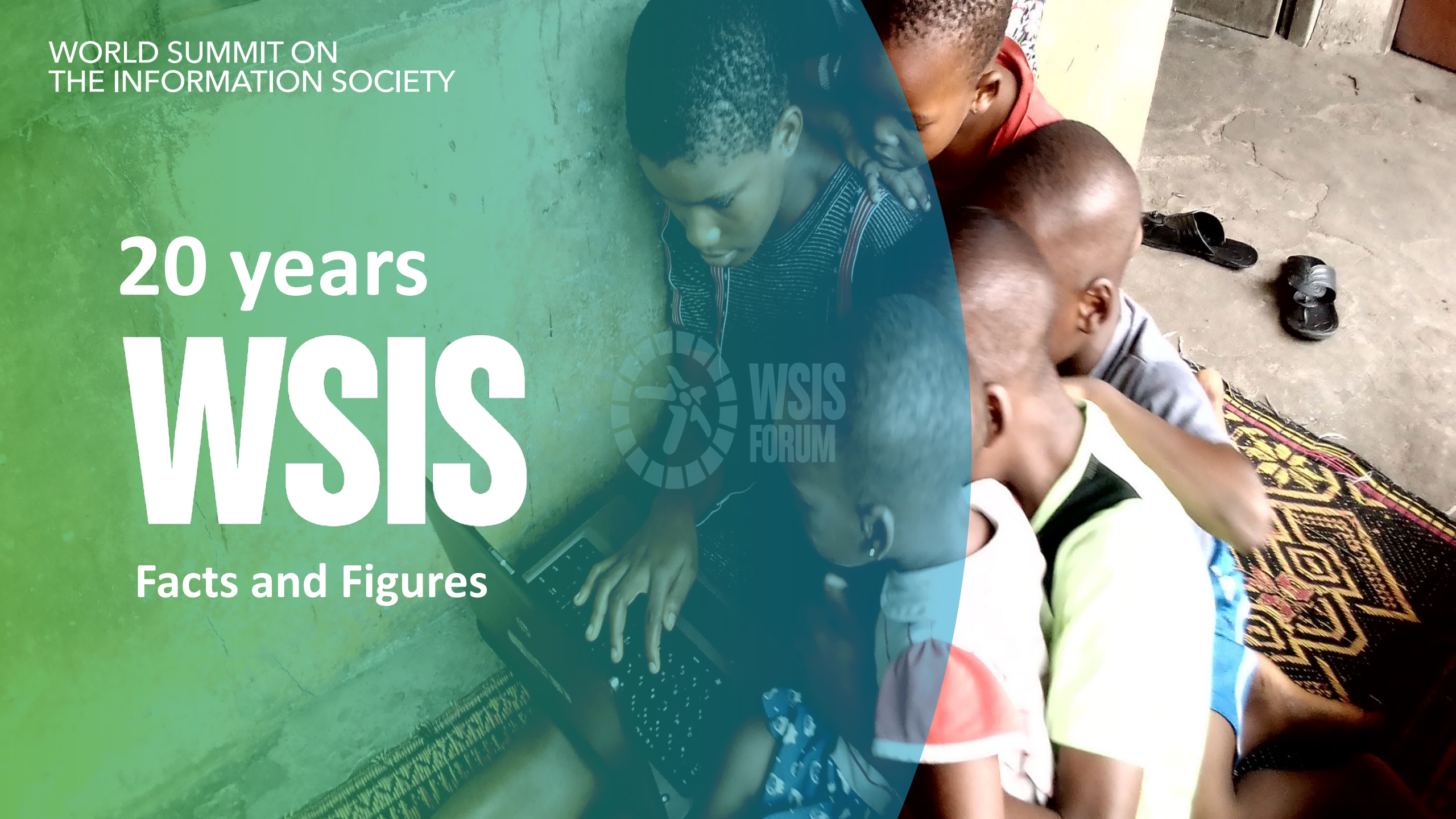
20 years of WSIS

- 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

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20 years WSIS

Facts and Figures



Geneva 2003

11,000+ Participants
175 countries

Tunis 2005

19,000+ Participants
174 countries

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120,000+

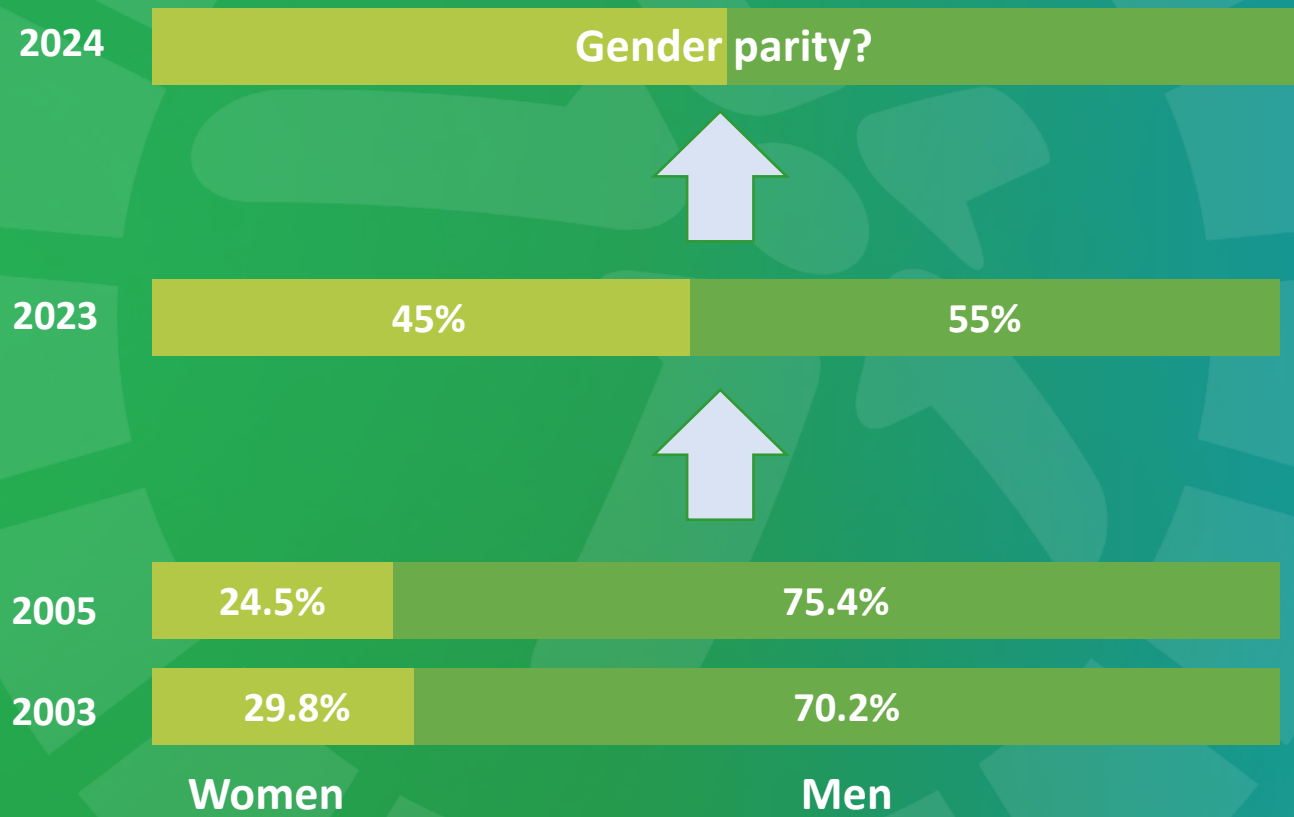
multi-stakeholder participants
(onsite and virtual)

WSIS Forum

15 years, 160 countries



WSIS Forum gender distribution



A hand is shown from the bottom left, reaching upwards towards a cluster of colorful, 3D rectangular blocks. The blocks are arranged in a roughly circular pattern and feature a gradient of colors from blue and purple at the top to yellow and orange at the bottom. The background is a light blue gradient.

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13,000+
digital projects
aligned with SDGs

**WSIS Stocktaking
Database**



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2,000,000+

Subscribers

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Project numbers by Action Line

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

WSIS Bridging the Digital Divide

Internet Users since 2003



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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

Innovate Discuss Share



5000+

submissions

112

countries

234

Winners

576

Champions

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WSIS Prizes 2024

1050

Submissions
received

90

Champions
announced

18

Winners to be announced
at WSIS+20 Forum HLE



[More info here](#)

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WSIS Photo Contest

Since **2017**

1389 submissions

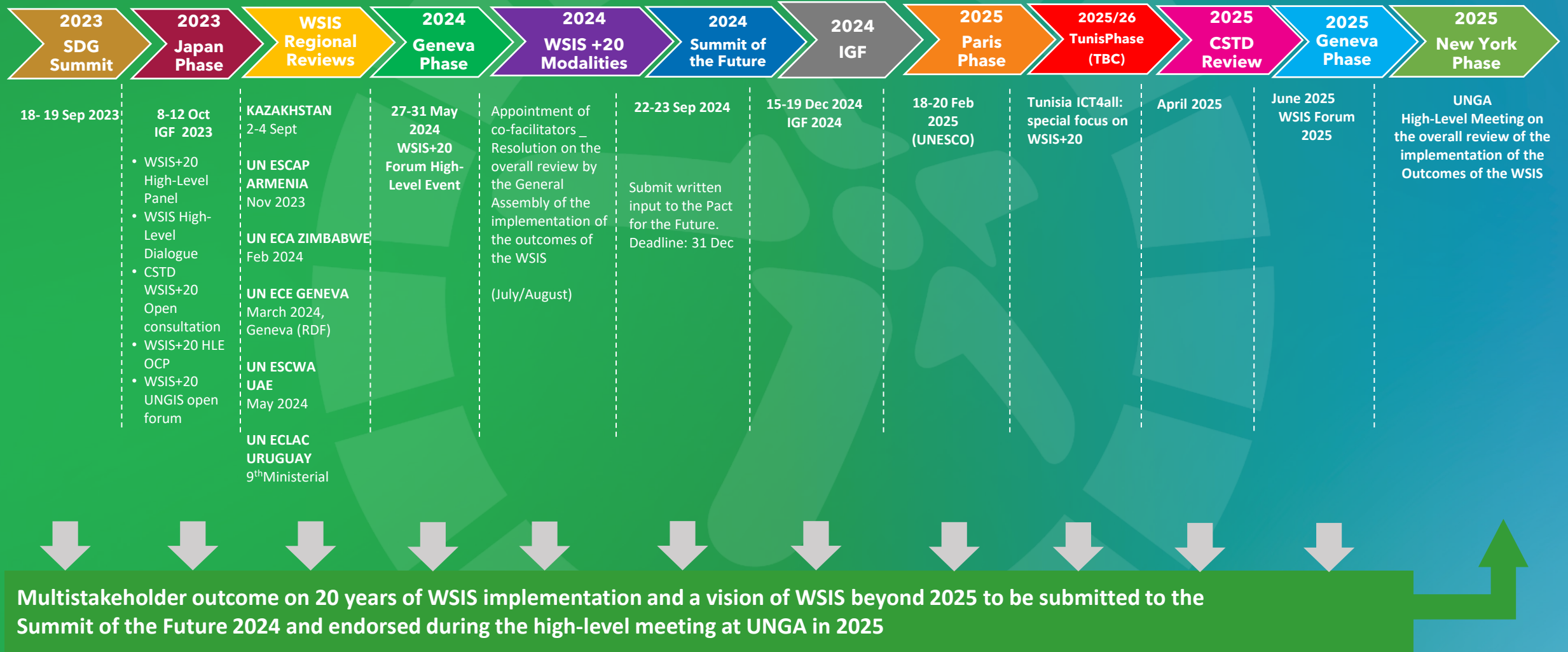
473 finalists

26 winners

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WSIS+20 Preparatory Process





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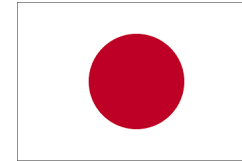
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Platinum**



**Strategic Partner:
Gold Plus**



**Partners for
specific activities**



**Contributing
Partners**



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Co-hosts



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Swiss Confederation

Co-organizers



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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