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Submission by

International Telecommunication Union

This submission was prepared as an input to the report of the UN Secretary-General on "Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels" (to the 29th session of the CSTD), in response to the request by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2006/46, to the UN Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS as part of his annual reporting to the Commission.

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The Secretary-General

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Subject: ITU's contribution to the preparation of the Secretary-General's report on progress made in 2025 in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

Dear Ms. Grynspan,

This is with reference to the letter dated 21 July 2025 inviting the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to contribute to the preparation of the Secretary-General's report which will assess progress made in 2025 in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit.

ITU is pleased to submit the following inputs and official contributions to the CSTD:

1. ITU Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes – 2025:
<https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Contribution.aspx>
2. ITU WSIS Action Line Roadmaps for C2, C4, C5 and C6 – 2024:
<https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/Roadmaps.aspx>
3. ITU's Call for Inputs on the WSIS+20 Review:
<https://www.itu.int/go/WSISCall2025>
4. ITU's Secretary-General World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond 2025 - WSIS+20 Roadmap: <https://www.itu.int/go/WSIS20Roadmap>
5. Presentations by UN WSIS Action Lines facilitators on WSIS+20 Review Action Lines Milestones, Challenges and Emerging Trends beyond 2025:
<https://itu.int/go/wsis20review>
6. 20-Year Reports on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes – country and stakeholder reports:
<https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/review/reports/twenty-year.html>
7. Report by the Secretary-General - WSIS+20 Report on ITU's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the WSIS outcomes and its role in achieving the SDGs (WSIS+20 Report: Building a digital future for all):
<https://www.itu.int/go/WSIS20Report>
8. WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 Outcome Document:
<http://itu.int/go/WSISForumOutcomes2025>
9. WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 Chair's Summary:
<http://itu.int/go/WSISForumOutcomes2025>

10. WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 High Level Outcomes and Executive Brief: <http://itu.int/go/WSISForumOutcomes2025>
11. WSIS Stocktaking 2025 Global Report: <http://itu.int/go/WSISForumOutcomes2025>
12. WSIS Stocktaking+20 Report: <http://itu.int/go/WSISForumOutcomes2025>
13. WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2025: <http://itu.int/go/WSISForumOutcomes2025>
14. WSIS Forum 2025 Photo Contest: <http://itu.int/go/WSISForumOutcomes2025>

ITU will continue to coordinate with the relevant UN organisations, as appropriate, to support the overall review of WSIS Outcomes by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2025, in line with ITU's Secretary-General WSIS+20 Roadmap and the review process established by the UNGA.

ITU is actively engaged in the WSIS+20 Review preparatory process, led by the WSIS+20 Co-Facilitators. As the UN specialized agency for digital technologies, ITU has responded to the Co-Facilitators' calls and organized multistakeholder consultations at the 2024 and 2025 WSIS Forum High-Level Events. In its capacity as the rotational Chair and Vice-Chair, and as the Permanent Secretariat of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS), ITU continues to play an active role in the process and to support coordinated UN engagement in the WSIS+20 Review.

I also value our ongoing collaboration in the WSIS+20 Joint Preparatory Process, working alongside UNESCO, UNCTAD, CSTD, UN DESA, and UN Regional Commissions, reflecting the strong support and coordination across the UN system to foster a cohesive preparatory framework for the WSIS+20 review.

Following the paperless approach of the United Nations, the ITU is limiting the printing of publications. I would be grateful if the above-mentioned materials could be made available on the CSTD website as an official submission from ITU.

Yours sincerely,



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