



THE WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY (WSIS) PROCESS

WSIS+20 Review Process • WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event

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WSIS Process



WSIS is a **UN process** that involves more than 32 UN Agencies and is built on the framework of the 11 WSIS Action Lines. It encompasses **multistakeholder digital cooperation** within UN Agencies including the Governments, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and the Technical Community.

The goal of WSIS is to achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to **build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented information and knowledge societies** where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information.





Multistakeholder Process

WSIS, as a multistakeholder process, has stood the test of time and the WSIS+20 Review Process would provide a guidance framework for all stakeholders, based on the WSIS Outcome Documents, on addressing opportunities and challenges posed by the current digital landscape, including on universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation.



Strengthened Digital Collaboration

Close collaboration with ITU, UNESCO, UN CSTD, UN DESA, WSIS Action Lines Facilitators and other UN Agencies involved.



WSIS+20 Review Process



20 Years of implementation of WSIS

- Take stock of the key trends, challenges and opportunities posed by the current digital landscape.
- Analysis of the achievement of WSIS in 20 years including WSIS+20 Country reports, WSIS+20 Action Line reports and WSIS+20 Stakeholder reports
- Assessment of the WSIS Action Lines and their framework in close collaboration with the UN Agencies involved
- WSIS Targets

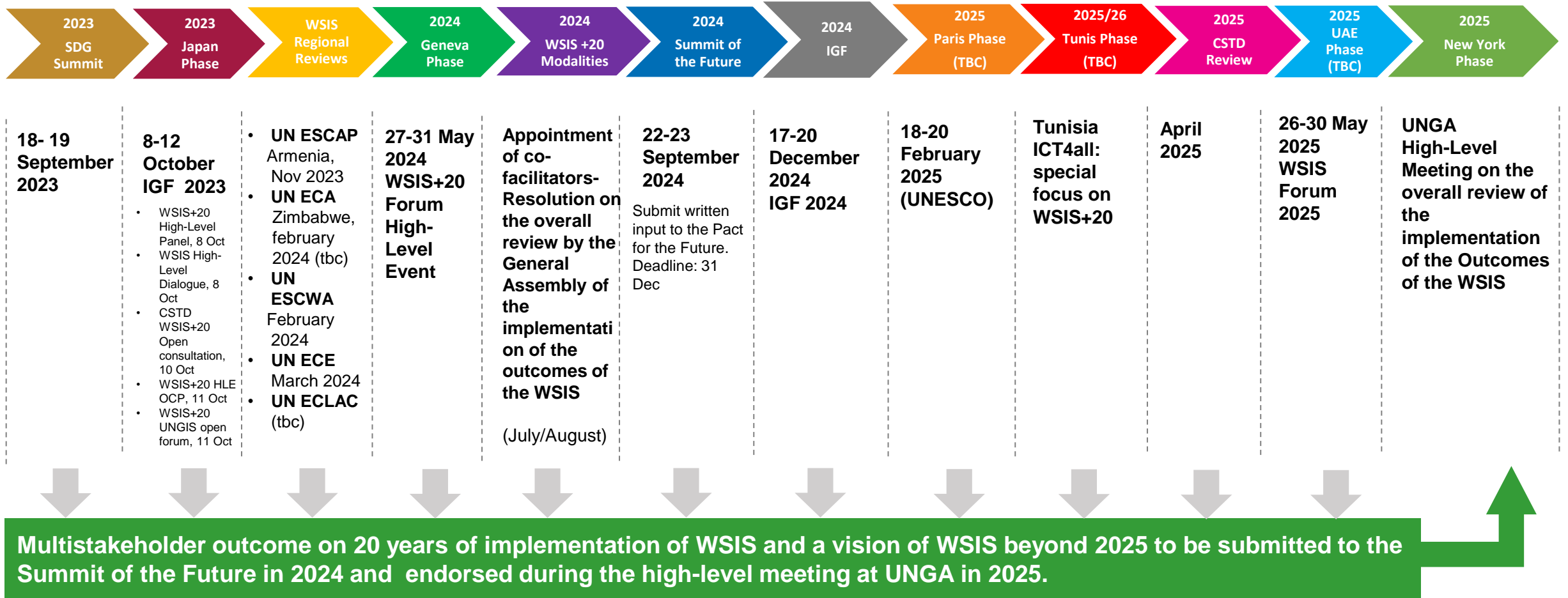
Multistakeholder Outcome

Multistakeholder outcome on 20 years of implementation of WSIS and a vision of WSIS beyond 2025 to be submitted to UNGA in 2025.





WSIS+20 Preparatory Process





WSIS Process and CEPT

WSIS Forum 2023 Chairperson



H.E. Dr. Emilija Stojmenova Duh
Minister of Digital Transformation
Republic of Slovenia

WSIS Forum 2023 Chairperson was Her Excellency Dr. Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Minister of Digital Transformation of the Republic of Slovenia.



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The Swiss Confederation will be co-hosting the 2024 WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event.



**European Conference of Postal
and Telecommunications Administrations**

- 46 European countries cooperating to regulate posts,
radio spectrum and communications networks

CEPT Administrations have been actively participating in the WSIS Process since its inception, and particularly in WSIS Forum.



Fortieth meeting: Thursday, 1 February (1430-1730 hours) to Friday, 2 February 2024 (0900-1200 - 1430-1730 hours) ITU Headquarters, Geneva - Room C

Chair:

AFR - Ms Cynthia Lesufi (South Africa) - Bio

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EUR - Ms Susanna Mattsson (Sweden)

Agenda

Update on implementation and follow-up actions to relevant ITU and UN resolutions and processes:

- a) ICTs for Sustainable Development and STI Resolutions
- b) Preparation of the Summit of the Future 2024
Updates by the Co-Facilitators:
 - i. On the Global Digital Compact by H.E. Anna Karin Eneström, Permanent Representative of Sweden to UN, and H.E. Chola Milambo, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia to UN
 - ii. On the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future by H.E. Antje Leendertse, Permanent Representative of Germany to UN, and H.E. Neville M. Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia to UN

Updates by the Secretariat

- ITU's contribution to the Summit of the Future
- Alignment of WSIS Process with Global Digital Compact (GDC) and Summit of the Future
 - a) CSTD Roadmap on WSIS+20: follow-up and implementation
 - a) Report by the Director-General on implementation of the WSIS outcomes - UNESCO's roadmap towards the WSIS+20 review in 2025: follow-up and implementation

ITU's activities related to WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

- a) Implementation of ITU-D, ITU-T, and ITU-R resolutions on WSIS
- b) WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024
- b) Comprehensive report detailing the activities, actions, and engagements that the Union is undertaking in the context of the WSIS implementation and 2030 agenda
- b) Interagency coordinating mechanism: United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS)
- b) Roadmap for ITU's activities to help achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Preparation to the Overall Review on the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes: WSIS Beyond 2025:

- a) Update on ITU SGs WSIS+20 roadmap
- a) Update on the implementation of ITU Council Resolution 1334

Other business:

- a) Contributions from Member States to ITU input towards UN processes

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WSIS+20 FORUM HIGH-LEVEL EVENT

27-31 May 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

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Calls for Contributions!



**Open Consultation
Process**



**WSIS Prizes
2024**



**WSIS
Stocktaking**



**WSIS
Photo Contest 2024**



**WSIS
Fund in Trust 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES



Provide a platform for multistakeholder discussions on the progress made since the inception of WSIS and take stock of the achievements/success in 20 years.



Identify the gaps, challenges, and opportunities in leveraging digital technologies, as well as information and knowledge societies, to bridge the digital divide and promote meaningful connectivity, both today and beyond 2025.



Multistakeholder outcome to be submitted to the UNGA overall review in 2025.

Key Elements



High-Level Sessions



Interactive Sessions



WSIS Prizes



Hackathon



Ambassadors and
Mayors Roundtable



Knowledge Café



Ministerial Roundtable



WSIS Action Lines
sessions

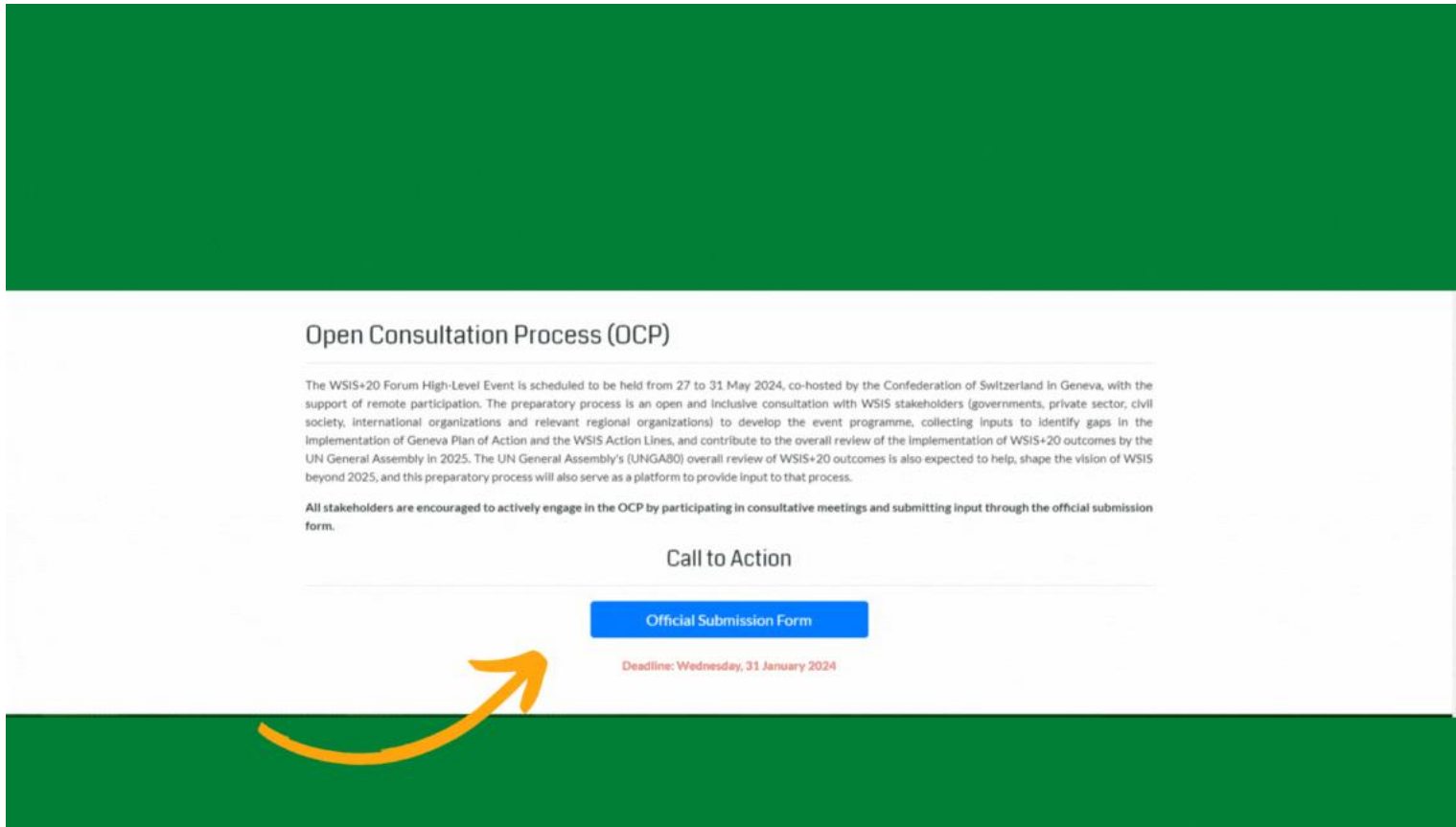


Exhibitions



PS, CS and Technical
Community
Engagements

Open Consultation Process



Open Consultation Process (OCP)

The WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event is scheduled to be held from 27 to 31 May 2024, co-hosted by the Confederation of Switzerland in Geneva, with the support of remote participation. The preparatory process is an open and inclusive consultation with WSIS stakeholders (governments, private sector, civil society, international organizations and relevant regional organizations) to develop the event programme, collecting inputs to identify gaps in the implementation of Geneva Plan of Action and the WSIS Action Lines, and contribute to the overall review of the implementation of WSIS+20 outcomes by the UN General Assembly in 2025. The UN General Assembly's (UNGA80) overall review of WSIS+20 outcomes is also expected to help, shape the vision of WSIS beyond 2025, and this preparatory process will also serve as a platform to provide input to that process.

All stakeholders are encouraged to actively engage in the OCP by participating in consultative meetings and submitting input through the official submission form.

Call to Action

[Official Submission Form](#)

Deadline: Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Official submissions to the WSIS Secretariat on the Thematic Aspects and Innovations on the Format

1. Login with your existing account or Sign up as a new user
2. Fill out the OCP Form
www.wsis.org/forum

Deadline: 31 January 2024

REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Registration to the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event is **OPEN**
Remote participation will also be made available.

Register here

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2024/Home/Registration>

We encourage you to book your accommodation early.

WSIS Stocktaking and WSIS Prizes 2024

[WSIS Stocktaking](#) platform has been maintained by ITU since 2004 and currently comprises over 13,500 entries, aligned with the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs.

Submit your Digital projects to the most globally recognised ICT for Development international annual award.

[WSIS Prizes 2024](#) is an exceptional international recognition of WSIS stakeholders as Winners and Champions for excellence in supporting the implementation of WSIS Action Lines and the achievement of SDGs.

WSIS Stocktaking's new collaborative is with the Partner2Connect platform, which is aligned with WSIS Action Lines and SDGs.

Contact us for more information partner2connect@itu.int



SUBMIT NOW

DEADLINE for submissions: 31 January 2024!
www.wsis.org/prizes

WSIS Contest: Contribute

WSIS Photo Contest 2024

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+20 Forum High-Level Event.

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WSIS Digital Service Design Special Prize 2024

Recognizing and spotlighting impactful digital government services that are designed based on user needs and a building block approach using open-source components, optimized for scalability, interoperability, and adaptability, in collaboration with in GovStack Global - ITU, GIZ, EE, DIAL

SUBMISSION PHASE : Opening Soon



WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Special Prize 2024

An exceptional international recognition of WSIS Stakeholders as leaders in supporting innovation that brings sustainable solutions for the ever-increasing global population of older people, in collaboration with ITU, WHO, UNDESA and Global Coalition on Aging.

SUBMISSION PHASE : Opening Soon





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