



WSIS+20

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT 2025

7-11 July 2025

Geneva, Switzerland

WSIS Information Session

18 June 2025 | 08:45-09:30 CEST

Co-hosts



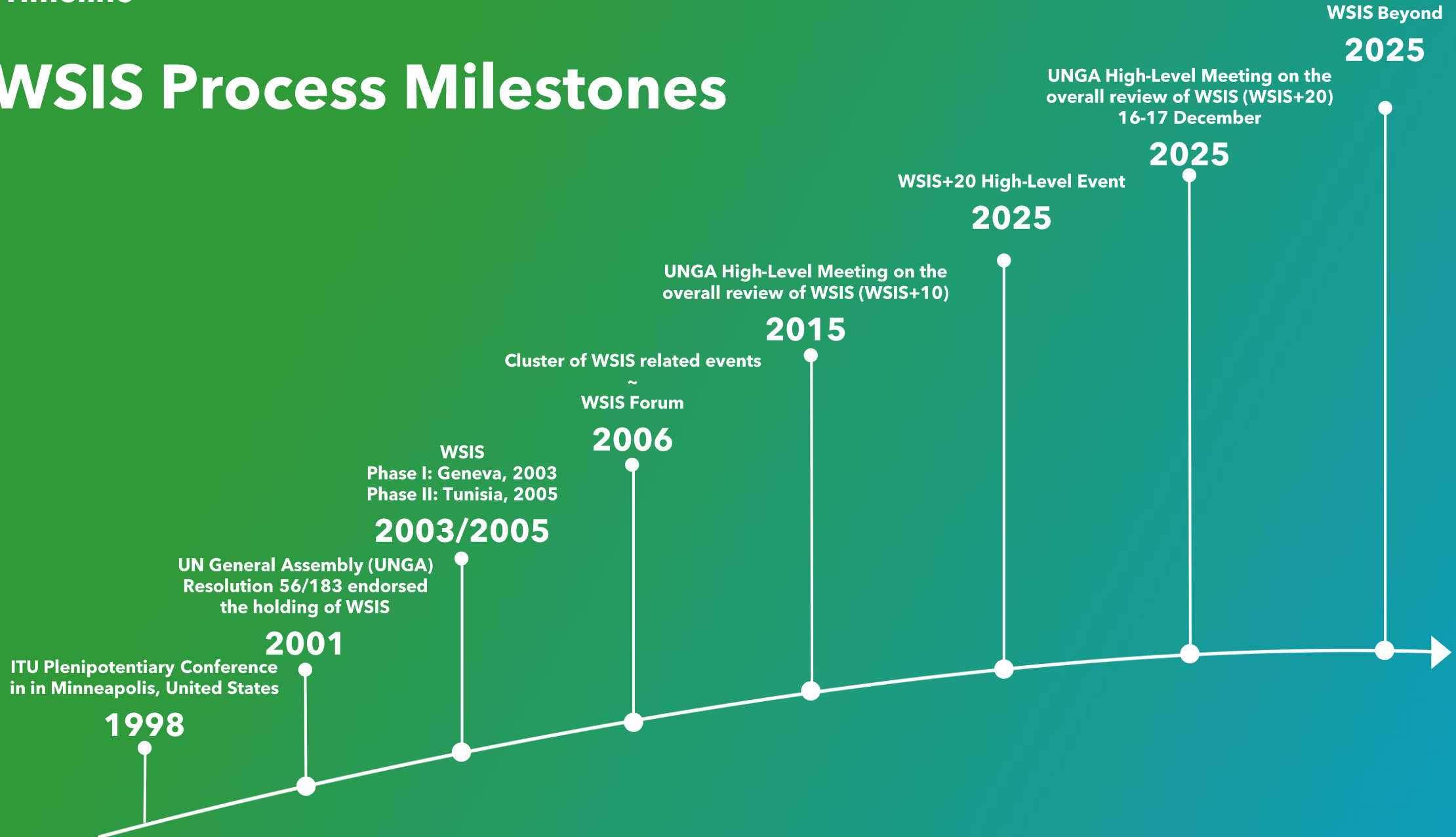
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Timeline

WSIS Process Milestones





Guided by key principles: WSIS Action Lines

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| C1 | ICTs for development | C7 | eHealth |
| C2 | Infrastructure | C7 | eEmployment |
| C3 | Access to info & knowledge | C7 | eEnvironment |
| C4 | Capacity building | C7 | eAgriculture |
| C5 | Confidence & security | C7 | eScience |
| C6 | Enabling environment | C8 | Diversity & local content |
| C7 | eGovernment | C9 | Media |
| C7 | eBusiness | C10 | Ethical dimensions |
| C7 | eLearning | C11 | Int & regional cooperation |

15 000+ digital projects aligned with SDGs

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>

WSIS achievements over 20 years

WSIS Targets



5.5

Billion people online



280 000+

Connected schools
according to Giga Maps



400+

Languages fully
accessible online



65%

Women using the Internet

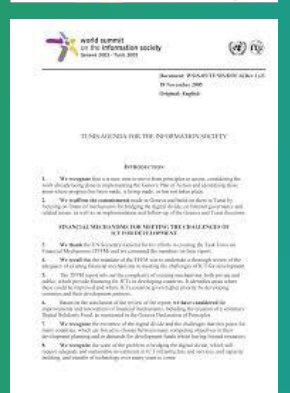


79%

Youth (15-24 years old)
use the internet

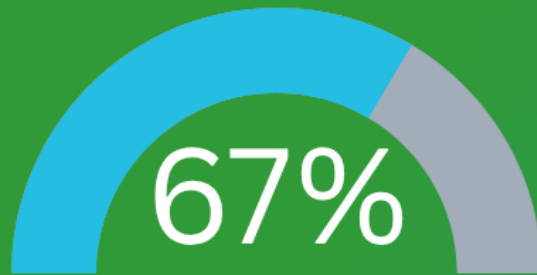
ITU's Mandate on the implementation of WSIS

- Geneva Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action
- Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society
- ITU PP Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)
- ITU Council Resolution 1334 (modified 2023)
- ITU Council Resolution 1332 (modified 2024)
- ITU-D Resolution 30 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) - Kigali Action Plan – Document 2
- ITU-R Resolution 61-3 (Rev. Dubai, 2023)
- ITU-T Resolution 75 (Rev. Geneva, 2022)
- CWG WSIS&SDGs
- WSIS&SDG Taskforce
- ITU Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (Annual Report)
- WSIS Action Lines Roadmaps



ITU Call for Inputs on the WSIS+20 Review

97 submissions received from various entities, including governments within regional groups.



submissions published upon consent and available on the CWG-WSIS&SDG website.

Summary will be submitted by the Secretary-General to the WSIS+20 overall review by UNGA.

ITU Secretary-General is invited to consider the outcomes of this Call for Input when submitting the ITU Secretary-General's WSIS+20 Report to the WSIS+20 overall review, pursuant to the ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022).

WSIS Forum

16
years

160
countries

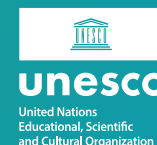
50,000
multi-stakeholder participants
(onsite and virtual)

40+
UN Agencies
involved

10+
Special Tracks
Gender, Youth ...



Co-organizers





Route François-Peyrot 30, Le Grand-Saconnex,
Geneve, Switzerland 1218

Venue

Palexpo Congress Centre

Located 10 minutes from Geneva city center and directly opposite Geneva International Airport

Access via Public Transportation

- Line 5 - stop "Palexpo"
- Line 8 - stop "Palexpo"
- Line 50 - stop "Palexpo"
- Line 59 - stop "Palexpo"

By car

1,500 spaces available for visitors and exhibitors in the **P12** car parking

For High-Level drop-off by car, a communication will be sent out soon on the process of sending the car plate number to palexpo.

Additional information:

<https://www.palexpo.ch/en/access/>

Major achievements of the WSIS Process in 20 years

- expansion of global connectivity and internet access in developing countries;
- efforts to bridge the digital divide;
- e-government services to enhance transparency and accessibility;
- transformation of e-health and education;
- fostering rapid growth
- innovation
- entrepreneurship in the digital economy and e-business sectors;
- supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with climate action and disaster preparedness;
- global collaboration through knowledge sharing and capacity-building; cybersecurity and data privacy frameworks;
- emerging technologies like AI and blockchain under ethical and inclusive principles; multistakeholder participation reinforcing inclusive governance;
- multilingualism and cultural diversity, and cross-sectoral impact
- empowering individuals and communities.

ITU's main contributions to the WSIS process

ITU has played a key role in facilitating dialogue among multistakeholders, supporting digital transformation strategies, and ensuring integration for emerging technologies to drive social, economic and sustainable development, some of the key areas referred by stakeholders are:

- Leadership and coordination:
- Facilitator of the WSIS process
- Promoting global connectivity
- Fostering digital access
- Enhancing cybersecurity
- Supporting sustainable development
- Global governance and policy support
- Capacity building and technical assistance:
- Promoting innovation and emerging technologies
- Monitoring and Reporting

Registration

Registration for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 is free of charge and open to all stakeholders.

Registration is mandatory for all participants to attend the Event. Invitation letter available in **6 UN Languages**.

Remote registration is mandatory **for all remote speakers**

On-site Registration

Virtual Registration

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Home/Registration>

We encourage you to book your accommodation early.

Accreditation and Visa

- Accreditation is required in order to participate on-site to attend the Event.
- A registration confirmation (e-confirmation) will be the sole document provided for visa support.



Badging Information

- All participants attending the event will require an official event badge to access the venue. This includes all attendees, high-level participants, and VIPs.
- Permanent mission are encouraged to pick up the badge in advance for: Minister, Head of Regulatory Authority and Ambassador. Other delegates need to pick up their badges individually.

Badge collection requirements



A valid photo ID card or passport



Your e-confirmation of registration

Badging schedule

Day	Location	Opening Hours
Pre-Event Week		
Wednesday 2 July	Montbrillant building of the ITU headquarters	08:30 – 17:00
Thursday 3 July	Montbrillant building of the ITU headquarters	13:00 – 17:00
Friday 4 July	Montbrillant building of the ITU headquarters	08:30 – 17:00
Event Week		
Monday 7 to Friday 11 July	Palexpo	07:30 – 19:00

Access for people with reduced mobility



- All floors of the venue are accessible.
- Ramp is available on the ground floor at the entrance.

WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 - key elements



High-Level
Leaders TalkX



Interactive sessions by
all stakeholders



WSIS Prizes ceremonies



WSIS+20 consultations



Ambassadors &
Regulators Roundtables



Youth Special Track



Ministerial Roundtable



UN WSIS Action Lines
& UNGIS meetings



Exhibition



20-year celebrations

High-Level Engagements

- 7 July: Inaugural session/ WSIS Prizes ceremony
- 7-11 July: High-Level Dialogues
- 8 July: Regulators Roundtable (invitation-only)
- 9 July: Network of Women Ministers & Leaders in ICT Breakfast
- 9 & 11 July: Leaders TalkX
- 9 July: Ministerial Roundtable (invitation-only)
- 10 July: AI Governance Dialogue (invitation-only) lunch
- 10 July: AI Governance Dialogue plenary

4 Heads of States confirmed

60+ Ministers and deputies confirmed

40+ Heads of Regulatory Authorities

Confirmed High-Level Participants available on the following page: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/HighLevel>

Ministerial Roundtable

Participation: RESTRICTED to the Ministers and Deputy Ministers
(no replacements possible)

Date and Time: The Ministerial Roundtable meeting will be scheduled on
Wednesday 9 July from 14:30 to 16:30 CEST

Format: A plenary session and 4 breakout rooms
No +1 can be accommodated

Topics: 3 topics will be shared shortly



Regulators Roundtable

Participation: RESTRICTED to Regulators (no replacements possible)

Date and Time: The regulators roundtable meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday 8 July from 15:15 to 17:15 CEST

Format: roundtable format
No +1 can be accommodated

Topics: Will be shared shortly



2nd edition of ITU Network of Women (NoW) Ministers and Leaders Breakfast Session

Date and Time:

Wednesday 9 July from 07:45 to 09:00 CEST

RSVP your high-level woman participant to:
genderandyouthoffice@itu.int

Participation (Invitation-Only)

- Women Ministers
- Women Regulators
- Women Ambassadors
- CEO Women ICT leaders

[ITU Resolution 70](#) (rev.Bucharest, 2022) instructs the SG to: “To encourage the launch of a Global Network of women in ICT decision-makers”. The session will serve to launch the network of global ICT decision-makers as per Resolution 70, and introduce the Network's role in bridging the gender digital divide and mobilize commitment among women Ministers and other ICT Leaders.

High-Level social events

- ✓ All High-Level speakers will receive a **Golden PIN** to be able to access Special High-Level Events, to be collected **starting Monday morning from the Diplomatic and VIP front desk at Palexpo**

Date	Time (CEST)	Social Event	Invitee – Golden Pin
Monday 7 July	Everyday	VIP Lounge at Palexpo	High-Level
	12:15 – 14:00	High-Level Lunch, hosted by Gold partner Saudi Arabia	High-Level
	19:00 – 21:00	Reception by Poland	High-Level
	18:30 – 21:00	Youth networking reception	All participants
Tuesday 8 July	12:00 – 14:00	High-Level Lunch, hosted WSIS Long-standing partner United Arab Emirates	High-Level
Wednesday 9 July	12:00- 14:00	High-Level Lunch, hosted by Platinum Partner Malaysia	High-Level
	16:30– 16:45	Coffee Break, sponsored by Silver Partner JAPAN	All Participants
Thursday 10 July	17:45	Partners certificates and Swiss Reception	All participants
Friday 11 July	12:00 – 14:00	High-Level Lunch, hosted by Gold partner South Africa	High-Level

Kindly check additional social events that are available on the agenda

Programme at a glance

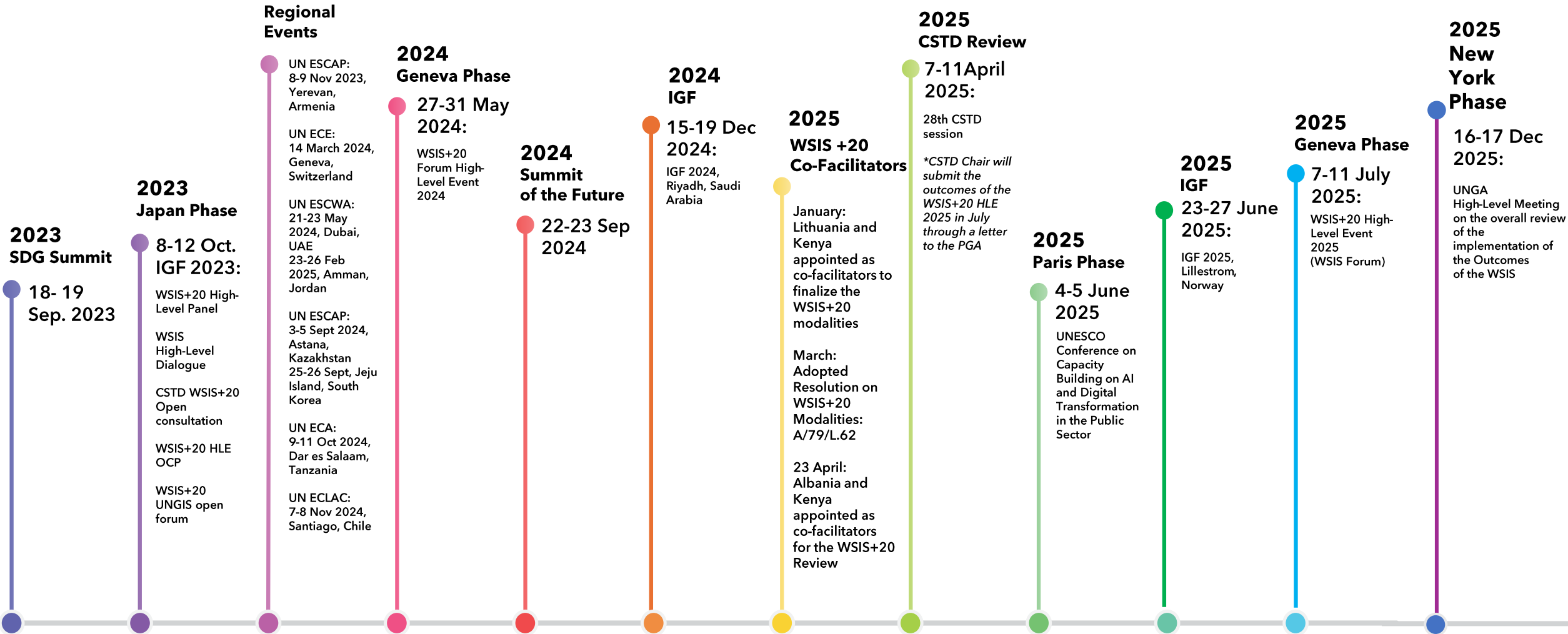
	MON 7 July	TUE 8 July	WED 9 July	THU 10 July	FRI 11 July
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugural Session • High-Level Plenary • Exhibition Inauguration • Knowledge Café • High-Level Lunch by Gold partner • WSIS Prizes ceremony 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum track • High-Level Lunch by WSIS Long-standing partner • Knowledge Café 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network of Women Ministers & Leaders in ICT Breakfast • High-Level Track • Forum track • High-Level Lunch by Platinum partner • Knowledge Café 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI Governance Dialogue • High-Level track for HOS • UNGIS High-Level Meeting • Forum track • Knowledge Café 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassadors Roundtable • High-Level track • Forum track • High-Level Lunch by Gold partner • Knowledge Café
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth special track • WSIS Prizes Champions Ceremony • Forum track • WSIS session for newcomers • WSIS+20 celebration • Reception by Poland • Youth Networkig Event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulators Roundtable • Forum track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-Level track • Ministerial Roundtable • ITU 160th anniversary dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI Governance Dialogue • Forum track • Official Swiss Reception • Partner Certificates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSIS Action Lines Facilitators Meeting • Closing Ceremony and Chair's WSIS+20 HLE Summary



WSIS+20 REVIEW



WSIS+20 Review Joint Preparatory Process



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

WSIS+20 Review

President of UNGA appointed co-facilitators for WSIS+20 overall review by the United Nations General Assembly on 23 April 2025



H.E. Mr. Erastus Lokaale

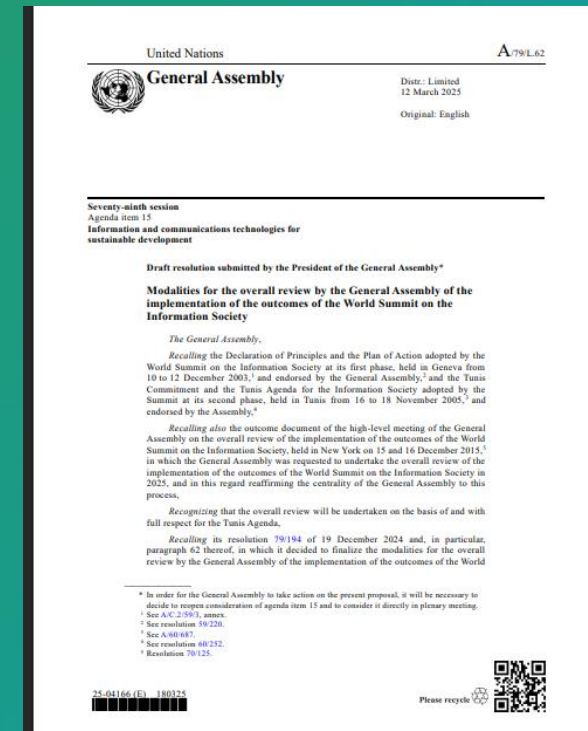
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations



H.E. Ms. Suela Janina

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the United Nations

WSIS+20 Modalities Resolution (A/79/L.62) is adopted – on March 2025



WSIS+20 Co-Facilitators indicative roadmap of key steps



28th Session of the CSTD



Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society. Zero draft resolution (based on E/RES/2024/13)

- *“PP131. Looks forward to continuing consultations and engagements towards the implementation of the **Global Digital Compact building on the World Summit On Information Society architecture, including the WSIS+20 review, and underlines the importance of ensuring synergies and avoiding duplication within the UN-system and across various entities, building on established mechanisms and maximizing global digital cooperation.**”*
- *“PP131 quin: Recommends further that as an outcome of the WSIS+20 Review, **UNGIS is tasked to develop a joint implementation roadmap to be presented at the CSTD 29th session, to integrate the Global Digital Compact commitments into the WSIS architecture,** ensuring a unified approach to digital cooperation that avoids duplication and maximizes resource efficiency;”*
- *“PP131ter. Recommends that as an **outcome of the WSIS+20 Review the GDC commitments are integrated as appropriate by the corresponding facilitators into the work of the WSIS Action Lines;**”*

WSIS+20 Roadmaps



World Summit on the
Information Society
(WSIS)+20: WSIS beyond
2025 - WSIS+20
Roadmap



Report of the UNESCO
Director-General on the
implementation of the World
Summit on the Information
Society (WSIS) outcomes



Commission on Science and
Technology for Development
Roadmap for the WSIS+20

20-Year Reports on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes

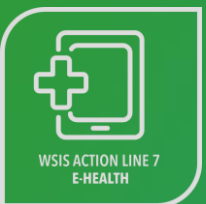
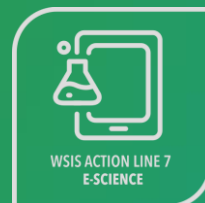
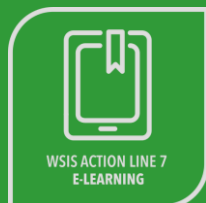


Country 20-Year reporting template



WSIS Stakeholder 20-Year reporting template

20 years of WSIS Action Lines: milestones, challenges and emerging trends beyond 2025



20 years of implementation of WSIS Action Lines prepared by UN Action Lines Facilitators, highlighting:

- Evolution of context
- 20 years achievements
- Challenges
- Emerging Trends
- Opportunities beyond 2025

Learn more:

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2025/Home/About>

Engaging Member States: Key Contributions and Actions



1. **Contributions to the upcoming CWG-WSIS&SDG (September 2025)**
2. **Contribute actively towards the WSIS+20 Process and the co-facs element paper**
3. **Share Thoughts and Vision for WSIS Beyond 2025: including ITUs role**
4. **WSIS Action Lines (thoughts on updating/additional)**
5. **Follow the WSIS+20 Process in New York, Geneva, and Capitals**
6. **Highlight the existing mechanism of the WSIS process in GDC discussion**
7. **Submit 20-Year Country Reports**



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