

WSIS Forum 2020 - ITU Gateway for WSIS

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WSIS-SDG Matrix

Linking WSIS Action Lines with Sustainable Development Goals: this mapping exercise draws direct linkages of the WSIS Action Lines with the SDGs to continue strengthening the impact of ICTs for sustainable development. Each UN Action Line Facilitator has analyzed the connections and relations of their respective Action Line with the proposed SDGs and their targets.

The goal is to create a clear and direct link and an explicit connection between the key aim of the WSIS, that of harnessing the potential of ICTs to promote and realize the development goals, and the post 2015 development agenda, so as to contribute to the realisation of the latter.

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ITU's Role in the WSIS Implementation and Follow-up



In line with its mandate and the WSIS outcome documents, the ITU continues playing key role in WSIS implementation and follow-up, including:

- [WSIS Implementation](#)
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- **WSIS Action Lines**
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 - [ICT Infrastructure](#) (AL C2)
 - [Cybersecurity](#) (AL C5)
 - [Enabling Environment](#) (AL C6)
- **WSIS Action Lines**
[Co-Facilitator]
 - [Action Lines: C1, C3, C4, C7, C8, C9, C11](#)

- [WSIS Stocktaking Process](#)
- [United Nations Group on Information Society](#)
[Chair/Co-Chair]
- [Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development](#)
- [ICT Statistics](#)
- [Internet Governance](#)
- [Connect the World](#)

ITU Contribution to the WSIS Implementation



ITU Contribution to the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes is a comprehensive report on the ITU activities in context of WSIS carried out annually by the Union. The Report provides detailed information on the key WSIS related initiatives and activities carried out by the three sectors of the Union (Standardization, Radiocommunication and the Development Sector) and the General Secretariat. Reports provide updates on the tasks carried out by the ITU at the operational and policy level, covering all assigned mandates with reference to the WSIS Process, in particular in its capacity as:

- Lead facilitator (along with UNESCO and UNDP) in coordinating the multistakeholder implementation of the *Geneva Plan of Action*.
- Facilitator of Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure) and C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs); upon the UNDP's request the ITU accepted to play the role of the Facilitator of Action Line C6 (Enabling environment).
- Co-facilitator of Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7 and C11; and partner for Action Lines C8 and C9.

- Rotating Chair of the United Nations Group on Information Society (UNGIS).
- Steering committee member of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Measurement.
- Facilitator of the WSIS Stocktaking Process.
- Initiator and facilitator of the WSIS Project Prize.
- Implementation of other WSIS outcomes.

ITU's annual and five year reports on the ITU contribution to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes are available [here](#).

ITU in the WSIS Outcome Documents







- **WSIS Outcomes**
 - [Geneva Declaration of Principles](#) (GP)
 - [Geneva Plan of Action](#) (GPA)
 - [Tunis Commitment](#) (TC)
 - [Tunis Agenda for the Information Society](#) (TAIS)
- [Provisions of the WSIS output documents related to ITU](#)
- **Some of the main ITU roles reflected in the TAIS:**
 - **§ 27 and 50 c ii of TAIS** - encouraging ITU to continue to study the question of international Internet connectivity (IIC) as an urgent matter to develop appropriate Recommendation

- **§ 72 c of TAIS** (in relation to IGF) to interface with appropriate intergovernmental organizations and other institutions on matters under their purview.
- **§ 78 of TAIS** – The UN Secretary-General should also draw upon any appropriate resources from all interested stakeholders, including the proven expertise of ITU, as demonstrated during the WSIS process.
- **§ 96 of TAIS** - ITU and other regional organizations should take steps to ensure rational, efficient and economic use of, and equitable access to, the radio-frequency spectrum by all countries, based on relevant international agreements
- **§ 98 of TAIS** – encouraging partnerships such as the ITU-led "Connect the World" initiative
- **§ 103 of TAIS** – initiating establishment of the United Nations Group in Information Society (UNGIS) with consideration of the ITU, UNESCO and UNDP as lead agencies of this group
- **§ 109 of TAIS** - ITU, UNESCO, UNDP to play lead facilitating roles for the implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action.
- **§ 112 to § 115 of TAIS** – calling for periodic evaluation using appropriate indicators and benchmarking to track global progress; developing ICT indicators, measuring the digital divide; efforts by the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development; ICT Indices which will build upon the common set of core ICT indicators as they were defined within the Partnership on Measuring the ICT for Development
- **§ 120 of TAIS** - encouraging all stakeholders to submit entries to the WSIS Stocktaking database maintained by ITU
- **Annex of TAIS** – Action Line Moderators/Facilitators






ITU Decisions Relevant to WSIS Outcomes



- **Plenipotentiary Conference**

-  [Resolution 140](#) (Plenipotentiary 2018) ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society
-  [Resolution 172](#) (Plenipotentiary 2010) Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes
-  [Resolution 101](#) (Plenipotentiary 2010) Internet Protocol-based networks
-  [Resolution 102](#) (Plenipotentiary 2010) ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses

- **World Telecommunication Development Conference**

-  [Resolution 30](#) (WTDC-10) Role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society
- **World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly**
 -  [Resolution 75](#) (WTSA 2008) ITU-T's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, and the establishment of a Dedicated Group on Internet-related Public Policy Issues as an integral part of the Council Working Group on World Summit on the Information Society
- **Council**
 -  [Resolution 1282](#) (Council 2008) ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society
 -  [Resolution 1332](#) (modified 2016) ITU role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 -  [Resolution 1334 \(modified 2015\)](#) ITU Role in the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS