

IGF 2017

WSIS Open Forum

Title: WSIS Action Lines advancing the Achievement of SDGs (*WSIS Forum 2018, WSIS Stocktaking, WSIS Prizes and the WSIS Action Lines and SDGs Matrix*)

Description:

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum represents the world's largest annual gathering of the 'ICT for development' community. The annual WSIS Forum is a global multi-stakeholder platform facilitating the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for advancing sustainable development. The Forum is co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line co-/facilitators and other UN organizations (UNDESA, FAO, UNEP, WHO, UN Women, WIPO, WFP, ILO, WMO, ITC, UPU, UNODC, UNIDO, UNHCR, UNICEF and UN Regional Commissions). It provides an opportunity for information exchange, knowledge creation and sharing of best practices, while identifying emerging trends and fostering partnerships, taking into account the evolving Information and Knowledge Societies.

In follow up to the outcomes of the UN General Assembly Overall Review of the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes (Res. A/70/125) and with the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Res. A/70/1), the WSIS Forum is constantly evolving and strengthening the alignment between the WSIS Action Lines and the Sustainable Development Goals. The WSIS Forum will therefore serve as a key forum for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, with due regard to the global mechanism for follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This session will provide an opportunity for the participants to learn more about the WSIS Process, in particular, the implementation of WSIS Action Lines for the Achievement of SDGs, the WSIS Forum 2018 Open Consultation Process, WSIS Prizes 2018, WSIS Forum 2018: Photography Contest, Hackathon, VR for Development and other special tracks.

Objectives

While providing the platform for discussing implementation WSIS Action Lines, this Open Forum will also offer stakeholders the opportunity to share and showcase real case studies from the ground. Hearing from the WSIS Prize winners and champions themselves stakeholders will be encouraged to prepare inputs to the WSIS Forum 2018 Open Consultation Process on the thematic aspects and format.

Panelists

- WSIS Action Line Facilitators
- UN Regional Commission
- Government
- Private Sector
- Civil Society

