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WSIS Forum 2022: Briefing



WSIS Forum 2022

Starting on 15 March Final week 30 May - 3 June



WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY









UNDP



WSIS Process Timeline





WSIS Action Lines – Sustainable Development Goals Impact of the WSIS Action Lines on Sustainable Development Goals



WSIS-SDG Matrix: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/sdg/

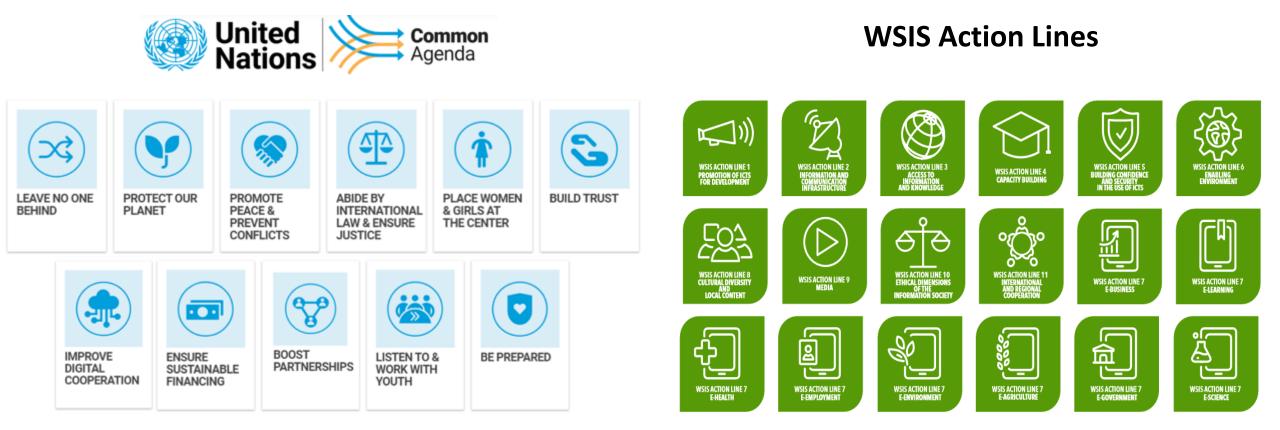
The WSIS implementation mechanism at the international level is organised taking into account the themes and action lines in the Geneva Plan of Action, and moderated or facilitated by UN agencies when appropriate.



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WSIS Action Lines and UN Secretary-General 'OUR COMMON AGENDA'



UNGIS Digital Transformation Repository



UNGIS

UNITED NATIONS GROUP ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

UNESCO

ITU:

UNCTAD

UNDP

Members of UNGIS reiterated commitment to the WSIS Action Lines implementation and alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes.

Current Chair: UNESCO Vice-Chairs: ITU, UNCTAD, UNDP, UN ESCWA

ITU will be the next Chair of UNGIS for period 2022-2023

UNGIS' objective is to develop extensive collaboration and partnerships among the CEB members in order to contribute to the achievement of the WSIS objectives, to help to maintain ICT-related issues as well as science and technology at the top of the UN Agenda and finally to mainstream ICT for Development issues in the mandate of CEB members.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION REPOSITORY

The repository of projects by UNGIS members on digital transformation will be used as a reference guide and repository for UN Agencies on different implemented initiatives/activities showing the direct impact of the WSIS Action Lines on SDGs.

UNGIS Digital Transformation Repository

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UNESCWA



- Launched in 2004 to improve the availability and quality of ICT data and indicators, particularly in developing countries. The initiative is a direct response to the request made by the WSIS to produce official statistics to monitor the information society.
- The Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development is made up of the 14 partner organisations.
- The Partnership work is coordinated by a Steering Committee, which is elected every 3 years. The current Steering Committee is made up of ITU, UNCTAD, and UN DESA.
- ITU will be the chair of the Steering committee of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development in 2022.



UN Regional Commissions



Chair of WSIS Regional Commissions Group: <u>UN ESCWA (2021-2022)</u> Permanent Secretariat: <u>ITU</u>

Annual meetings held at the WSIS Forum

In the outcomes of the UN General Assembly overall review on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (GA Resolution A/70/125), Regional Commissions are invited to continue their work in implementation of WSIS and their contribution to the reviews thereof, including through regional reviews. Sharing practices at the regional level aiming at advancing WSIS implementation at the regional Level and strengthening alignment of the WSIS and SDG processes

Coordination of regional approaches and harmonization Engagement of stakeholders into the regional implementation Strengthening of the regional perspective at the global level of the WSIS Process



Starting 15 March 2022 with Final Week: 30 May – 3 June 2022

WSIS Forum 2022 components: Forum Track, High-Level Track, Special Tracks, Hackathons (ICTs and Indigenous Languages & Designing A Sustainable Future using ICTs), Exhibition Space, WSIS TalkX, etc.



Open Consultation Process

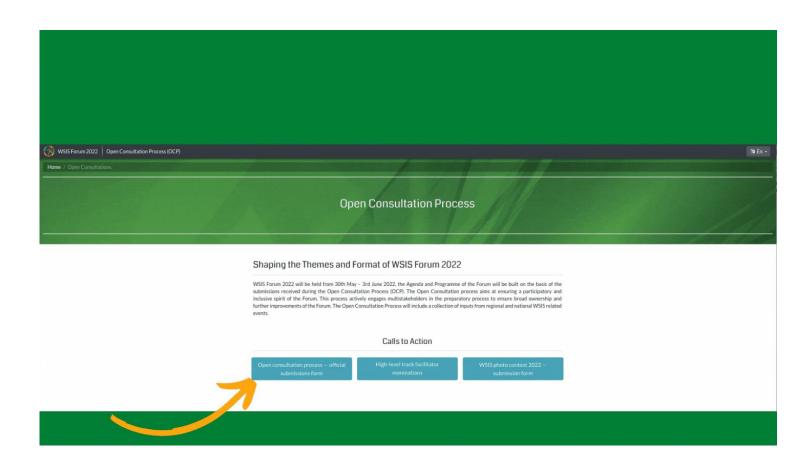
The Open Consultation process (OCP) aims at ensuring a participatory and inclusive spirit of the Forum. This process actively engages multistakeholders in the preparatory process to ensure broad ownership and further improvements of the Forum. The Open Consultation Process will include a collection of inputs from regional and national WSIS related events.

The Open Consultation Process for the WSIS Forum 2022 is structured in five phases as follows:





Open Consultation Process



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

- Login with your existing account or Sign up as a new user
- 2) Fill out the OCP Form

www.wsis.org/forum

Deadline: 7 March 2022



High-Level Track

High-level Policy Sessions



Ministerial Round Table

High-level Dialogues





Workshop with Parliamentarians

World Telecommunication & Information Society Day (WTISD) 17 May 2022

17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union and is celebrated every year as the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day.

The theme for the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2022 (WTISD-22) is **"Digital technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing".**

WTISD 2022 will allow ITU membership, partners and other stakeholders to raise awareness about the important role of telecommunications/ICTs in supporting people to stay healthy, connected and independent, physically, emotionally and financially – to a life of healthy ageing - and as critical for the sustainability of economic and health systems.

17 May 2022, 13:00-14:30 CEST, with the participation of:

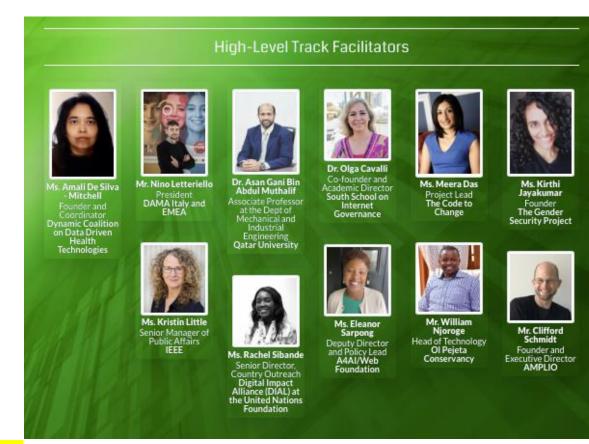
- Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, ITU
- Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General, WHO
- Dr. Jane Barratt, Secretary-General, International Federation on Ageing

Join the celebration and register here: https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/Session/133 More information on WTISD-22: https://www.itu.int/en/wtisd/2022/Pages/default.aspx





- Open Call for Major Stakeholder Coordination Mechanisms following the WSIS Process to identify and nominate High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) for the WSIS Forum 2022.
- The main task of the HLTF is to capture the vision, identify emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the leaders of their session.
- The High-Level Policy Sessions will be moderated by the High-Level Track Facilitators nominated and identified by each stakeholder type i.e Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Technical/ Academic community and International Organization.
- Each stakeholder type is invited to identify HLTF to represent their respective communities.



Nominations should be submitted to the WSIS Secretariat at wsisinfo@itu.int by 7 March 2022 WSIS Prizes 2022

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

FIVE PHASES OF THE CONTEST

• The first phase: Submission phase

1 September 2021 – 31 January 2022 (Deadline for last submission: 23:00 Geneva time)

- The second phase: Nomination Phase. Revision of submitted projects that will result with a list of 360 nominated projects, twenty (20) projects per Action Line Category (18) 1 February – 25 February 2022 (twenty projects per each category will be nominated)
- <u>The third phase</u>: Public online voting (identification of five projects per category with the highest number of votes)

1 March – 31 March 2022 (Deadline for casting last vote: 23:00 Geneva time)

• <u>The fourth phase</u>: Selection of winning projects by the ITU Expert Group that will result with a list of winning projects

1 April – 15 April 2022

 <u>The fifth phase</u>: Announcement of winners to the public during WSIS Prize 2022 Ceremony at WSIS Forum 2022, and the release of publication "WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2022", which is a compilation of extended descriptions of the 18 winning projects and 72 champion projects.

> Voting Phase starts: **1 March 2022** www.wsis.org/prizes



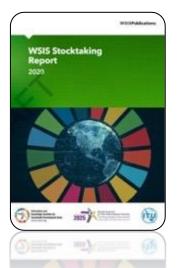


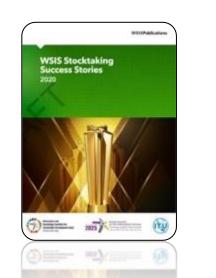
WSIS Stocktaking: 2021-2022 Call for New Entries

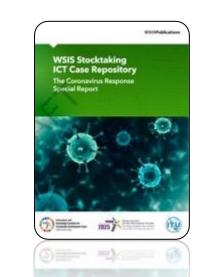
Publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database <u>www.wsis.org/stocktaking</u> currently with 13,000+ submitted projects and initiatives from 350,000+ registered stakeholders has been vigilant and started collecting projects and activities on how ICTs are assisting stakeholders in their everyday life, work, and combating challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

UN General Assembly called for a close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: WSIS Stocktaking is highlighting the contribution of 11 WSIS Action Lines to the achievement 17 SDGs;

ECOSOC resolution 2019/24 reiterates the importance of sharing best practices at the global level and encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform.







NEW Call for Submission: www.wsis.org/stocktaking



Following the successful of previous Photo Contests editions, WSIS Forum continues the Photo Contest in 2022 and invites the community to picture how Information and Communication Technologies are playing an enabling role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

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 Forum 2022.

Deadline: 7 March 2022







WSIS Forum 2022 Special Tracks



ICTs and Youth



ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming



ICTs and Emerging Technologies for sustainable development and ICTs for Industry 4.0



ICTs for Well-being and Happiness and Peace



ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs



ICTs and Older Persons



Cybersecurity



ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures



ICTs for Developing Countries (and LDCs)



Special Track: ICTs and Older Persons

Launched in 2020, this special track addresses the role of ICTs in combating age-based discrimination in the workplace, achieving healthier ageing, building smarter cities, ensuring the financial inclusion of older persons and supporting millions of caregivers across the world and in digital inclusion across the generations to enable the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030.

This special track involves collaboration with various stakeholders that work around this matter, including Global Coalition of Aging (GCOA), Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development (CSEND), E-Seniors, UN Agencies such as ITU, WHO, UN DESA and others.

Workshops, Exhibitions & WSIS TalkX

A series of workshops, virtual exhibitions, and WSIS TalkX sessions were organised by stakeholders during the WSIS Forum to highlight ICTs and Older Persons.



WSIS Healthy Ageing Innovation Prize

A special WSIS Prize was launched in 2021, in collaboration with GCOA. an exceptional international recognition of WSIS stakeholders as leaders for their excellence in supporting innovation that brings sustainable solutions for the ever-increasing global population of older people.

This special WSIS Prize will be continued for the WSIS Forum 2022. More information: <u>https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/</u> <u>Home/HealthyAgeing</u>



WSIS Forum 2021 Hackathon: Ageing better with ICTs

The WSIS Forum 2021 Hackathon was organized virtually under the theme of Ageing Better with ICTs by ITU, GCOA, and other stakeholders like WHO, UN DESA, etc. The virtual hackathon gathered more than 1,100 participants joining from 48 countries.



UN Secretary General Report

The reference of this activity was included in the:

- UN Secretary General Report "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing" (<u>A/75/218</u>) submitted pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 74/125.
- UN Secretary General Report "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing" (<u>A/76/156</u>) submitted pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 75/125.



Innovation Hub)

WSIS Special Initiative:

WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons The WSIS Multistakeholder Alliance on ICTs and Older Persons has been created at the request of stakeholders. It has 4 sub-groups at present led by Chairs and Co-Chairs:

- 1. Design and Accessibility (Mr. Alfredo Ronchi, EC MEDICI Framework; Mr. Raymond Saner, CSEND; Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu, CSEND)
- 2. Capacity Building and Education (Mr. Ian Philp, Age Care Technologies; Dr. Rakesh L., Ada Lovelace Software Private Limited)
- Cybersecurity issues (Dr. Pavan Duggal, International Commission on Cyber Security Law)
 Innovation (Ms. Heba Al Heraki, Bevol International Platform; Ms. Tafadzwa Muusha, University of Zimbabwe

Special Track: ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs

In 2019, the WSIS Forum launched a WSIS Accessibility Day to inform and observe how ICTs can help people living with disabilities whilst focusing on progressing towards the SDGs as well as to raise awareness on the critical role of ICTs to enable and accelerate the social and economic inclusion.

In collaboration with the WSIS stakeholders and at their request, a **special track on ICTs and Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities and Specific Needs was developed for the WSIS Forum 2020** to continue the discussions on ICT accessibility. The special track continued during the WSIS Forum 2021.

Workshops, Exhibitions & WSIS TalkX

A series of workshops and virtual exhibitions were organised by stakeholders during the WSIS Forum to highlight the role of ICTs in the development of inclusive society.



Tools for stakeholders' engagements

WSIS Forum provided tools for stakeholders' engagements, such as sign language interpreter and captioning in sessions to create an inclusive and equitable experience for all





Collaboration with various types of stakeholders

WSIS engaged different accessibility communities, including hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, autism, etc.





Special Track: ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

WSIS Forum 2022 Special Track: ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Cultures

WSIS Forum 2022 will initiate a special track on ICTs and Indigenous Peoples and Culture, which will provide space for discourse on the important role that indigenous peoples and culture could play towards sustainable development with ICTs that are made accessible, inclusive and affordable for all.

Submit request for workshops/exhibition spaces through the Open Consultation Form by 7 March 2022 at <u>www.wsis.org/forum</u>

Organized by ITU, UNESCO, and other stakeholders

Special Prize: ICTs for Preserving, Revitalizing and Promoting Indigenous Languages

WSIS Forum 2022 will initiate a WSIS Special Prize on ICTs for Preserving, Revitalizing and Promoting Indigenous Languages

The winners will be announced during the final week of the WSIS Forum 2022 (30 May – 3 June 2022).



Special Track: ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming

The ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming special track is dedicated to the issues of bridging gender divide, women empowerment and promoting equality perspective through the use of ICTs. The special track aims to engage multistakeholders through a holistic cross-sectoral intersectional approach.

Thematic Partnership: Gender Digital Transformation Partner

The proposed partnership is to enhance the ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming special track of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022. This special track fits in the broader framework of efforts to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs. This contribution will also further enhance the recently launched of the WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology. The impact of this funding will advance efforts in accelerating progress towards the gender equality, using ICTs as an enabler.



http://www.itu.int/go/WSISGender



WSIS Special Initiative: WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology

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The WSIS Process affirms the **importance of promoting and maintaining gender equality and women empowerment**, guaranteeing the inclusion of women in the emerging global ICT society, and emphasizes the need to fully integrate gender equality perspectives in WSIS related strategies and facilitate their implementation to ensure that the Information Society enables women's empowerment and full participation based on equality in all spheres of society and in all decision-making processes.

Launch of the Repository: 4 August 2021

Recording link:

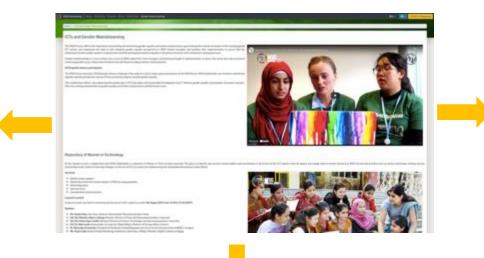
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Repository of Women in Tech

At the request of and in collaboration with WSIS Stakeholders a repository of Women in Tech has been launched. The goal is to identify and connect women leaders and practitioners in all sectors of the ICT industry from all regions and engage them in events, forums and activities.

Nominate WSIS Gender Trendsetter

https://forms.gle/WnzqX59xXYdF1uqx6



50/50 gender balance participation

The WSIS Forum launched a 50/50 gender balance challenge in the wake of a call to realise equal participation at the WSIS Forum. This collaborative effort is also addressing the gender gap in ICTs that aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls". The crosscutting commitments on gender equality are further echoed across all WSIS Action Lines.

Activities

- Identify women speakers
- Networking events
- Interview series

- Mentorship sessions for women and girls in STEM, for young graduates
- Documentation of best practices





#WomeninICTs

Gather inspiring trail blazers for gender equality all around the world



Promote the WSIS Forum 50/50 gender balance challenge



Identify the current ICTs trends on gender issues to promote gender mainstreaming and equality



Promote and encourage stakeholders to join the WSIS Stocktaking Repository of Women in Technology



Organize workshops for the ICTs and Gender Mainstreaming special track at the WSIS Forum 2022



Advocate for the inclusion of gender issues and gender digital equity in ICT discussions

Nominate WSIS Gender Trendsetters here: https://forms.gle/WnzqX59xXYdF1uqx6

#WomeninSTEM

#ChangetheNarrative

#GenderEquality

#WomeninTech



WSIS TALKX

The WSIS TalkX is a platform, both virtual and physical, dedicated to sharing experiences and inspirational stories about ICTs for development (implementation of the WSIS Action Lines for Development) by stakeholders all over the world.

UN World Wildlife Day 3 March 2022, 13:00 - 14:00 CET International Women's Day 8 March 2022, 13:00 - 14:00 CET WSIS TalkX: Using ICTs to Preserve Life Below 22 March 2022, 13:00-14:00 CET Water 1 March 2022, 13:00-14:00 CET

Upcoming WSIS TalkX sessions

Visit our page and Register for the upcoming TalkX

www.itu.int/go/WSISTalkX

Listen to our Podcasts

https://wsistalkx.buzzsprout.com



Hackathon - Designing a Sustainable Future using ICTs **Co-Organized by the WSIS Forum 2022 and TDRA UAE**



TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL

08 – 24 November 2021

largest number of registrations: India, Tunisia, Nepal, Pakistan, and Algeria

Winners

1319 Participants



65 Teams — 54% Female



Countries

5 Finalists



Submissions

I. Digital Safety

- Privizen Al driven Privacy Guard Q-Aztecs
- VigilPopuli Browser based internet security system WolfPackSociety 2.
- 3. Personal Assistant Robot Using Arduino - vishwajeeth9297_3a8b

II. Blockchain for a better life

1... Block Chain based Innovative Fool Proof Real Estate Transactions – Safer/Efficient Real-Estate Transactions - The U-Team 2. Blockchain-Based Decentralized Identity Management for Remote Healthcare - The Unknowns 3. Lyfetime – TeamLyfetime

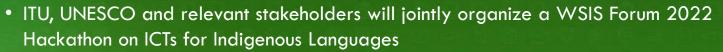
III. Climate Change

1. Identification of Deadliest Mosquitoes Using Wing Beats Sound Classification on Tiny Embedded System Using Machine Learning and Edge Impulse Platform - ML4ENV 2. PKL (PKL Knows Landslide) - kritish.pokharel_432c 3. Al Tree - Ai Tree

The Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) of the United Arab Emirates in cooperation with the WSIS Forum 2022 organised an international hackathon across three challenge areas to promote achievement of Sustainable Development Goals using ICTs.



WSIS Forum 2022 Hackathon ICTs for Indigenous Languages



- The Hackathon is calling on stakeholders to form teams to explore the use of ICTs in preventing, revitalising, and promoting the indigenous languages.
- 3 Challenge areas: knowledge, empowerment and preservation
- 3 Winners, one per challenge area will be awarded each a cash prize





Stay tuned for the Launch of the registration for the Hackathon on 1 March 2022

https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Home/Hackathon



WSIS Youth Campaigns



Join us in scaling up the ICTs and Youth special track at the WSIS Forum

Awareness Building

Partnerships and Collaboration

Youth Empowerment





Nala Amirah







Raymond Liang

Roeltje van Heijningen





Nadine Hakizimana

Asiwaju Samuel







Dhwani Trivedi



Daniela Ovalles Marko





Joanna Ruan











ICTs & CLIMATE ACTION







Karen Tatarian









More information available at: wsis.org/forum



Reminder of Open Calls









WSIS Prizes 2022

Cast your vote for nominated ICTs projects

1 March – 30 March 2022 **Open Consultation Process**

Request workshops/exhibition space/speakers and provide inputs on the format and themes

> Deadline: 7 March 2022

WSIS Photo Contest 2022

Submit your photo that shows how ICTs are playing an enabling role in achieving the SDGs High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF)

Nominate your representative for the HLTF

Deadline: 7 March 2022 Deadline: 7 March 2022



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