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WSIS+20 Outreach Network Update

WELCOME TO THE FIRST UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY ICANN AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE RELEVANT FOR THE WSIS+20 OUTREACH NETWORK.

Please feel free to contribute to future updates by contacting Carlos Reyes [carlos.reyes@icann.org]

Calendar of Past and Upcoming Events

APRIL

15-19 April

Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 27th Session
Geneva Switzerland

- The Commission reviewed the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the WSIS at the regional and international levels.
- See [website](#) for more details on key issues, agenda, documents, etc.

29-30 April

NetMundial+10

São Paulo, Brazil

- [NETmundial+10 Multistakeholder Statement](#): Strengthening Internet governance and digital policy processes
- [Program](#)
- [Links](#) to videos

Global Digital Compact (GDC)

- [GDC Zero Draft](#) published, 1 April
- First public reading, 5 April
- GDC Stakeholders session, 24 April

MAY

2-3 May

Second Reading of the GDC zero draft

UN Headquarters, NY, USA

- This reading was held behind closed doors and for member states only.

6-8 May

Contracted Parties Summit

Paris, France

- The [Contracted Parties Summit](#) provided contracted parties an opportunity to engage and address issues of mutual interest and importance. It is neither part of ICANN's scheduled public meetings, nor intended for policy discussions.
- ICANN hosted an interactive hybrid workshop: [Geopolitical, Legislative, WSIS, and Regulatory Developments](#) on 8 May 0900-1030 (local).

22 May

CSTD consultation in West Asia: Arab consultative conference and expert meetings on the WSIS+20 review and global digital compact processes

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

- Key Issues: WSIS at 20: Successes, failures and future expectations
- Objectives: aims to promote detailed discussions among diverse stakeholders that are expected to contribute to the General Assembly's review in 2025, after being discussed at CSTD as requested by ECOSOC

27-31 May

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20 Forum High Level Event

Geneva, Switzerland

- As reflected on the [ITU website](#), the WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event will serve as a platform for multistakeholder discussions aimed at assessing achievements, key trends, challenges, and opportunities since the Geneva Plan of Action in 2003.
- ICANN will organize an event on Digital Inclusion to discuss its activities supporting the WSIS goals on multilingualism and connectivity.
- The ICANN Board Chair will participate in a Leaders TalkX session.
- The ICANN Delegation will also hold bilateral meetings with key governments and stakeholders on topics such as WSIS+20 review and ICANN's activities. If any members of the list are in Geneva, and would like to meet us, please, reach out to me.

30-31 May

AI for Good Global Summit

Geneva, Switzerland

- According to [ITU's webpage](#), the AI for Good Global Summit is the leading action-oriented United Nations platform promoting AI to advance health, climate, gender, inclusive prosperity, sustainable infrastructure, and other global development priorities.
- AI for Good is organized by the ITU in partnership with 40 UN sister agencies. It is co-convened with the government of Switzerland.

Resources: Global Digital Compact

GDC FIRST REVISION OUTREACH NETWORK WEBINARS

The WSIS+20 Outreach Network hosted two 60-minute interactive webinars to discuss the first revision of the Global Digital Compact and its implications. The webinars provided a space for stakeholders to share information and engage in discussions on how to preserve and continue to evolve the multistakeholder model of Internet governance.

[21 May Recording](#)

[22 May Recording](#)

GDC ARTICLES

- [auDA's views on the GDC Zero Draft](#)
- [What to look out for in the Zero-Draft of the Global Digital Compact?](#)
- [Leaving No One Behind: Integrating Disability Rights in the Global Digital Compact \[igf-dcad.org\]](#)

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