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Geopolitical Updates from ICANN's Government and IGO Engagement Team

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Legislative and Regulatory Developments



Regional Updates - North America

United States:

- **Proposed Site Blocking Legislation (new)**
 - [Foreign Anti-Digital Piracy Act](#) (FADPA)
- **Cyber Incident Reporting Legislation and Rulemaking (update)**
 - [Cyber Incident Reporting Act of 2022](#) (CIRCA)
 - [Proposed rule](#)
 - [ICANN Comments](#)
- **Internet Routing Security Reporting Requirements Rulemaking (update)**
 - [FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#)
 - [Joint ISOC-IAB-ICANN Comments](#)
 - [Roadmap to Enhancing Internet Routing Security](#)

European Commission Consultations on Internet Governance

- **Targeted Consultation on Internet Governance** (*closed on January 14, 2025*)

Aim: *gather input from stakeholders, refine the EU's vision for a free, secure, and open Internet and make a compelling in favour of the multistakeholder model.*

- **Consultation to Develop Guiding Principles for the Governance of Virtual Worlds and Web 4.0** (*closed on December 20, 2025*)

Aim: *Cover both the technical and policy aspects of Web 4.0 and virtual worlds and develop draft principles which will be discussed and adopted at the High-Level Conference on Governance for Web 4.0 and Virtual Worlds.*

→ [Global Multistakeholder High Level Conference on Governance of Web 4.0 and Virtual Worlds](#) (31/3 - 1/4)

Regional Updates - Europe

European Commission Strategy on Internet Governance

- **Commission** Communication on the EU's Strategy on Internet Governance was initially expected in March 2025. The Commission is opting for a broader Communication on Digital Diplomacy, which will include a dedicated section on Internet Governance.
- The Commission's **Communication on Digital Diplomacy** – which is not included in the Work Programme – is expected in **Q2 2025**.

Council of the European Union

- **ICANN Workshop on Internet Architecture** hosted by the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union | Brussels, Belgium Wednesday, January 15 2025.
- The **Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union** is expected to emphasize Digital Diplomacy in its **Council Conclusions** expected in H2 2025.

Leg/Reg Developments

- **Implementation of NIS2 Directive**

Developments:

- *4 Member States had notified the full transposition of the Directive into national law by the implementation deadline (October 17, 2024).*
- *European Commission adoption of the Implementing Regulation specifying risk-management measures and significant incidents (October 17, 2024).*
- *European Commission initiated infringement proceedings on 23 Member States for failing to comply with the deadline (November 28, 2024).*
- *Another 2 Member States have notified full and partial transpositions of the Directive.*
- *Deviations in the implementation of Article 28 of the Directive (Database of Domain Name Registration Data).*

- **Expected Regulatory Initiatives in 2025**

- *Proposal for a Council Recommendation for an EU Blueprint on Cybersecurity Crisis Management (Q1 2025).*
- *Evaluation (Fitness Check): legislative acquis in the digital policy area (Q4 2025).*
- *Potential Review of the Cybersecurity Act (CSA) - unknown timeline & target date.*



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IGO Updates



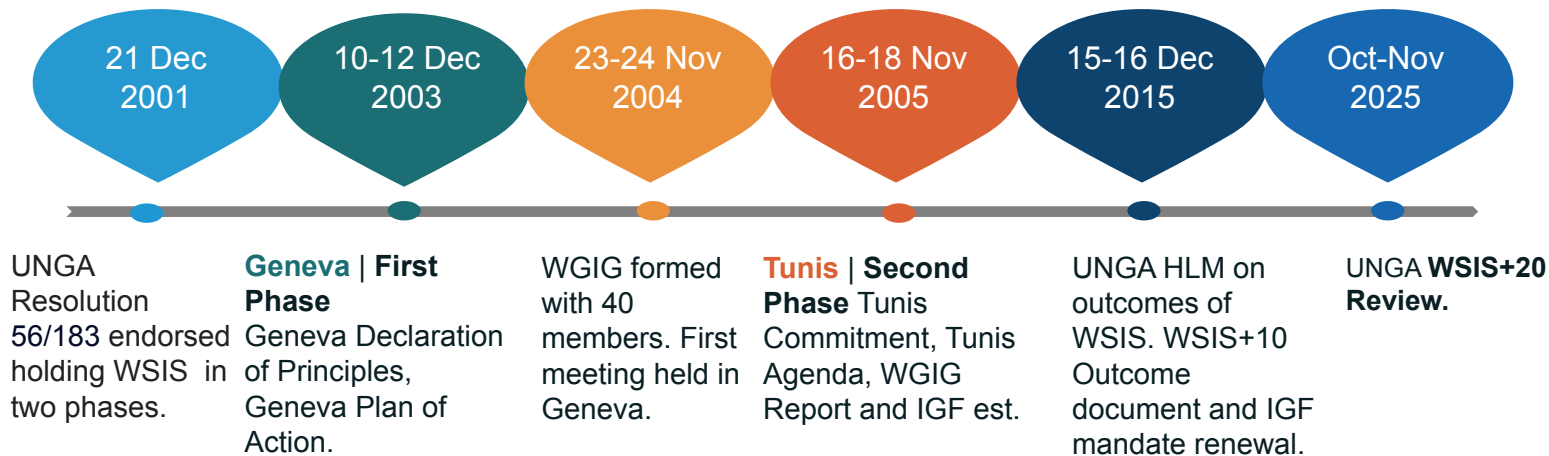
- CWG on WSIS and SDGs (Feb 10-11)
 - Call for Inputs on WSIS+20
- CWG-Internet Open Consultation (Feb 12)
 - “Role of Public Policy in Promoting Multilingualism of the Internet”
- World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025



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WSIS+20 Updates

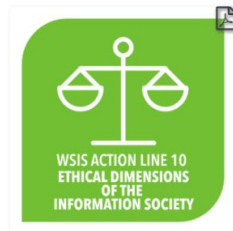
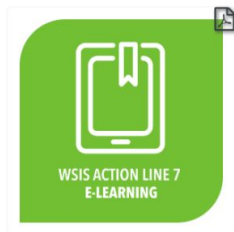




The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) was “initiated in order **to create an evolving multi-stakeholder platform aimed at addressing the issues raised by information and communication technologies (ICTs)** through a structured and inclusive approach at the national, regional and international levels”¹.

WSIS Review - the **progress was first assessed** in 2015, i.e. WSIS+10 Review. The focus of the Review are: to **identify future focus areas and challenges**; and to **decide, among others, whether to extend the mandate of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)**.

WSIS+20 Components



ICANN's WSIS+20 Objectives

- The recognition by UN Member States of:
 - The multistakeholder model (MSM) of Internet Governance.
 - The fact that the technical community is a separate stakeholder with its own unique role.
 - That the international management should (among others) “ensure a stable and secure functioning of the Internet, taking into account multilingualism”.
 - That “the management of the Internet as a global facility includes multilateral, transparent, democratic and multi-stakeholder processes, with the full involvement of Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders in accordance with their respective roles and responsibilities.” (WSIS+10 UNGA Resolution, 2015)
 - And “that Internet governance must continue to be global and multi-stakeholder in nature, with the full involvement of Governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders in accordance with their respective roles and responsibilities” (GDC, 2024)
- Establishment of the IGF - the only multistakeholder platform for Internet-related discussions under the UN umbrella

WSIS+20: Summary of 2024 Achievements

- **WSIS+20 Outreach Network**
 - 560 subscribers from 87 UN Member States
 - 8 webinars and a resource webpage
- **SO/AC WSIS+20 Community Discussion Group**
 - Plans for mapping of GDC principles to ICANN initiatives
- **Key Events** (*non-exhaustive*)
 - 5 high-level events, e.g. CP Summit, ITU WSIS High Level Forum, HLGM at ICANN80, IGF 2024
- **Submissions to UN processes**
 - ICANN contributed to 5 consultations
- **Blogs, articles, papers**
 - 2 ICANN blogs

Resources

- **WSIS+20 Network Outreach [webpage](#)**
 - Mailing list - exchange of info, pushed updates, insights on ICANN's engagement plans
 - Recording of webinars
 - Webinars to update new UN-related developments
 - Resources: ICANN blogs, community or external information
 - Factsheets on WSIS-101, achievements of MSM, MSM-101, and more...
- **GE webpage**
 - [ICANN contribution](#) to external bodies
 - External [opportunities for community policy contributions](#) - *not coordinated by ICANN*
- **External resources (*non-ICANN endorsed and non-exhaustive list*)**
 - The Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism ([TCCM](#))
 - [ISOC](#) - WSIS
 - Geneva Internet Platform - [digwatch](#)
 - many more...

WSIS+20: 2025 Events

When	What
January	UNGA - President of the UNGA appoints two co-facilitators for the intergovernmental negotiations of the WSIS+20 Review HL document/meeting
10-11 February	ITU Council Working Group on WSIS & SDGs, Geneva, Switzerland - consultation on the ITU's contribution to the WSIS outcomes
17 February	Joint briefing with ITU for UN diplomats in Geneva and New York
23-26 February	UN ECSCWA – Digital Cooperation and Development Forum (DCDF2.0) Amman, Jordan - WSIS side event 'Towards WSIS+20: Shaping the Future of Digital Cooperation'
8-13 March	ICANN82, Seattle, US
7-11 April	CSTD 28th Session - Discussion of the CSTD WSIS+20 report
June	UN DESA Preparatory Process Roadmap - preparations for WSIS High Level Review and WSIS Co-Facilitators Stocktaking Session

ICANN plans to participate

Monitor and engage where possible

WSIS+20: 2025 Events Continued

When	What
4-5 June	UNESCO Global Forum on AI and Digital Transformation in the Public Sector, Paris, France - UNESCO's WSIS Review event
9-12 June	ICANN83, Prague, Czech Rep
23-27 June	IGF 2025, Oslo, Norway
July	UN DESA WSIS Prep Roadmap - including possibly informal interactive WSIS Stakeholder Consultation
7-11 July	ITU WSIS+20 High Level Forum 2025, Geneva, Switzerland - including UNGIS Annual Meeting
August	UN DESA WSIS Prep Roadmap
25-30 October	ICANN84, Muscat, Oman
Oct-December	UNGA High Level Meeting on the WSIS+20 Review, New York, US

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- Session Proposals from ICANN
 - Technical Day Zero Session
 - Workshop on Digital Inclusion
 - Open Forum
- Engagement with IGF MAG
 - Active Participation in working group
 - Aligning with broader IGF planning processes
- Strategic Messaging
 - clear alignment with ICANN's priorities and WSIS+20 goals
 - Using IGF to shape discussions leading into the WSIS High-Level Event

- Co-facilitators appointed
- Modalities - zero draft 6 February
- Negotiations (member states only): February and March
- Final document: March
- Negotiations: Fall 2025
- High-Level Meeting: December 15-16

Opportunity for the broader community to amplify efforts:

- Engage with your National Governments
 - Share factual information about the successes of the MSM
 - Explain how the Internet works and what are the roles of different stakeholders
- Stay informed about the latest developments and participate in global discussions
 - Join the WSIS+20 Outreach Network
- Spread the Word
 - Help others understand the importance of Internet Governance and the role they can play in shaping its future



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Questions



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