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ICANN Community Discussion on the WSIS+20 Review

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WSIS+20 Roadmap

- 21 May: Indicative Roadmap published
- 30 May: Stocktaking meeting (governments and observers)
- **9 and 10 June: Consultations with stakeholders**
- **20 June:** Elements paper
- **June/July:** Consultations with stakeholders and member states
- **August:** Zero draft
- **Mid-October:** (a) Stocktaking meeting and (b) Consultations with stakeholders
- **October/November:** Informal negotiations
- **November:** Draft Outcome document
- **November:** Consultations with stakeholders and member states
- **16 and 17 December:** High-Level meeting (United Nations General Assembly)

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Mapping GNSO Work to WSIS+20 Action Lines

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Background information

- WSIS held in 2003 and 2005, produced key frameworks and consensus documents: The Geneva Declaration of Principles and Geneva Plan of Action, Tunis Agenda and The Tunis Commitment
- WSIS+20 Review in 2025 will assess global ICT progress
- GNSO (Generic Names Supporting Organization) contributes via ICANN policy work
- This deck maps GNSO activity to WSIS Action Lines

WSIS Action Lines

C1 ICT for development

C2 Infrastructure

C3 Access to info & knowledge

C4 Capacity building

C5 Confidence & security

C6 Enabling environment

C7 eGovernment

C7 eBusiness

C7 eLearning

C7 eEmployment

C7 eAgriculture

C7 eScience

C8 Diversity & local content

C9 Media

C10 Ethical dimensions

C11 Int & regional cooperation

C1 - ICT for development- stakeholder governance

- GNSO develops policies for gTLDs like .com, .org, .bank
- GAC input ensures public interest and consumer protection
- Applicant Support Program (2026) includes support for indigenous tribes and businesses
- GNSO integrates ICANN's Global Public Interest Framework into PDPs

C2 - Infrastructure

- DNS is part of core Internet infrastructure
- GNSO oversees domain allocation policies for stability and security
- 2026 Applicant Support Program includes 75–85% discounts for qualifying applicants

C3 - Access to info & knowledge

- “...adaptation of ICT infrastructure, tools and applications to facilitate accessibility of ICTs and disadvantaged groups”
- Policies allow domain registration in scripts like Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic
- Promotes linguistic diversity and access
- Supports national frameworks for accessibility

C4 - Capacity Building

- Applicant Support Program offers outreach, training, pro bono help
- ICANN Grant Program goals: support identifier systems, innovation, inclusion
- GNSO engages in Fellows and NextGen programs

C5 - Confidence & security

- Policies to address phishing, malware, DNS abuse
- WHOIS/RDAP framework enables lawful access to registration data
- GNSO collaborates with GAC on urgent LEA data requests and authentication
- DNS Abuse small team work is ongoing

C6 - Enabling environment

- Policies on domain transfers, dispute resolution (UDRP), GDPR compliance
- DNS Abuse enforcement improves consumer protection
- Sunrise and Landrush policies prioritize rights holders and local needs

C8 - Diversity & local content

- Supports Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs) in local scripts - linguistic diversity
- Priority for IDNs in the 2026 gTLD round
- Coordination with ccNSO on non-conflicting policies

C10 - Ethical dimensions of the Information Society

- GNSO applies Human Rights Checklist in policy development processes
- Implements ICANN's commitment to Human Rights Core Value

C11 - International and Regional Cooperation

- GNSO works with ALAC, GAC, ccNSO in outreach and policy sessions
- Regional engagement via AFRALO, APRALO, LACRALO, etc.
- Active in IGF, IGF NRIs, WSIS Forum
- Efforts to expand remote participation and translation