

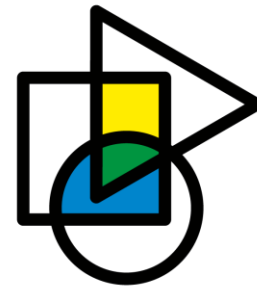
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Executive Overview

February 2022



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WTSA & GSS

- Global Standards Symposium (GSS-20): **28 February 2022**
- World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20): **01-09 March 2022**
- International Conference Center Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland
- **Physical events** with remote participation enabled
- **Decisions** taken by delegates **physically** present in the Plenary in Geneva



WTSA Objectives

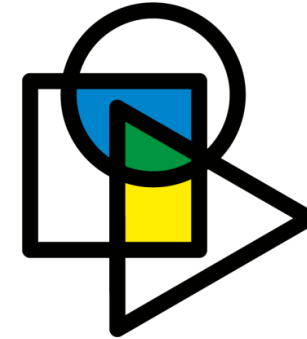
- Set the vision for ITU-T Study Period 2022-2024
- Express this vision through a coherent set of Resolutions and A-series Recommendations
- Elect the new leadership team



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WTSA Decisions

- Appointment of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of TSAG, Study Groups, and Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV)
- Addition, Modification, or Suppression of WTSA Resolutions
- Study Group structure, mandates, and Question texts
- Updates to WTSA Resolutions and A-series Recommendations



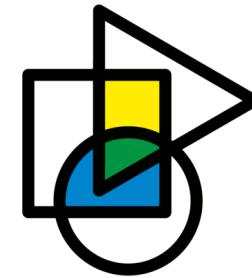
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4th Global Standards Symposium (GSS)

- Theme: “International Standards to enable the Digital Transformation and achieve the SDGs”
- High-level forum for discussion and coordination open both to ITU members and non-members
- Chairman: H.E. Ms. Nele Leosk, Ambassador-at-Large for Digital Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
- GSS to conclude with an outcome document to be presented at the WTSA Plenary
- Webcast, captioning & simultaneous interpretation enabled



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WTSA Expo area

Exhibition space to enable:

- ITU Member States
- Sector Members
- Associates
- Academia Members
- the wider ICT industry

to demonstrate their leadership, knowledge and competence during GSS-20 and WTSA-20

- Venue: CICG, Geneva
- Date: 28 February – 4 March 2022 **(5 days)**



Preparations for WTSA-20

- 60 Regional Preparatory Meetings
- 4 Inter-regional coordination Meetings
- 9 TSAG Meetings
- Proposal Management System
<https://www.itu.int/net4/proposals/WTSA20>

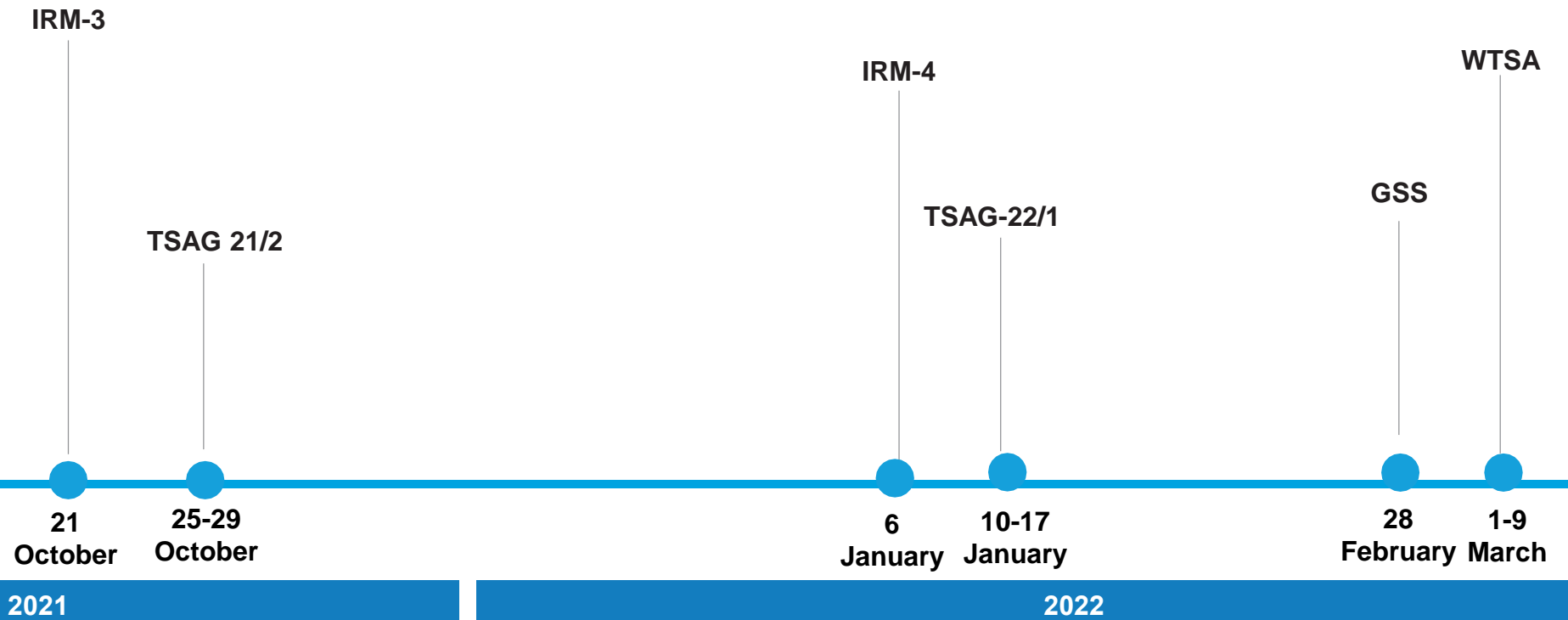


Preparations

- WTSA originally scheduled 17-27 November 2020 in Hyderabad, India
- In February 2021, Assembly was postponed to 1-9 March 2022, 28 February 2022 (GSS) due to COVID-19
- In September 2021, India withdrew its invitation to hold WTSA and GSS
- Member States of ITU agreed to hold these events physically in Geneva at the same dates (28 February, 1-9 March 2022)



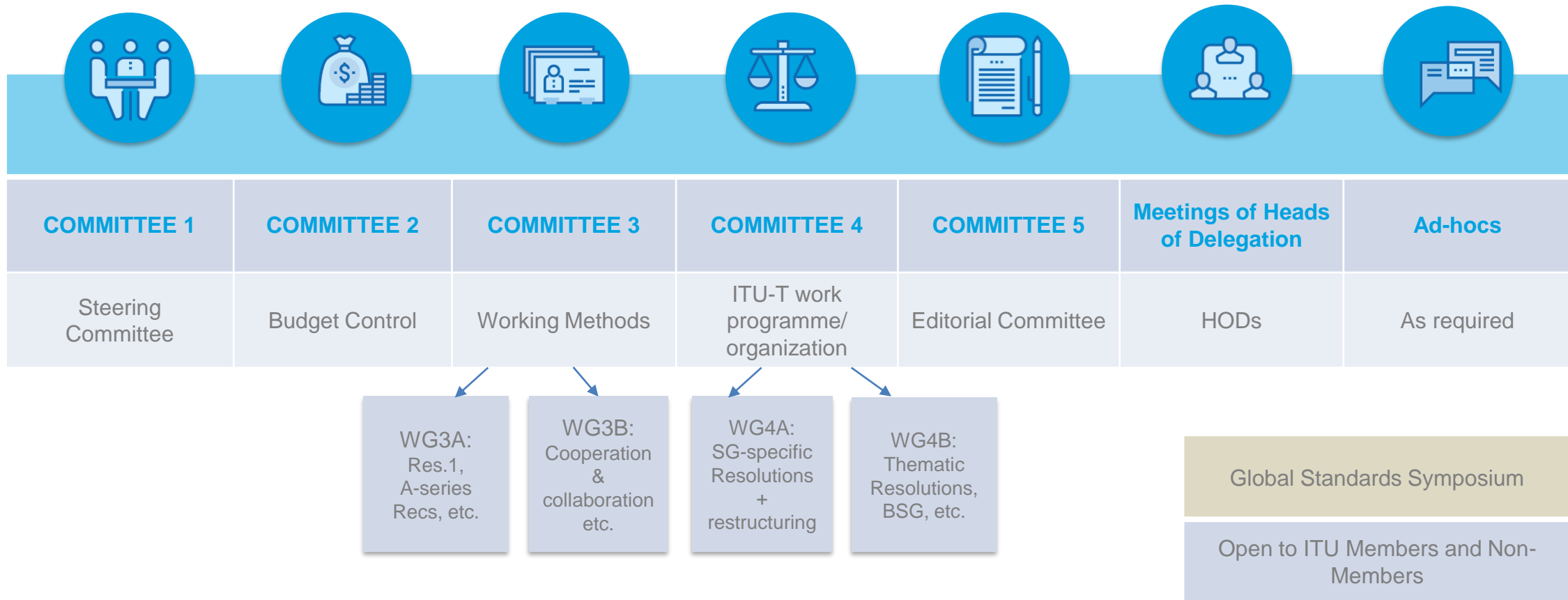
Key dates towards WTSA



Important deadlines



Conference structure



Committees' terms of reference



COMMITTEE 1

Steering Committee

Coordinates all matters connected with the smooth execution of the work of the assembly

Plans the order and number of meetings, avoiding overlapping wherever possible, in view of the limited number of members of some delegations

Committees' terms of reference



COMMITTEE 2

Budget Control

Examines the estimated total expenditure of the assembly and estimates the financial needs of ITU-T up to the next WTSA and the costs entailed by the execution of the decisions of the assembly.

Committees' terms of reference



COMMITTEE 3 Working Methods

Submits to the plenary meeting reports including proposals on the ITU-T working methods for implementation of the ITU-T work programme, on the basis of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) reports submitted to the assembly and the proposals of ITU Member States and ITU-T Sector Members.

Committees' terms of reference



COMMITTEE 4

ITU-T programme and organization

Submits to the plenary meeting reports including proposals on the programme and organization of the work of ITU-T consistent with ITU-T strategy and priorities

Committees' terms of reference



COMMITTEE 5 Editorial Committee

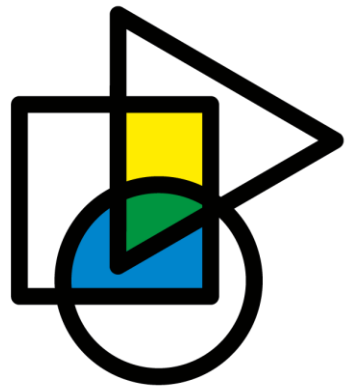
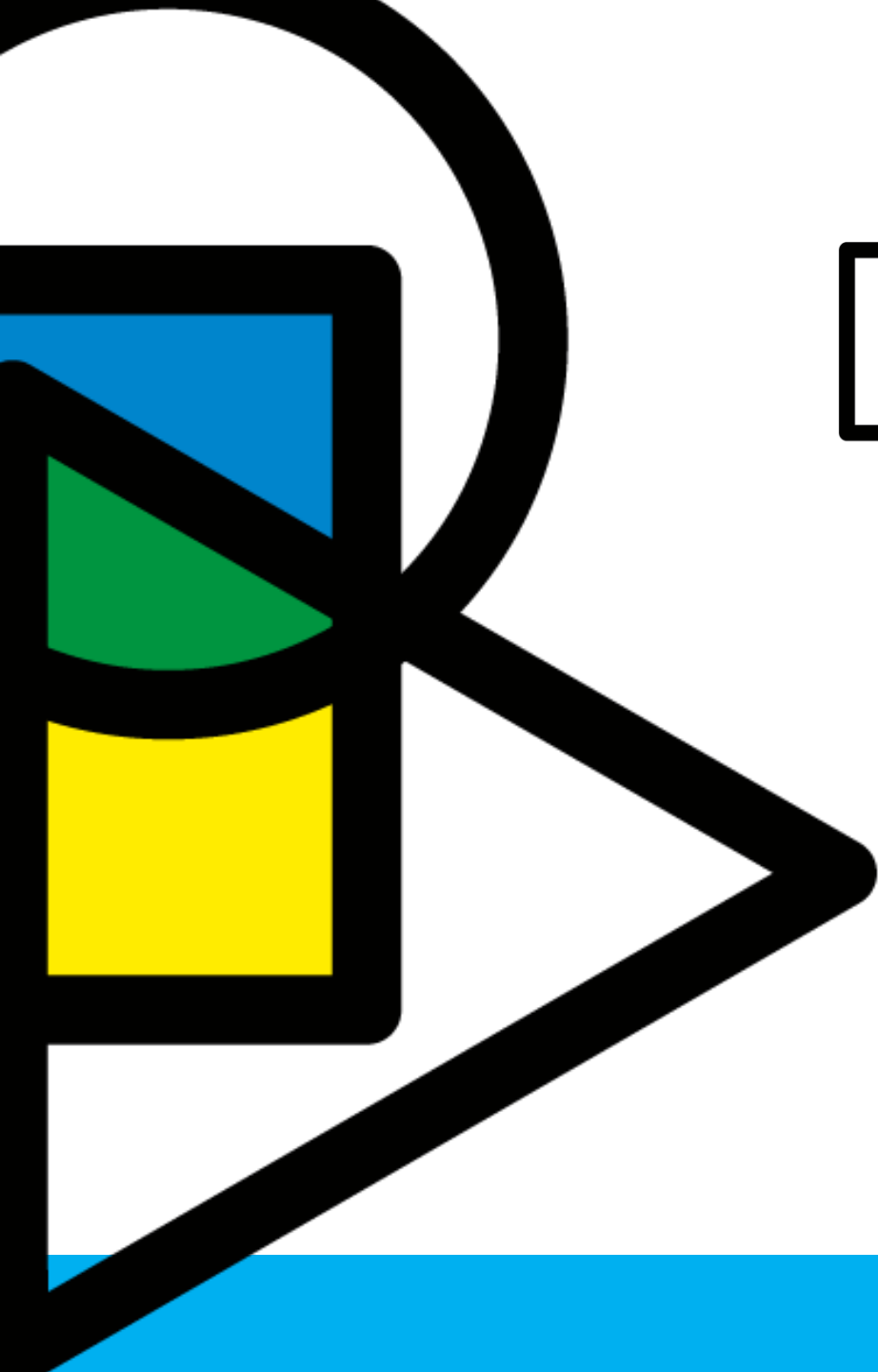
Perfects the wording of texts arising from WTSA deliberations, such as resolutions, without altering their sense and substance, and aligns the texts in the official languages of the Union

What's new @ WTSA

- WTSA Expo area
- Gender Event: the Women in Standardization Expert Group (WISE) celebrates International Women's Day – 8 March 2022 (12:30-14:00)
 - Open to all registered participants of WTSA
 - Brownbag lunch offered, concurrently:
 - Keynote: "AI & Recruitment Bias" by Dr. Rena Nigam, Founder CEO, Meytier Inc.
 - Recognition ceremony for remarkable contributions to the ITU's standardization work.
 - Panel discussion: **"Why Gender Matters in Setting Standards"**
 - Remote participation available

Practical information on COVID

- FAQ : <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/wtsa20/Pages/FAQ.aspx>



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Global Standards Symposium



GSS throughout the years

2008

1

GSS-08

Bridging the
standardization
gap



2012

2

GSS-12

Intersection of the
ICT sector with
other vertical
sectors



2016

3

GSS-16

Security, Privacy,
and Trust in
Standardization



2022

4

GSS-20

International standards
to enable the digital
transformation and
achieve the sustainable
development goals
(SDGs)

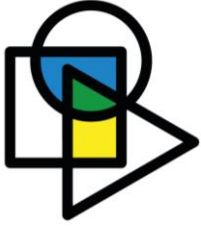




Introducing the GSS-20 Chair

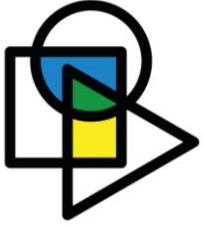


H.E. Ms Nele Leosk
Ambassador-at-Large for
Digital Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Estonia



GSS-20 Steering Committee

- **Jean Todt**, UN Special Envoy for Road Safety
- **Martín Olmos**, Undersecretary of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Argentina
- **Bryn Balcombe**, Chairman, Focus Group on AI for autonomous and assisted driving (FG-AI4AD)
- **Sebastien Bosse**, Co-Chairman, Focus Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) for Digital Agriculture (FG-AI4A)
- **Nevine Tewfik**, Director of Research, Policies and strategic planning, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), Egypt
- **Kwame Baah-Acheamfuor**, Ministry of Communications (MoC), Ghana
- **Fabio Bigi**, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy
- **Ramon Ferri**, Smart City Officer, Valencia, Spain
- **Tania Marcos**, Vice Chairman of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC)
- **Pernilla Bergmark**, Researcher, Ericsson
- **Jean-Manuel Canet**, Senior Manager, Orange
- **Masahito Kawamori**, Project Professor, Keio University, Japan
- **Thomas Wiegand**, Fraunhofer HHI
- **Helen Luskin Gradstein**, Lead DFS Regional Specialist, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
- **Carolyn McMahon**, FemFinance
- **Gyu Myoung Lee**, Professor, Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU), United Kingdom
- **Liv Marte Kristiansen Nordhaug**, Co-Lead, Digital Public Goods Alliance, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), Norway
- **Shuguang Qi**, Vice Director and Senior Engineer at the Energy and Environmental department of China Telecommunication Technology Lab, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT), China
- **Vladimir Minkin**, Chief Scientist, FSUE NIIR, Russian Federation
- **Marco Rossi**, Director of Standardization and Technical Policy, International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- **Pierre Sebellin**, Director of Standardization, International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- **Sergio Buonomo**, Chief of the Study Groups Department, BR – ITU
- **Jaroslav Ponder**, Head of the ITU Office for Europe – ITU
- **Bilel Jamoussi**, Chief of the Study Groups Department, TSB – ITU
- **Cristina Bueti**, Counsellor, TSB – ITU



GSS-20 Topics



**International standards
for SDGs**



AI for road safety



**People-oriented cities
and communities**



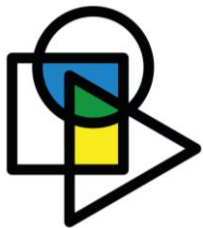
**Digital health
technologies**



**Sustainable digital
transformation**



**Digital financial
inclusion**



GSS-20 Programme

09:00 – 09:15

Welcome and Opening

09:15 – 09:25

Keynote

- H.E. Mr Nizar Ben Neji, Minister, Ministry of Communication Technologies, Tunisia

09:25 – 10:00

Session 1: World Standards Collaboration Update on Sustainable Digital Transformation for the SDGs

10:00 – 11:00

Session 2: High Level Dialogue on Unlocking the full potential of digital transformation for the SDGs with international standards

Keynote:

H.E. Ms Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, Minister, Ministry for Communications and Digitalisation, Ghana

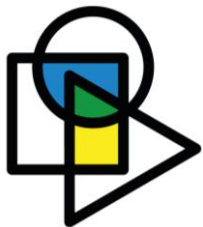
Moderator

- Bilel Jamoussi, Chief of ITU-T Study Groups, ITU

Panellists

- Joan Ribó, Mayor, Valencia, Spain
- Olga Algayerová, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Safder Nazir, Senior Vice President – Digital Industries, Huawei
- Lars Eggert, Chair, Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
- Martín Olmos, Undersecretary of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Argentina

Q&A

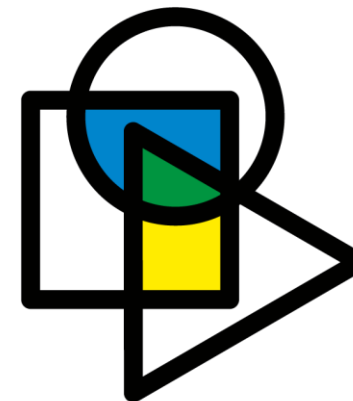
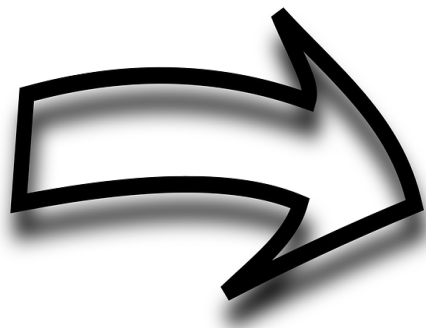


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11:00 – 11:15	Keynote
11:15 – 11:35	Coffee break
11:35 – 12:20	Session 3: Towards people-oriented cities and communities: Driving cross-sectoral digital innovation and transformation
12:20 – 12:30	U4SSC Ceremony with Cities
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:15	Session 4: How can we make digital transformation sustainable?
14:15 – 15:10	Session 5: Artificial intelligence for Road Safety
15:10 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:15	Session 6: Digital health technologies for healthy aging and equitable access to healthcare services
Keynote	H.E. Ms Khumbudzo Phophi Silence Ntshavheni, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Digital Technologies, South Africa
16:15 – 17:00	Session 7: Boosting financial inclusion for all with digital transformation
17:00 – 17:30	Session 8: Adoption of GSS report and closing



GSS-20 Conclusions



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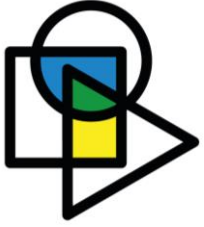
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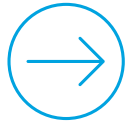
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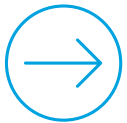
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About GSS-20



GSS-20 is open to all interested parties.



GSS-20 will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation into the other official languages of the Union (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish).



Captioning in English will be available.



The webcast will be available at [[Live](#)].

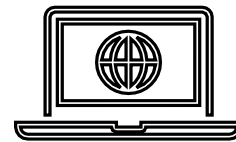


Practical information available [[here](#)].



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