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# ITU World Summit on Information Society (WSIS+ 20) Forum 2025

#### DATE & VENUE

The WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 will take place from 7 to 11 July 2025 at Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland, co-hosted by the ITU and the Swiss Confederation, and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD.

Agenda and registration can be accessed at: <a href="https://www.wsis.org/forum">www.wsis.org/forum</a>



### What is WSIS+20?

- A landmark UN-led summit held in two phases:
  - **Geneva (2003):** Established the vision for a "people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented Information Society."
  - Tunis (2005): Adopted the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society and the Tunis Commitment.

Therefore, 2025 marks exactly two decades since the conclusion of the summit in Tunis, making it a natural and mandated point for a comprehensive review of its outcomes and implementation.

- Core Objective: To create a global framework where everyone can create, access, utilize, and share information and knowledge to achieve their full potential.
- Foundation: Laid out 11 WSIS Action Lines covering critical areas such as:
  - Infrastructure & Connectivity
  - Access to Information & Knowledge
  - Capacity Building & Digital Skills
  - Building Confidence & Security in ICTs
  - ICT Applications for Development (e-Government, e-Health, e-Learning)



## Key Objectives of WSIS+20:

- Mandated by the UN General Assembly: A high-level review of the WSIS outcomes, two decades on.
- Global Digital Landscape Transformed: Exponential growth in mobile connectivity, AI, IoT, Big Data.
- Persistent & New Challenges:
  - Persistent digital divides (access, affordability, skills).
  - Emerging digital risks (cybersecurity, misinformation).
  - Ethical implications of frontier technologies

#### **Objectives:**

- 1.Evaluate achievements and persistent gaps in implementing the original WSIS vision.
- **2.Identify New Trends:** Understand the implications of disruptive technologies and their governance.
- **3.Reimagine the Future:** Chart a path for global digital cooperation towards an inclusive and sustainable digital future.
- 4. Strengthen Multi-stakeholder Participation:

Reinforce collaborative governance across all sectors.



# Why Your Attendance Matters?

- Shape Global Digital Policy: Influence global digital governance, ensuring SIDS' specific needs and priorities are integrated.
- Address Regional Challenges: Highlight Caribbean-specific issues like climate resilience of infrastructure, digital skills gaps, and cybersecurity vulnerabilities.
- Leverage Global Partnerships: Connect with international organizations, donors, and tech providers to foster investment and collaboration.
- Share Caribbean Successes: Showcase our region's innovations in e-tourism, disaster management, and sustainable development through ICTs.
- Capacity Building & Knowledge Exchange: Gain insights into global best practices, emerging trends, and policy solutions directly applicable to the Caribbean.
- Advocate for an Inclusive Internet: Champion the multi-stakeholder modes openness, accessibility, and human rights are upheld.

### ITU's AI For Good Summit

Al for Good is identifying innovative Al applications, building skills and standards, and advancing partnerships to solve global challenges.

Al for Good is organized by ITU in partnership with over 40 UN Sister Agencies and co-convened with the Government of Switzerland.

### DATE & VENUE

8th - 11th July 2025, at Palexpo, Geneva's largest event venue and exposition centre.



Responding to the Global Digital Compact, adopted last year by the UN General Assembly, the AI for Good Global Summit 2025 will provide a global platform for dialogue to advance AI governance, standards, and capacity building.

As AI adoption accelerates, the Summit aims to inform policies and drive solutions that ensure AI is developed and deployed responsibly, fairly, and for the benefit of all.



### WHAT TO EXPECT

At the AI for Good Global Summit 2025, leading experts from governments, industry, academia, civil society, and the UN will explore how AI is reshaping our world, tackling urgent challenges such as safety, employment, sustainability, privacy, security, governance, and its broader societal and economic impacts.

Among the Al visionaries set to present are Geoffrey Hinton, Al pioneer and Nobel Prize winner; Yoshua Bengio, Founder and Scientific Director of Mila – Quebec Al Institute and Turing Award winner; Sasha Luccioni, Al & Climate Lead of open-source Al developer Hugging Face; and other prominent voices on Al.



# A couple major highlights— Ai For Good

### Addressing the Rise of Autonomous (Agentic) AI:

A key theme for 2025 will be the rapid rise of "agentic AI" – AI capable of reasoning, acting independently, and scaling rapidly. Discussions will center on the implications of this new wave for safety, governance, and responsible deployment, especially as AI becomes cheaper and more widely available..

#### **Cutting-Edge Demonstrations and Innovations:**

Attendees can expect to see over 200 cutting-edge demonstrations across various fields, including:

- Advanced robotics (e.g., lower limb exoskeletons, programmable biological robots).
- Autonomous mobility.
- Quantum computing advancements.
- Al in space.
- Brain-computer interfaces.
- Humanitarian demining robots and other "Robotics for Good" application





### Why Your Attendance Matters — Ai For Good

### **Influence Global AI Governance & Policy:**

- Ensure the unique needs and perspectives of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) shape ethical AI development, data governance, and international AI regulations.
- Protect against bias and ensure AI serves all humanity equitably.

#### **Unlock Practical AI Solutions for Caribbean Challenges:**

- Discover and adopt AI applications for climate change resilience (disaster prediction, response), economic diversification (tourism, agriculture), and enhanced healthcare.
- Directly apply AI to accelerate progress towards our national Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### • 3. Build Capacity, Partnerships & Attract Investment:

- Gain vital insights from world leaders on AI best practices and emerging trends.
- Forge strategic collaborations and attract investment for Caribbean AI initiatives.
- Showcase regional innovation and foster a future-ready workforce.



# ITU's AI For Good Summit REGISTRATION

- Registration for media accreditation for reporters is open.
- The 2024 Summit saw 10,000 people register in person in Geneva, with an active online community of over 25,000 people participating in sessions.
  - Registration for the public is also open



# ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar REGISTRATION

• Register at: <a href="https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00015113">https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00015113</a>

 Fellowships: deadline for fellowship application\_5 May 2025



# ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar DATE & VENUE

The ITU Regional Radiocommunications Seminar (SRR-25-Americas) will take place from 16-20 June 2025, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras,

at the Clarion Hotel Real Tegucigalpa, Vienna Hall, located at Juan Manuel Galvez Avenue #1521, Colonia Alameda, Phone number (+504) 2202-4200, WhatsApp (+504) 3190-0911

### ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar

### **Key Topics and Anticipated Highlights:**

- Understanding the Radio Regulations: Comprehensive review of the latest edition of the Radio Regulations, including recent updates from World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRCs).
- Spectrum Management Procedures: Detailed training on the procedures for frequency assignment and coordination for various radiocommunication services (terrestrial, satellite, broadcasting, mobile).
- International Frequency Information System (IFICS): Practical sessions on using ITU software tools and databases for spectrum management, notifications, and coordination.
- Preparation for WRC-27: Discussions on the agenda items for the upcoming World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-27), allowing participants to contribute to regional preparatory activities.

### ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar

### **Key Topics and Anticipated Highlights (Con't):**

- New Technologies & Spectrum Use: Exploration of spectrum implications for emerging technologies like 5G/6G, IoT, satellite broadband, and high-altitude platform stations (HAPS).
- Bridging the Digital Divide: How effective spectrum management can facilitate expanded connectivity, especially in underserved and rural areas.
- Interference Management: Strategies and techniques for identifying, resolving, and preventing harmful interference between radio services.
- Specific Regional Issues: Addressing unique challenges and opportunities for spectrum use and coordination within the Americas Region.



# Why Your Attendance Matters — Radiocom.. Seminar

- Safeguard National Spectrum Interests: Ensure your country's future spectrum needs for critical services (broadcasting, mobile broadband, public safety, disaster management) are adequately protected and coordinated internationally.
- **Prepare for WRC-27:** Actively contribute to regional common proposals and positions for WRC-27, ensuring the Caribbean's voice is unified and strong in shaping the future of global spectrum regulations.
- **Strengthen Regional Coordination**: Foster collaboration with neighboring countries in the Americas for effective cross-border frequency coordination, vital for seamless communication and preventing harmful interference.
- Mitigate Interference Issues: Acquire expertise to prevent and resolve harmful interference, a common challenge in dense or cross-border radio environments, ensuring stable and reliable communication services.
- Leverage Latest ITU Tools: Gain hands-on experience with the critical ITU software and databases (e.g., IFICS, BR International Frequency Information System) used for international frequency notifications and coordination.

# ITU Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-25) <a href="https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/gsr-25/">https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/gsr-25/</a>

The theme: Regulation for sustainable digital development. GSR-25

The place :Saudi Arabia.

The Dates: 31 August to 3 September 2025 at the King Abdul Aziz International Conference Center, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



### ITU Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-25)

#### REGISTRATION

Registration to participate in GSR-25 and its pre-events is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online.

An ITU User Account is required to register.

Registration requests must be validated by the Designated Focal Points (DFPs) of respective administrations and entities entitled to participate.



### What is GSR and why does it matter?

#### What is GSR?

The **Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR)** is the ITU's flagship annual event, bringing together the **heads of national telecom/ICT regulatory authorities** from around the globe.

It serves as the leading platform for:

- **Dialogue & Collaboration:** A neutral forum for regulators, policymakers, industry, and civil society to discuss pressing digital challenges.
- Best Practice Sharing: Identifying and exchanging effective regulatory approaches and innovative solutions.
- Shaping the Digital Future: Addressing current and future trends in ICT regulation to foster an inclusive, secure, and sustainable digital world.

#### Why GSR Matters:

- Influences Global Policy: Drives the development of internationally recognized regulatory guidelines and principles.
- Adapts to Change: Provides a vital space to address the regulatory implications of new technologies (e.g., AI, 5G/6G, IoT).
- **Promotes Connectivity:** Focuses on frameworks that expand affordable access and bridge the digital divide worldwide.
- Fosters Innovation: Creates an environment for regulations that encourage investment and digital transformation.

# ITU 20th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS)

The 20th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-25), is the main global forum on digital development statistics,

Date: from 22 to 23 September 2025

Place: at the ITU headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Theme "WTIS@20: The past, present and future of digital development statistics",

This 2025 edition will reflect on nearly three decades of progress since the first symposium in 1996, highlight current priorities, and explore new data needs to support digital development in an evolving landscape.



# ITU 20th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS) REGISTRATION

Registration to the event is mandatory and must be completed exclusively online via this registration link: <a href="https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp">https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp</a>

Participants are required to fill out the online registration form and subsequently obtain approval from the corresponding Designated Focal Points (DFPs) for ITU-D event registration.

An ITU user account is required to complete this process.

Remote participation will be available to participants who are duly registered for the event.

All participants are encouraged to register early and to indicate whether they intend to attend in person or remotely.

For any enquiries about the symposium, please write to wtis@itu.int

# ITU's 16th Meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and 13th Meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH)

Your organization is invited to nominate experts to participate in the 16th meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the 13th meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) to be held at ITU headquarters, in Geneva, Switzerland, from 24 to 26 September 2025.

The meetings will follow the 20th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-25) which will take place from 22 to 23 September 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. The three events will form a digital development statistics week.

The meetings aim to review subgroup contributions from the current work period and finalize the topics under discussion. The 2025 work programme includes the EGH subgroup on measuring the use of AI through household surveys, the EGTI subgroup on national greenhouse gas emission monitoring indicators, the Joint EGTI-EGH subgroup on the ICT Development Index, as well as several topics discussed in the online forums of EGH and EGTI. In addition, the meetings will identify topics for the 2026 work programme.



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