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IGO Activities



Global Digital Compact

- To be adopted at the Summit of the Future, 22-23 September 2024
- Intergovernmental negotiations on GDC April - May 2024
- Informal Consultations on the GDC in February 2024
 - 1st Round - February 12-13
 - 2nd Round - February 29 and March 1
- Written Submissions due March 8

Zero draft GDC document

- Possible structural elements of the GDC shared by Co-Facs on Feb 23
 - Preamble, Principles and Commitments
- Intergovernmental negotiations on the Zero draft
 - First Reading (April 5), Second Reading (May 6), Third (May 16)

UN General Assembly deliberations

- UN Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) (2021 - 2024)
 - The final session was suspended
 - Consensus was not reached on scope and human rights issues
 - The session will possibly resume at a later date to potentially adopt the UN cybercrime convention

ITU Council Working Groups

- CWG-Internet meeting held Jan. 31 - Feb. 1
 - Topics determined for the open consultations
 - The developmental aspects to strengthen the Internet (Feb.-Sept. 2024)
 - The role of public policy in promoting multilingualization of the Internet (Oct. 2024 – Jan. 2025)

World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024 (WTSA-24)

- WTSA-24 will be hosted by India from 15 to 24 October 2024
- ITU Regional Groups WTSA-24 preparations underway
 - APT 2nd WTSA-24 Prep meeting, 5-6 Feb. (ICANN is an Affiliate Member)
 - ATU 2nd WTSA-24 Prep meeting, 5-9 Feb. (ICANN was an observer)
 - CITEEL, 2nd Interim meeting, WTSA-24 prep meeting, March 20 (online)



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Legislative Developments



Global Trends

- Privacy
- Cybersecurity measures
 - China draft Cybersecurity Incident Reporting Management Measures; EU NIS2; US Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act
- Online content (internet intermediaries / intermediary services)
 - Sri Lanka Online Safety Act; EU Digital Services Act; UK Online Safety Bill

Legislative and Regulatory Updates

NIS2 Directive

- Cybersecurity measures and reporting obligations for DNS operators to be specified through Implementing Acts by October 2024
 - Public consultation expected
- Domain Name Registration Data provisions
 - NIS Cooperation Group Work Stream on Whois
 - Task Force on Verification
 - Task Force on Legitimate Access

Legislative and Regulatory Updates

EU Regulation on Geographical Indications for wine, spirit drinks, and agricultural products

- *“any direct or indirect commercial use of the geographical indication” “any misuse, imitation or evocation” “any other practice liable to mislead the consumer”*
- the Regulation will apply to *“all domain names” “irrespective of the place of establishment of the relevant registries”*
- it will enter into force in Q1/Q2 of 2024

Legislative and Regulatory Updates

ICANN has provided [input](#) to the consultation Saudi Arabia held on its [Digital Infrastructure Policy](#) (The comment period was open until 28 February)

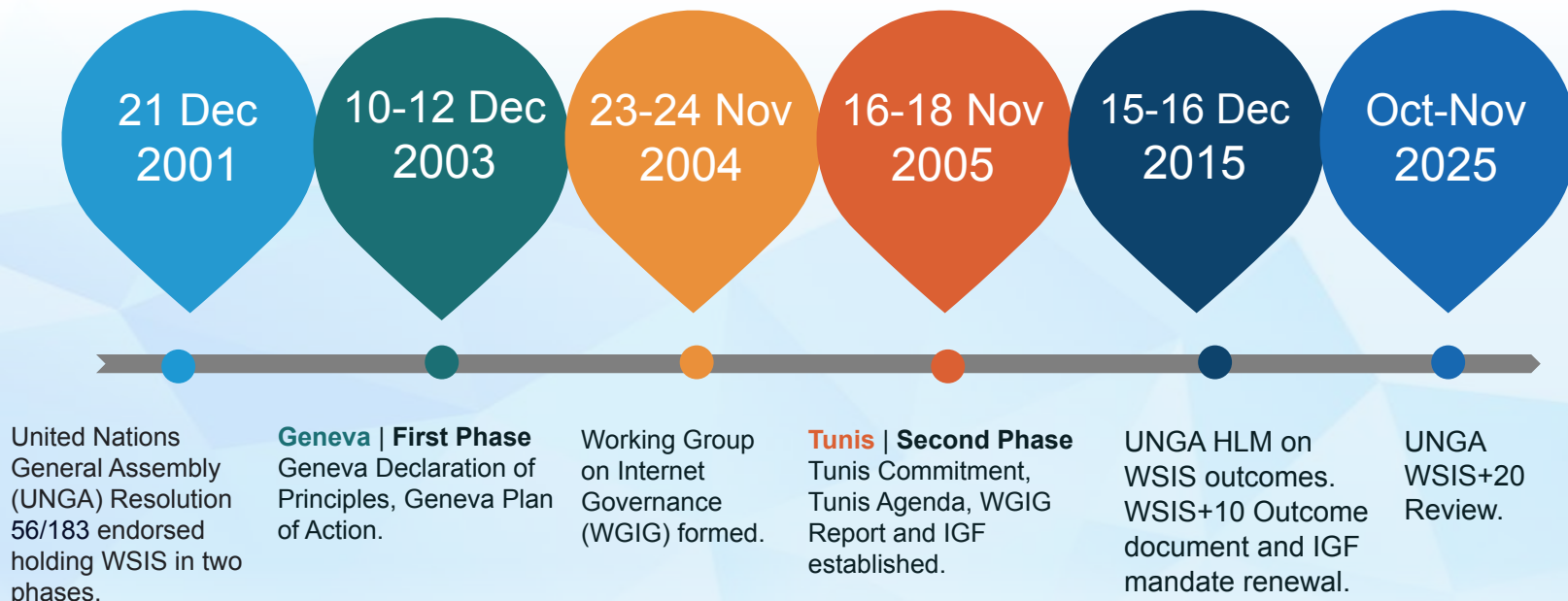


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WSIS+20 Initiative and Outreach Network Overview



What is WSIS+20 Review



To Summarize

2025 will mark the 20th anniversary of the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS). The WSIS process was pivotal in gaining U.N. Member States' endorsement to the multistakeholder model of Internet governance. The multistakeholder model is critical for the continued development of a secure and interoperable Internet. Continuation of WSIS will be determined by the U.N. General Assembly (UNGA) in 2025.

Project Description

A coordinated effort in the time leading up to the WSIS+20 negotiations in the third quarter of 2025 with the purpose of persuading enough U.N. member states and the general public that the WSIS+20 Review Process should result in, among others:

- Preserving the multistakeholder model of Internet governance
- Extending the IGF mandate

Work Streams

Communication: Includes messaging, media outreach, social media, socializing as and when appropriate, and supporting collateral material.

Engagement: identify key government stakeholders and design customized engagement plan to enhance the visibility of ICANN's mission and community work

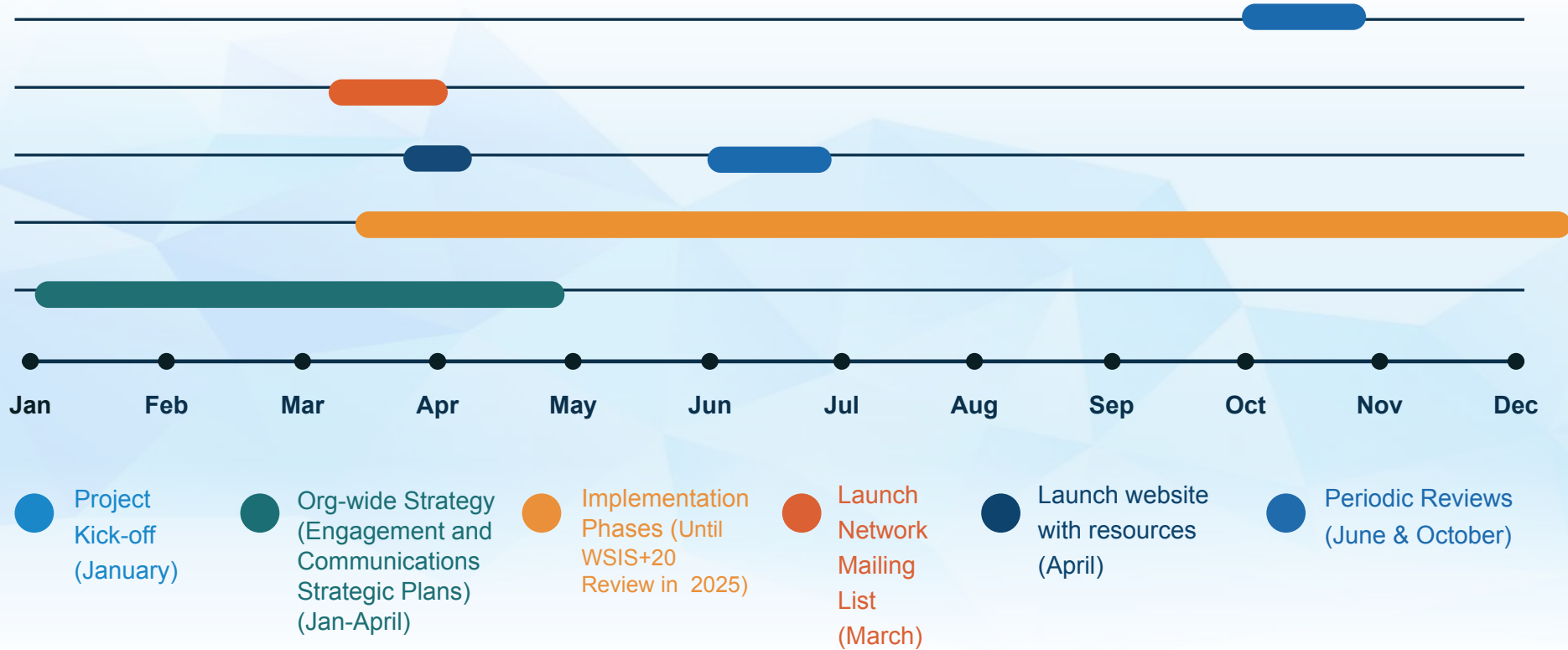
Outreach Network: A network of community stakeholders to champion the objectives

Events and Engagement

ICANN Org participates in key events leading to the WSIS+20 Review and conducts targeted outreach to raise awareness

U.N. Events	Key Meetings (WSIS+20 review discussions)	Targeted Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● ITU WSIS Forum● Annual CSTD meeting● CSTD open consultations on the implementation of and follow up on WSIS Outcomes● GDC & Summit of the Future● Global IGF● UNCTAD eWeek	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● ICANN Meetings● High Level Government Meeting● IGF National and Regional Initiatives● Relevant Global events/conferences on digital and technology issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bilateral meetings with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regulators and officials from relevant agencies at the national level or during major events● Conduct information briefings for diplomats from Permanent Missions to the UN in New York and in Geneva

Project Timeline for 2024



WSIS+20 Outreach Network Purpose & Priorities

Purpose

The WSIS+20 Outreach Network seeks to provide rationale for the U.N. Member States and the general public for why the WSIS+20 Review Process should result in (among other goals) preserving the current multistakeholder model of Internet governance and extending the IGF mandate.

Scope

- **Create a coordinated outreach network** leading up to the WSIS+20 review negotiations expected in Quarter 4, 2025
- **Involvement:** ICANN Org, ICANN Board, members of the broader ICANN community and other interested parties

Priorities

- **Community:** A network of stakeholders to share information and champion the objectives
- **Messaging:** A tailored communication plan that captures the essence of the network and supports preserving the MSM of IG
- **Engagement:** Deliver the message, which will enhance the visibility of ICANN's mission and its community work



WSIS+20 Outreach Network

A network for the exchange of information related to the WSIS+20 Review Process

Membership: Open to the ICANN community and other interested parties with shared goals. Particular interest in having AS/SO members.

Purpose: To work together to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining the multistakeholder model of Internet governance, including retaining the independent role of the technical community in Internet governance and continuing the IGF.

Engagement: Coordination calls, webinars, event participation, share outreach materials, ask SO/AC to complement the work and more.

Members Role: Help disseminate information, suggest suitable relevant events to be part of, join outreach events, and other activities.

What the WSIS+20 Outreach Network is NOT: It is not a new structure within ICANN. It is not a working group. It will not produce a common statement or positions.

WSIS+20 Outreach Network

How to join:

- The mailing list facilitates communication and information exchange about the WSIS+20 Review Process.
- Subscription link - QR on the screen
- To contribute to the discussions, please complete the acknowledgement form at <https://go.icann.org/wsis20>





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Questions and Discussion

