

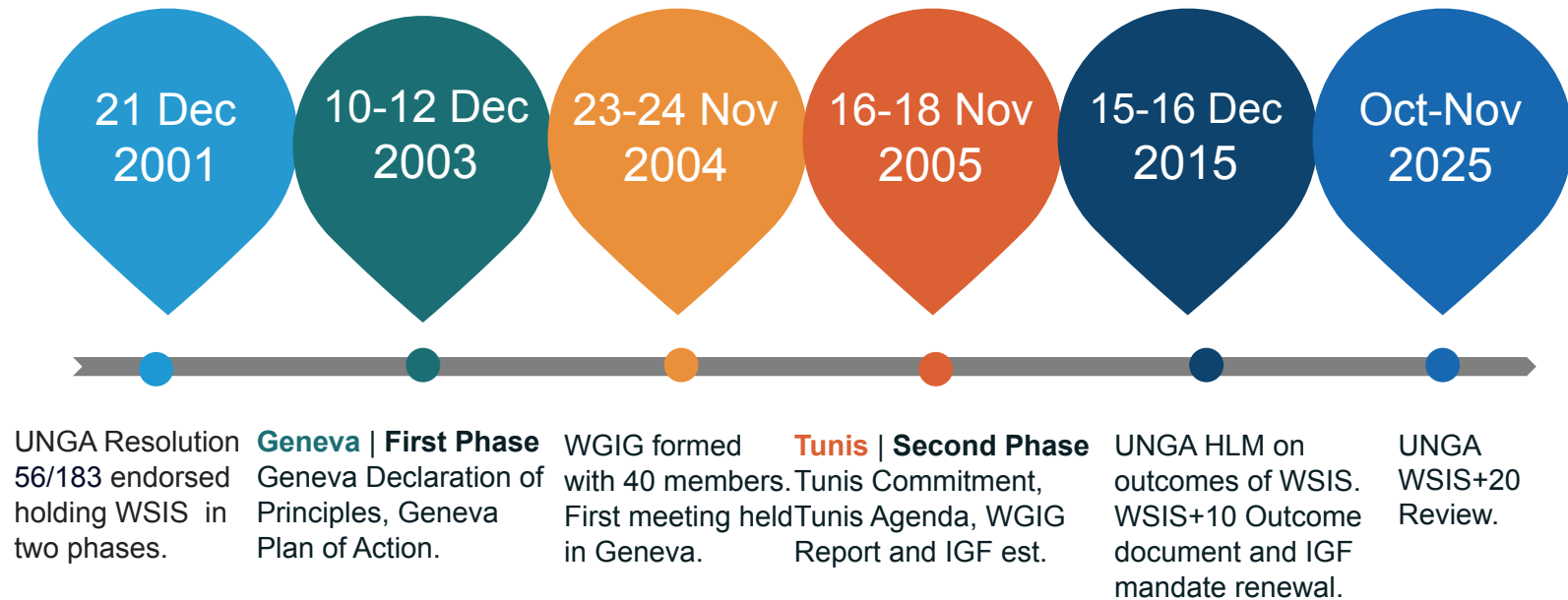
# WSIS+20 Review



ICANN's Government Engagement Team

At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group  
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# Background: The WSIS Timeline



## 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.

# Why Does WSIS Matter?

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- For the Multistakeholder model (MSM)
  - UN Member States recognized the MSM of Internet Governance.
  - UN Member States agreed that the technical community is a separate stakeholder with its own unique role: to keep the Internet running.
- Recognized that the international management should (among others) “ensure a stable and secure functioning of the Internet, taking into account multilingualism”. (WSIS Tunis Agenda, 2005)
- Established the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) - the only multistakeholder platform for Internet-related discussions under the UN umbrella
- Recognized 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)

# WSIS+20: An Existential Threat

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The official Russian government Web site carries a more detailed description of the discussions, saying Mr. Putin told Mr. Touré: "We are thankful to you for the ideas that you have proposed for discussion. One of them is establishing international control over the Internet using the monitoring and supervisory capabilities of the International Telecommunication Union." NY Times, 2011

# Why Does WSIS+20 Matter to ICANN?

Topic	Risk	Opportunity
<b>MSM of IG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Replace the MSM with a multilateral one</li><li>● Diminish the role of the technical community</li><li>● Call for transfer of ICANN and RIR functions to the UN/ITU</li><li>● Digital inclusivity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Preserve the MSM</li><li>● Have an Internet-friendly WSIS+20 Outcome Document</li><li>● Governments and all stakeholders (connectivity partners, tech comm, etc.) work together to narrow digital divide</li></ul>
<b>Unique role of the Technical community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Internet Fragmentation</li><li>● Bottom-up consensus policies are replaced by top-down ones</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Share the success stories (SSR of interoperable Internet, IDNs, new gTLDs)</li><li>● IGF improvements</li></ul>

# What Is ICANN Doing?

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- **WSIS+20 Outreach Network**
  - Mailing list
  - Webinars and briefings
  - Webpage
  - Sharing Resources
- **Submissions to External Bodies**
- **Blogs, articles, papers**
- **Events: WSIS High Level Event, IGF24, HLGGM, ICANN Meetings**
- **Bilateral Meetings**
- **Briefings for UN diplomats**
- **Provide Factual Information**
- **Keep the Board and Org informed**

# WSIS+20 Updates

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- WSIS+20 Outreach Network
  - Webpage published
  - Mailing list active
  - Webinars hosted for GDC Zero Draft
- Engagement
  - GDC community discussions, ongoing
  - CSTD, April
  - Netmundial+10, April
  - Contracted Parties Summit, May
  - WSIS High Level Event, May
  - High Level Government Meeting (HLGM), June
  - Regional Engagement and Bi-lateral meetings, ongoing

# WSIS+20 Outreach Network Mailing List

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## How to join:

- The mailing list facilitates communication and information exchange about the WSIS+20 Review Process.
- Members as of today: 451 from 78 UN Member States, distributed evenly between all geographic regions
- Subscription link - QR on the screen
- [Webpage](#)

