

[WSIS+20 UN Agencies Briefing - Meeting Chat Log]

Meeting Title: WSIS+20 UN Agencies Briefing

Organizer: Eleonora Mazzucchi

Date: Monday, 03 November 2025

Duration: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (2 hours 58 minutes 10 seconds)

Recording: Yes (Saved to organizer's OneDrive)

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Number of Participants: 59 (including external participants)

Meeting Topics and Speakers:

Topic 1: Capacity Development and Financial Mechanisms for Digital Transformation

*Interventions (4 minutes each)

- UNESCO [Mr. Cédric Wachholz]
- ITU [Ms. Ruth Sudabutar]
- UNCTAD [Mr. Torbjorn Fredriksson]
- UNDP [Ms. Yu Ping Chan]
- UPU [Ms. Radka Sibille]
- UN DESA [Mr. Deniz Susar]
- OHCHR [Ms. Birgit Kainz-Labbe]

Topic 2: System-wide Coordination and WSIS-GDC Implementation Architecture

*Interventions (4 minutes each)

- UNCTAD [Mr. Torbjorn Fredriksson]
- ITU [Mr. Vladimir Stankovic]
- UN ODET [Ms. Isabel De Sola Criado]
- UNESCO [Mr. Cédric Wachholz]
- UNICC [Ms. Meredith Kravitz]
- UN Women [Ms. Hélène Molinier]

Topic 3: Follow-up, Monitoring and Indicators

*Interventions (4 minutes each)

- CSTD [Mr. Angel Gonzales Sanz]
- UNESCO [Mr. Cédric Wachholz]
- UN ODET [Ms. Isabel De Sola Criado]
- ITU [Mr. Vladimir Stankovic]
- Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development [Ms. Esperanza Magpantay]

Chat Highlights and Shared Information:

[9:08 AM] Isabel De Sola Criado: Hi Eleonora, can I share some slides during my intervention?

[9:09 AM] Eleonora Mazzucchi: Hi Isabel, yes, you will be able to when you take the floor with the presenter role.

[9:30 AM] Yuping Chan (UNDP): Sharing information on UNDP's portfolio and systems work relevant to development impact and financing.

Link:

https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2025-08/undp_modernizing_development_introducing_portfolios.pdf

[9:35 AM] Derrick Muneene (WHO): Shared WHO's contribution as WSIS action line facilitator on eHealth, referencing the Global Strategy on Digital Health.

Link:

<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/documents/g4dhdaa2a9f352b0445bafbc79ca799dc4d.pdf>

[9:43 AM] Morten Meyerhoff (UNU-EGOV): Commented on overlaps among donors in capacity development efforts.

[9:44 AM] Sonia Savci (UNESCO): Shared UNESCO's capacity-building materials:

- MOOC on AI and Digital Transformation in Government (UNESCO-Oxford University)
- SPARK-AI Alliance
- AI and Digital Transformation Competencies Framework
- Data Governance Resources
- Capacity Building for Judicial Systems

[9:49 AM] Ayako Shiina (Japan): Requested more information from ITU on WSIS funding mechanisms.

[9:52 AM] Ruth Sidabutar (ITU): Shared information on the WSIS Fund-in-Trust (established 2011).

Link: <https://www.itu.int/en/itu-wsis/Pages/WSIS-Fund-in-Trust.aspx>

[9:53 AM] Yuping Chan (UNDP): Noted UNDP has no dedicated WSIS resources, but aligns work with WSIS through digital, AI, and innovation programmes.

[9:57 AM] Vladimir Stankovic (ITU): Shared link to UNGIS information - www.ungis.org

[10:07 AM] Derrick Muneene (WHO): Announced WHO-ITU work on Digital Public Infrastructure; noted Zanzibar Ministry of Health WSIS Prize 2025.

Link:

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/Prizes/2025/Details/17390039195507501>

[10:13 AM] Meredith Kravitz (UNICC): Shared link to UNICC Strategic Framework (2024-2030).

Link: <https://www.unicc.org/who-we-are/strategic-framework-2024-2030/>

[10:14 AM] Ruth Sidabutar (ITU): Shared information on UNGIS and its relevance for Digital Transformation.

[10:14 AM] Derrick Muneene (WHO): Shared Global Initiative on Digital Health (GIDH) details.

Link: <https://www.who.int/initiatives/gidh>

[10:14 AM] Thomas Van Giffen (UNCTAD): Shared link to UNCTAD's E-Commerce and Digital Economy Programme.

Link: <https://unctad.org/topic/ecommerce-and-digital-economy>

[10:23 AM] Morten Meyerhoff (UNU-EGOV): Shared additional resources on digital inclusion and health networks (HOSPI, LOSI, G20+ reports).

[10:26 AM] Vladimir Stankovic (ITU): Referred to WSIS reporting frameworks:

- www.wsis.org/stocktaking
- www.wsis.org/prizes
- www.wsis.org/sdg

[10:28 AM] Ruth Sidabutar (ITU): Shared GDC-WSIS-2030 Agenda Matrix link.

Link: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/ungis/Articles/View/2239>

[10:31 AM] Derrick Muneene (WHO): Shared link to Global Digital Health Monitor dashboard.

Link: <https://data.who.int/dashboards/gdhm/overview?year=2023>

[10:32 AM] Hendrik Garcia (Philippines): Asked agencies about WSIS and GDC compatibility, and potential updates to WSIS Action Lines.

[10:47 AM] Morten Meyerhoff (UNU-EGOV): Emphasized importance of data use by Member States and shared additional resources:

- G20+ Digital Inclusion report:

<https://unu.edu/egov/news/unus-strategic-recommendations-g20-advancing-citizen-centered-digital-inc>

- ISSA Digital Inclusion Report 2022:

https://collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:8911/n2-Digital_inclusion_report_2022-rev.pdf

- Measuring Margins Framework 2019:

<https://unu.edu/egov/project/measuring-margins-global-framework-digital-inclusion>

[10:54 AM] Radka Sibille (UPU): Shared UPU Digital Panorama Report on digital inclusion via postal infrastructure.

Meeting ended: 10:55 AM

Summary Notes:

- Three main thematic areas covered: Capacity Development & Financing; System-wide Coordination & GDC; Monitoring & Indicators.
- Active participation from UNESCO, ITU, UNDP, WHO, UNCTAD, UN Women, UNICC, UN DESA, OHCHR, UPU, CSTD.
- Shared multiple institutional frameworks, monitoring tools, and resources on digital transformation and WSIS-GDC alignment.
- Discussion included donor coordination, funding mechanisms, data-driven policy, and the potential update of WSIS action lines.