



WSIS Forum 2016

Open Call to Identify High-level Track Facilitators:

from the WSIS Stakeholder Community in particular, Civil Society, Private Sector, Technical Community and Academia for the Moderated High level Policy Sessions

High-level Policy Sessions

At the WSIS Forum 2016, moderated High-Level Policy Sessions of the High-level Track (HLT) will take place on the 3 and 4 of May. During these sessions, moderated Policy Statements will be delivered by high-ranking officials of the WSIS Stakeholder community, representing the Government, Private Sector, Civil Society, Academia and International Organizations.

Themes

High-Level Policy Sessions will be divided into fifteen sessions covering fourteen themes. The themes identified below are based on the Geneva Plan of Action, in particular the WSIS Action Lines, and build on the outcomes of the United Nations Overall Review and the submissions received during the open consultation process.

1. WSIS Action Lines and the 2030 Agenda
2. Bridging digital divides
3. Enabling environment
4. Knowledge societies, capacity building and e-learning
5. Financing for development and role of ICT
6. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
7. Inclusiveness – access to information and knowledge for all
8. Gender mainstreaming
9. ICT applications and services
10. Digital economy and trade
11. Climate change
12. Media
13. Ethical dimensions of Information and Knowledge Societies
14. Cultural diversity and heritage, linguistic diversity and local content

Moderation: High level Track Facilitators (HLTF)

The Policy Sessions will be moderated by High-Level Track Facilitators (HLTF) nominated and identified by the following stakeholder type Civil Society, Private Sector, Technical Community, Academia. Each stakeholder type is invited to launch an **Open Call** to identify HLTFs to represent their respective communities. While selecting a representative it is worthy to note that the selected Facilitator is expected to have general knowledge of the current news and trends on the topics mentioned above but is not expected to be an expert. The names of the nominated representatives should be submitted to the WSIS Secretariat by 15th of April 2016. Please note that all HLTFs are to cover their own expenses for travel, accommodation and insurance.

The main task of the HLTFs is to moderate high level policy sessions and provide written executive summary based on interventions and discussion during the session, while capturing the vision, identifying emerging trends, opportunities and challenges shared by the high level speakers.

Concluding Session

The concluding session of the HLT will take place on the 4th of May. During the concluding session of the HLT the WSIS Forum 2016 Chairman will provide an Executive Summary, giving a platform for all the HLTFs to submit the outcomes of their respective policy session. These will be captured in a publication entitled “WSIS Forum 2016: Policy Statements and Executive Brief”.

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