

# Reviewing WSIS after twenty year

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## The WSIS outcome documents

- ▶ Geneva Declaration of Principles
- ▶ Geneva Action Plan
- ▶ Tunis Commitment
- ▶ Tunis Agenda for the Information Society

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## The changing Information Society

- ▶ From aspiration to observable reality
  - ▶ Rapid technological development
  - ▶ Affecting all aspects of economy, society and culture
  - ▶ From potential to pervasiveness

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## The WSIS Action Lines

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1. The role of governance authorities and other stakeholders
2. ICT infrastructure
3. Access to information and knowledge
4. Capacity building
5. Confidence and security
6. The enabling environment
8. Cultural and linguistic diversity, and local content
9. Media
10. Ethical dimensions
11. International and regional cooperation

### Action Line 7 – ICT applications

- A. E-government
- B. E-business
- C. E-learning
- D. Health
- E. Employment
- F. Environment
- G. Agriculture
- H. Science

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## The changing digital environment

- ▶ Rapid and growing technological innovation
- ▶ which has profound and complex impacts on all aspects of society
- ▶ The continued challenge of connectivity and inequality (digital divides and their relationship with development divides)
- ▶ Risks as well as opportunities
- ▶ A new inflection point: AI

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## Three themes of the review

- ▶ How far have we come?
- ▶ Where are we today?
- ▶ Where do we want to go?

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## Three goals for the future

- ▶ preserving what we value
- ▶ promoting what we want
- ▶ preventing what we fear

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## The central question

- ▶ What does a “people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society” mean today, and what should it mean tomorrow?
- ▶ The relationship between WSIS+20, the GDC and other international agreements

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