



Australian Government



AUSTRALIA'S APPROACH TO WSIS+20

Your guide to internet governance

Domestically, we will ask and consider our multistakeholder community's assessment of WSIS to date, and evaluate its impact on our economic and social development.

Regionally, we will seek our region's views on WSIS, in particular from SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs, and encourage inter-regional dialogue, using existing mechanisms whenever possible.

Globally, we will consider the reports of the ITU, UNESCO, CSTD, IGF and the multistakeholder community to understand progress so far towards achieving the WSIS vision, and engage with all interested stakeholders to hear their perspective.

We will seek information, data and expert analysis to support an evidence-driven approach to any potential WSIS+20 reforms, leveraging the expertise and experience of all governments, international organisations, civil society, the technical community, academia and other stakeholders.

We will test these options **domestically, regionally, and with global stakeholders** to seek feedback and refine suggested approaches based on the views of all. In particular, we will engage with SIDS, LDCs, LLDCs to ensure solutions align with their needs and create future opportunity for all.

We will bring together discussions from across the domestic, regional and global communities towards an ambitious, positive and proactive outcome consistent with the spirit of consensus achieved in Geneva and Tunis.

Evaluate WSIS So Far

Identify gaps and future opportunities

Review the evidence

Analyse options and solutions

Consult and consider feedback

Agree common ground



Domestically, we will work with our multistakeholder community to understand any gaps and the future opportunities for WSIS+20.

Regionally and globally, we will seek to understand the challenges and complexities stakeholders may have, in particular the root causes and any key pain points, as well as learn about their ambitions for the future.

We will consider the evidence and work with our domestic multistakeholder community, regional and international partners, to develop and document options in line with the WSIS vision. These options will identify potential pathways to address root causes, key issues, and create future opportunity for all.

Domestically, we will finalise our approach with Ministers through domestic decision-making processes.

Regionally, we will look towards building regional consensus and common ground to ensure all Asia-Pacific voices are heard.

Globally, we will look towards achieving consensus on any WSIS+20 reforms, minimising the chance of contention during intergovernmental negotiations.

WSIS+20 Resolution
United Nations
General Assembly
Late 2025

Multistakeholder at the centre of our approach

Open and transparent flow of information and ideas

Listen to, build on and ensure all perspectives and voices are heard

Holistic, evidence based outcomes that benefit all

Long-term agreement that provides certainty and a platform for the next generation of digital development and innovation