



## The Secretary-General

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Her Excellency Inga Rhonda King  
President  
The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)  
New York  
United States

**Subject: Substantive inputs to the 2019 HLPF on the outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2019, coordinated and hosted by International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**

Madam,

I have the pleasure to submit as a formal input to the High Level Political Forum 2019, the outcomes of the WSIS Forum 2019, held from 8-12 April at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, under the theme *Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*.

The annual [WSIS Forum](#), co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, represents the world's largest annual gathering of the 'ICT for development multi-stakeholder community'. The Forum is a global multistakeholder platform facilitating the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines towards achieving the SDGs. The WSIS Forum builds upon the outcomes of the UN General Assembly Overall Review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes (UNGA Resolution 70/125) that recognized the necessity of holding this Forum on an annual basis and called for a close alignment between the WSIS Process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In order to highlight the contribution of the WSIS Action Lines in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs, the ITU coordinated, with the UN Action Line Facilitators including, FAO, UNDESA, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UPU, ITU, WHO and WMO, a document entitled "WSIS Action Lines Contributing towards Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality" that focuses on the impact of the respective Action Lines on the 2019 HLPF theme

It is my pleasure to submit the following documents as input for 2019 HLPF, complete documents are available here <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2019/Home/Outcomes#documents> :

1. WSIS Forum 2019 Outcome Document
2. WSIS Forum 2019 High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
3. WSIS Action Lines Supporting Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (2019)
4. WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019
5. WSIS Forum 2019 and SDG Matrix
6. WSIS Stocktaking Success Stories 2019
7. WSIS Forum 2019: Report - WSIS Action Lines Contributing towards Empowering People and Ensuring Inclusiveness and Equality

As the current co-chair of the United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS), that comprises of 31 UN members, it is my pleasure to inform you that as part of the WSIS Forum 2019, during the UNGIS leaders breakfast and the working-level meeting, the UNGIS reinforced the [joint statement](#) submitted to the 2019 HLPF and decided to organize joint side events to highlight the impact of ICTs on SDGs.

Accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of three Chinese characters: 赵厚麟 (Zhao Houlin).

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