



## The Secretary-General

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His Excellency Mr. Munir Akram  
President  
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**Subject: World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum substantive inputs to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2021**

Sir,

I have the pleasure to submit the WSIS Forum inputs document to the thematic review of the HLPF 2021 that covers aspects of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the various actions and cooperation 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 multistakeholder 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 Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development" that highlights the fifteen years implementation of the WSIS Action Lines.

In addition to the WSIS Forum inputs document, it is my pleasure to submit the following documents that are available online at <http://www.itu.int/go/wsis2020outcomes> as input for 2021 HLPF:

1. WSIS Forum 2020: Outcome Document
2. WSIS Forum 2020: High Level Track Outcomes and Executive Brief
3. WSIS Action Lines Contributing towards accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development
4. WSIS Forum 2020 and SDG Matrix
5. WSIS Stocktaking Report 2020
6. Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019-2020 — Africa

7. Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019-2020 — Americas
8. Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019-2020 — Arab States
9. Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019-2020 — Asia and Pacific
10. Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019-2020 — CIS
11. Regional WSIS Stocktaking Report 2019-2020 — Europe
12. WSIS Stocktaking: Success Stories 2020
13. WSIS Stocktaking ICT Case Repository: The Coronavirus Response Special Report

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of three Chinese characters: 赵厚麟 (Zhao Houlin). The signature is written in a cursive style.

Houlin Zhao