

# World Summit of Information Society (WSIS), 2022

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**In news**– World Summit of Information Society (WSIS) 2022 held from 30th May to 3rd June, 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland.

## About World Summit of Information Society (WSIS)-

- The **WSIS is a unique two-phase United Nations (UN) summit** that was initiated in order to create an evolving multi-stakeholder platform **aimed at addressing the issues raised by information and communication technologies (ICTs)** through a structured and inclusive approach at the national, regional and international levels.
- The goal of WSIS is to **achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society** where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information.
- **It is co-organized by International Telecommunications Union (ITU)**, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**), United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (**UNCTAD**), in close collaboration with all WSIS Action Line co-/facilitators and other UN organizations.
- **Envisaged from its inception in two phases, the first phase** of the Summit was held in Geneva **10-12 December 2003**, where the foundations were laid by reaching agreement on a Declaration of Principles and a Plan of Action.
- **The second phase** was held in Tunis, 16-18 November **2005**, adopting the Tunis Commitment and the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society.
- The latter includes chapters on Financing mechanisms,

Internet Governance and implementation and follow-up. WSIS Forums have taken place periodically since then.

- One of the Summit's chief **aims is to bridge the global digital divide separating rich countries from poor countries** by increasing internet accessibility in the developing world.
- The conference established **17 May as World Information Society Day**.
- The WSIS+10 Process marked the ten-year milestone since the 2005 Summit.