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# the summit events

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a preview



**world summit**  
on the **information society**

Geneva 10-12 December 2003 - Tunis 2005

## > More than 80 Summit Events

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) taking place in Geneva in December 2003, consists of a core political event, involving the 191 United Nations member states, and side events proposed by governments, international organizations, the civil society, the private sector and the host country, Switzerland.

The Summit Events are scheduled between the 8th and 13th of December 2003, at Palexpo and in various locations in and around Geneva. They will include conferences, workshops, exhibitions, presentations, panel discussions, forums and cultural happenings.

The Summit Events, during the Geneva Phase of WSIS, will offer an additional platform of communication for the various stakeholders and provide a unique opportunity for networking amongst the participants.





# heads of states

scientists

Shaping the future of a rich and diversified information society takes vision and energy, understanding and their ability to communicate and work together. The Summit Events provide a framework for them to enable true networking, both live and online.

government delegations

> Meet the people who make it happen

# business leaders

content developers

The Summit Events will enable debates and discussions on critical issues, while at the same time focusing on concrete applications, exchanging first-hand experience and finding new ways to improve day-to-day life through the use of ICT.

They will cover topics such as:

- cultural and linguistic diversity in knowledge societies,
- solutions to bridge the digital divide,
- e-learning solutions,
- cultural and social impact of mobile technologies,
- development of infrastructure,
- role and contribution of the media,
- e-governance challenges and developments,
- impact of ICT on work and employment,
- ICT for science, health and development,
- gender and minority issues,
- e-content creativity and quality,
- e-commerce, legal issues, etc...

experts

international organisations

ngo's

# media

cultural events

ding and commitment. At the end of the day, it is all about people  
his human interaction. They will foster exchange, collaboration and

workshops

> Some highlights to keep an eye on

exhibitions

panel discussions

#### ICT for Development Platform

*A 16000 m<sup>2</sup> public platform combining an exhibition with a conference program. Showcasing visionary projects, innovative concepts, new services and products supporting the global use of ICT.*

*More than 200 exhibitors, 50 countries, 300 projects, 40 conferences.*

Learn more at [www.ict-4D.org](http://www.ict-4D.org)



forums

#### WEMF (World Electronic Media Forum)

*A forum in which global media leaders, both private and public broadcasters and key media actors, such as journalists, academics and civil society members meet, discuss and work together. WEMF will highlight the new enhanced role of radio, TV and related websites, taking into account the new technological opportunities and the new expectations of the audiences.*

Learn more at [www.wemfmedia.org](http://www.wemfmedia.org)



conferences

#### RSIS (the Role of Science in the Information Society)

*A high level 2 day conference organized by the CERN on behalf of the world's scientific community. RSIS will review the prospects that present developments in science and technology offer especially in education, environment, health, and economic development.*

Learn more at <http://rsis.web.cern.ch/rsis/>

networking



To get a preview of all events, please visit [www.wsis-online.net](http://www.wsis-online.net)

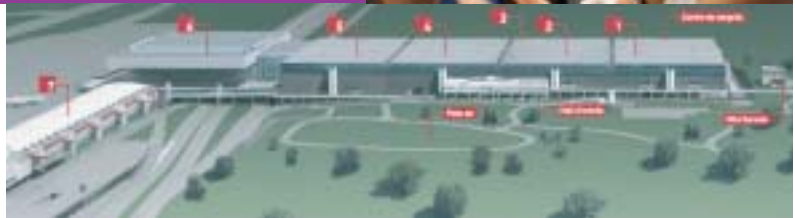
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## > The place to be...

The WSIS will be held in Geneva from 10-12 December 2003 at the PALEXPO Exhibition Center, in Hall 1.

Most Summit Events, including those taking place before the Summit, will be held at the same venue in Hall 2 and 3, Hall 4 being devoted to the ICT development platform open to the public.



## ...and a space to explore

With this large amount of events, the broad range of topics, and the extensive list of participants, keeping track of it all is a real challenge. To make it easier to find exactly what you need, an online community platform has been created :

[www.wsis-online.net](http://www.wsis-online.net)

From September to November, you will find online :

- news and latest updates for each event,
- highlights and interviews of organizers,
- detailed program of events.

You will also be able to register online and contribute to projects, thus becoming an active member of focused communities. This online platform will be a tool for follow-up of the WSIS action plan and projects until the Tunis Phase of WSIS in 2005.




## > The World Summit on the Information Society

The World Summit on the Information Society will be held in two phases. The first phase of WSIS, in Geneva, is hosted by the Government of Switzerland from 10 to 12 December 2003. The second phase will take place in Tunis hosted by the Government of Tunisia, from 16 to 18 November 2005.

To learn more about WSIS, please visit [www.itu.int/wsis](http://www.itu.int/wsis)  
You will find all information about the Swiss preparation process at [www.wsisgeneva2003.org](http://www.wsisgeneva2003.org)



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