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Digital technologies are one of the main drivers for the United Nations agenda towards the Sustainable Development Goals. WSA demonstrated concrete examples from all over the world and Portugal, how digital solutions can actively contribute to the achievement of the UN SDGs.

The WSA Global Congress 2019 was a participatory event, where the global community of WSA met to discuss in an interactive manner how digital solutions can have a positive impact on society, contributing to the UN SDGs.

World Summit Award was initiated in 2003 as an Austrian activity in the framework of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and is since then selecting and promoting digital innovation with an impact on society from all UN member states.

The WSA Global Congress Cascais focussed on the part that digital innovation plays in creating sustainable social change and impact world-wide. It demonstrated the richness and diversity of best-practice solutions from all over the world.

The WSA Global Congress featured the 40 global winners in the 8 WSA categories and the WSA Young Innovators and connected them with international thought-leaders, ICT experts and local stakeholders, mentors and other entrepreneurs in order to support their ventures and future careers in a sustainable way.
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Jayathma Wickramanayake, United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth

Today’s young people are interconnected more than ever before. In fact, they have more access to information than any other generation. Consequently, it should be natural to include young people in decision-making processes that affect their lives. Young people are change-makers, innovators and leaders. Among other factors, technology is crucial to unleash young people’s creativity and power to actively contribute to solving global issues. Young people used ICT and social media to do amazing things: amplify their voices; discuss global issues; lead opinions; spread positive energies; start movements; build campaigns. Therefore, it’s important for us and the society to recognize their potential and encourage them to actively engage in the implementation of the SDGs and #Youth2030, the UN youth strategy.

LI YONG, UNIDO Director General

The difficult employment situation of many young women and men has become one of the most important challenges of our times. Estimates show that in the next 15 years, 600 million jobs will need to be created for young people worldwide. It is imperative that we empower young people as the demand for new skills increases in an era of rapid technological progress driven by the Fourth Industrial Revolution. More than one-third of the skills relevant for today’s socio-economic development are anticipated to change by 2020. Our young people must be equipped with new skills to prepare them for the future of work and skills. They need to be provided with possibilities for continuous learning, and an enabling environment for innovative ideas to be converted into concrete practical solutions on the ground. It is encouraging that many young people today are already contributing to inclusive and sustainable development, by turning their innovative ideas into new businesses that also benefit the society at large. The World Summit Awards (WSA) initiative provides a platform to showcase the potential of youth, their innovative solutions and their entrepreneurial spirit, ultimately bringing about social change. These new innovative business models will become more important than ever, as we find ways to tap into the opportunities of the Fourth Industrial Revolution to create win-win situations for our young people, and in particular for those who live and work in developing countries. UNIDO commends the WSA for providing visibility to these talented young entrepreneurs and stands ready to support young people worldwide to realize their full innovative potentials.

ANDREAS J. LUDWIG, Executive Chairman Umdasch Group, Austria

As a globally active group of industrial companies we are called upon to focus on megatrends such as digitalization, automation and artificial intelligence at an early stage. The international WSA network enables us to get external ideas and to access a great circle of young enterprises, innovative start-ups and out-of-the-box thinkers. We are excited that it is our second year cooperating with the WSA for the Josef Umdasch Research Prize. And we are again looking forward to deep dive into the world and spirit of young innovators.
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**MANUEL HEITOR, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal**

The World Summit Award Congress Cascais 2019 is the recognition of the important role digital innovation plays in creating sustainable social change and impact world-wide. This event is taking place in the new campus of NOVASBE (School of Business and Economics of the NOVA University of Lisbon). The tremendous challenge that the digital revolution presents to mankind asks for definite answers from governments and societies. The Portuguese government has created a long term initiative called INCODe.2030 that aims at fostering inclusion, education, qualification, specialisation and research. This initiative is being carried out with contributions from several government departments, private companies, local authorities, and the scientific and technological ecosystem in Portugal. We welcome all contributions from the society as a whole, at national and international level. It is therefore with great enthusiasm that I welcome the WSA World Congress to be held among us. It is critical that the whole population has equal access to digital technologies in order to obtain information, communicate and interact. The younger population must be educated in a way that digital skills are present at every level of schooling and continue to be part of a lifelong learning. An entrepreneurial spirit is also a fundamental requirement to strive in a digital world. Digital skills must also be progressively acquired by the working population in order to remain competitive in a labour market that relies heavily on them. WSA presents a display of impressive digital projects from around the world embraced by entrepreneurs and aiming at improving the quality of our society while solving real life problems. More that 400 participants from 80 countries are expected to meet in Portugal at this 2019 World Summit, turning Cascais into a global hub for start-ups and content developers on the subject of “Social Impact through Digital Innovation”. I hope this event can live up to its high standards giving a relevant contribution for a better society in the future to come.

**LUÍS GOES PINHEIRO, Secretary of State Assistant and of Administrative Modernisation, Portugal**

Sixteen years have passed since the UN World Summit on the Information Society (UN WSIS), a conference in Geneva that would bring about the World Summit Awards. We celebrate them today as a means to achieve the main goal for all those present at that meeting: to make Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) available to everyone and help close the gap between those included and those excluded from the digital revolution. We have seen tremendous progress since then when it comes to the reach, capacity, and development of ICTs – big data, predictive analysis, cloud computing and other elements recall previously existing concepts and build tools to transform them to suit the needs of an ever more demanding society with the objective of promoting its sustainability and prosperity. There is no better example of that fact than the Sustainable Development Goals, for which Portugal has found its own way to promote and reward with initiatives such as GovTech – a challenge that started in 2018 (and will continue in 2019) and which envisages rewarding creative and innovative business solutions that address one of the 17 SDGs. Driving innovation, building solid networks and engaging a diverse set of stakeholders is much of what we have done in Portugal with programs such as SIMPLEX (and its rebrand since 2016, SIMPLEX++) and the National Participatory Budget, both pioneer programs of their own right. It is by having that perspective that innovation is a never-ending story and that we will meet the future with the tools that we create today that we welcome the World Summit Awards and signal that we embrace its spirit of celebrating diversity and innovation to solve common problems – because by making the lives of our citizens better, by improving the business environment and by making public services more efficient through the implementation of the once-only principle, by sharing and reusing information, and by being able to implement predictive tools, we are building the foundations for a more sustainable and prosperous future for all. Thank you for choosing Portugal, and please do come again: our doors are open, and we have a firm commitment not to leave anyone behind.
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CARLOS CARREIRAS, Mayor City of Cascais, Portugal

Cascais extends a warm welcome to all WSA participants. For more than six centuries we have been one of the most innovative areas of the country. Maybe it’s because we have people from all over the world on our borders. Cascais was the first place in the country to have street lighting. The first oceanographic expeditions set sail from Cascais. Cascais hosted that the country’s first football match and its first tennis match. We love to innovate. It’s in our blood. We are leading the soft mobility revolution in Portugal. We were pioneers in introducing environmentally sustainable solutions in household waste management. We are paving the way for social housing reform and we are in the front line in including technology in people’s social lives and harmonising automation and humanity, utility and purpose. Because, at the end of the day, there is no point in innovating if the development of people and society is not our priority. As you will soon realise, everything starts with people in Cascais.

ROGÉRIO CARAPUÇA, President APDC, Portugal

Digital is the new standard. We are born, we learn, we communicate, we work, we live, with the support of digital technologies. If we want to create a better world, it will have to be using these technologies. If we want to prevent war, to create security, to foster economic growth, to increase social inclusion, we must leverage from digital skills and use them for good. Hence, entrepreneurs, governments, local authorities, established companies must cooperate and use digital technologies to solve real life problems, aiming at higher levels of citizenship and better standards of living. The WSA program and its World Summit Awards Congress Cascais 2019 will be a step in that direction. Another tribute to the role of digital technology and digital innovation for that better world we aim at creating. APDC, the Portuguese Association that gathers the Telecommunications, IT and Media companies in Portugal, has organized this event in partnership with the Municipality of Cascais and with the NOVA School of Business and Economics, with the Support of the Portuguese Government and various Sponsoring and Strategic Partners locally and globally. It is our contribution to leverage from the new adventurous spirit of Portugal as “one of Europe’s hottest stars, with tech start-ups mushrooming and investment pouring in”, as The Wall Street Journal recently described us. We are looking forward to a great digital WSA experience at Cascais this year.

PROF. PETER A. BRUCK, WSA Chairman

The challenge is and remains worldwide: bridging the worldwide divides... be it disparities in access to water and energy, gender inequality and educational opportunities, or in digital terms, whether it concerns access, content or technology. The global divides are manifold and affect us all. In the case of economic equality and justice, the divides increase dramatically, nationally and globally. In the case of climate crisis and global warming, we see that the divides will separate those who survive from those who might not.

In the face of such societal challenges, how can digital solutions and interactive applications make a positive contribution? How can purpose driven innovation disrupt current nefarious developments? And what benefits are hidden in the digital transformation?

If their intention is driven by over-arching purposes, digital content and technology have the potential to create more equal, just, and above all, sustainable societies. The focus on solving local challenges enables a positive added value for societies globally.

WSA awardees are impacting the daily lives of millions by meeting deeply rooted needs. They stand out in the ability to combine smart content, social aims and digital innovation.

WSA awardees are winners because they solve real problems.

In over 15 years, WSA has a proven record of accomplishment within the framework of the United Nations’ World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) 2003-2025, mandated by the government of Austria since 2003 and implementing the 2005 WSIS Plan of Action. WSA is organised in collaboration with UN organisations such as UNESCO, UNIDO, UNCTAD, UNDESA and ITU.
Initiated in 2003 as an Austrian activity in the framework of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) the World Summit Award has since then been selecting and promoting digital innovation with an impact on society from all UN member states.

Digital technologies are one of the main drivers for the United Nations agenda towards the Sustainable Development Goals towards the review in 2030.

WSA Global Congress in Cascais brought together more than 400 delegates from over 100 countries. The program was focused on digital solutions, tackling the UN SDGs, and how purpose driven entrepreneurs can be supported and pointed out digital divides - in terms of content, knowledge, access and gender.

The 3 days event took place at the brand new NOVA SBE, hosted by the city of Cascais and Turismo Portugal and organized in partnership with APDC, sponsored by REN, NOS, Umdasch Group and supported by strategic partners.

WSA Global Congress Cascais featured the 40 WSA global winners in the 8 categories, as well as the 5 WSA Young Innovators and connected them with international thought-leaders, ICT experts and regional stakeholders to enable a sustainable knowledge transfer. The WSA Global Congress Cascais provided a stage for best practices and shared experience on how social innovation and entrepreneurship can be encouraged and play a key role to have a sustainable impact on society.

The WSA Global Congress used different formats to enable a Participatory Learning Conference.

WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS IN NUMBERS
THE WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS CASCAIS FEATURED THE FOLLOWING FORMATS:

1. Welcome Reception at the Austrian Ambassador to Portugal
2. Pitch Perfect Training for Winners
3. WSA Global Experts Reunion
4. Innovation Shots and Inspiration Talks by international and local speakers
5. Fishbowl Session on Purpose Driven Entrepreneurship
6. Innovation Dialogue
7. WSA Innovation Pitches by WSA Winners
8. 1:1 Mentoring Session between WSA winners, Portuguese start-ups and experienced mentors
9. Entrepreneurial Failure Night
10. Solution Jam
11. Interactive Hands-On Workshops and Skills Training
12. Cascais Sightseeing Tour
13. Josef Umdasch Research Prize in the framework of WSA
14. WSA Award Ceremony, Gala and after party
PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR WSA GLOBAL WINNERS, MARCH 10TH

In order to prepare the winning teams for their “4 minutes of fame” at the WSA Global Congress, WSA provided a specially designed to one on one pitch training in order to convince the jury at the WSA congress.

Pitch Perfect Coaches
Niki Ernst, My School of Talk, Austria
Mathias Haas, SuperSocial, Austria

MAKE YOUR PITCH A STORY WORKSHOP, MARCH 10TH

To dig deeper into storytelling and how to convince a potential partner, investor or customer, Mathias Haas conducted a workshop about storytelling. He gave concrete best-practice examples from corporate companies, such as Red-Bull as well as pitching scenarios from social businesses he coached.

PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR WSA GLOBAL NETWORK, MARCH 10TH

At the WSA Global Congress, WSA international experts and speakers from 68 countries attended. On March 10th, WSA gathered them for a special session and community meeting in order to connect, learn from each other and discuss how an international network and platform like WSA can contribute to a sustainable information society and knowledge transfer between regions and countries.
WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS WELCOME RECEPTION @ RESIDENCE OF THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL

WSA is a global community, WSA is about connecting for impact and WSA is about supporting each other. Therefore time for networking and informal conversations is key.
The international delegates were invited to a welcome reception at the beautiful residence of Dr. Zischg, the Austrian ambassador to Portugal.

WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS WELCOME INAUGURATION AND WELCOME WORDS, MARCH 11TH NOVA SBE

The WSA Global Congress was officially opened and inaugurated on March 11th at the Grand Auditorium at the newly NOVA School of Business
Moderator: Gualberto Pastor, Beta-i, Portugal

Welcome words by: Rogério Carapuça, President APDC Miguel Pinha e Cunha, Professor at Nova SBE Luís Goes Pinheiro, Secretary of State Assistant and of Administrative Modernisation Joana Pinto Balsemão, Councilwoman of Cascais Municipality Prof. Peter A. Bruck, WSA chairman
KEYNOTES AND INNOVATION SHOTS @ WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS CASCAIS

How to empower and support entrepreneurs that are driven by purpose and not only by profit?
How can digital solutions have a positive impact on society?
Where does innovation come from?
And how can we enable a global knowledge transfer between entrepreneurs, regions, countries, stakeholders?

The WSA speakers at WSA Global Congress Cascais inspired the audience and gave new insights around these topics.

The first day was opened by Marcus East, CTO of National Geographic about “Harnessing the Power of Technology to Drive Social Change”.

“I PREDICT THAT MANY OF THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS AFFECTING SOCIETY TODAY WILL NOT BE SOLVED BY GOVERNMENTS, BUT BY THE INNOVATORS WHO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND HARNESS THE POWER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DRIVE POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE”

He shared insightful data about eight technological forces (AI, Cloud and Quantum, IOT and Smart home, blockchain & Cryptocurrencies, robotics, 5g Networks, E-health, and Renewable energy) and examples of companies that are using these technologies to revolutionize the various industries. Marcus also shared some data that proves that many developments in our world are positive and that less people suffer from poverty, hunger and diseases.

During the Session Innovation Shots “Aggregate Entrepreneurship”, international experts shared their perspectives on purpose driven entrepreneurship.

• Sofia Couto da Rocha, Skin Soul, Portugal, stating that impact was her main driver to continue.
• Tomi Davies, President African Business Angels Network, Nigeria, highlighting the potential for tech entrepreneurs and investors in Africa.
• Pablo Santaeufemia, CEO & Co-Founder Bridge for Billions, Spain about the lack of SMEs in different ecosystems and sharing his formula for success for young entrepreneurs, Resilience + Resourcefulness = Success
• Dorothy Gordon, Consultant Digital for Development, Ghana shared the struggles of techpreneurs in Africa to find sustainable business models.
• Miguel Reynolds, CEO and Founder Corkbrick, Portugal, shared his thoughts on sustainable, fair and ethical entrepreneurship.

Three Portuguese companies made it in the past years to “Unicorn status” - two of them shared their insights on stage - Michael Ozello, Global Web, Brand and Creative Service Director of Outsystems. and Marco Costa, CEO of Talkdesk.
Both shared their ups and downs, their learnings, the importance of team, the importance of talent, growth, investments and resilience.
Day 2 was opened by an Inspirational Talk by Dana Al Salem, Founder and CEO of FanFactory, France and Kuwait, sharing insights where innovation comes from.

"AN IDEA COMES FROM A NETWORK OF SPARKS CONNECTING SMALL HUNCHES TOGETHER. IT IS OUR NEURONS FIRING OFF IN OUR BRAIN. […] - NEVER BE SATISFIED WITH THE DEFAULT OPTION"

During the Innovation Shots 2, Challenging the Status Quo, Ralph Simon, CEO from Mobilium, introduced young social entrepreneurs from different regions world-wide, sharing how they use digital solutions challenging the status quo and proving that digital solutions can tackle social challenges, contributing to the achievement of the UN SDGs.

Speakers:
- Alia El Kattan, Egypt
- Moses Acquah, Afrolynk, Ghana
- Ana Pantelic, Chief Strategy Officer, Fundacion Capital, USA
- Abbas Adel, Serial Entrepreneur, Egypt
- Gloria Mangi, Founder and President of African Queens Project, Tanzania
- Marcos Cap, Digital for Inclusion Expert, Brazil

IMPACT FISHBOWL ABOUT PURPOSE DRIVEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

WSA chairman Peter A. Bruck moderated an interactive discussion about entrepreneurship and digital content for social impact.

The fishbowl format allows the audience to engage with the panel. In a fishbowl panel, there is always a “hot seat” empty, whenever someone in the audience takes this seat, someone from the previous panelists has to leave and make a new hot seat available.

Osama Manzar, Founder of the Digital Empowerment Foundation in India shared how entrepreneurial skills are crucial in developing countries: “India is the perfect example of impact without investment. You don’t work in the morning, you don’t eat in the evening.”

Ludmilla Rossi from Beaba, Brazil shared the importance of a global community and gathering like WSA. “One conversation at WSA last year completely changed the trajectory of my project to become what it is today.”
PORTUGUESE INNOVATION SHOTS
Portugal, Cascais and NOVA SBE were together the perfect venue for the WSA Global Congress. Cascais sets a global benchmark in citizen participation projects by the government and has been awarded as WSA Global Champion in Vienna 2018. NOVA SBE runs projects on big data for social impact and many Portuguese funds and programs are available for social businesses.
At the WSA Global Congress Cascais several Portuguese best practice solutions have been presented:

- João José Fernandes, Smart Farmer
- Luís Almeida Capelo, Waste4Think
- Mónica Batista, Apps4Good
- Bruno Reis, 10 Thousands Live Project
- Matilde Buelsal, Apps for Good with the project “My Pill Dispenser”
- João Magalhães, Academia de Código
- Bernardo Gonçalves, MyPolis
- Francisco Miranda, SPOT Games
- Diogo Pinto, Wave by Wave
- Tiago Gonçalves, Abem: rede solidária do medicamento
- João Machado, Social Innovation Found
- Salvador Mendes Almeida, Associação Salvador
- Marco Espinheira, C2: Cascais Command Centre, Municipality of Cascais
- Patrícia Dias, Smart(er) PT
- MH Ghodsirad, Builtrix
- Eduardo Filho, Inspiring Future

SKILLS TRAINING & INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS
The WSA Global Congress is a transformative learning conference and therefore offered a diverse set of interactive workshops, providing valuable insights for the attendees.

- RISK MITIGATION FOR STARTUPS, by Paulo Andrez, EBAN, Portugal
- THE POWER OF GRATITUDE, by Ricardo Zózimo, NOVA SBE, Portugal
- HOW TO DO A SALES PITCH, by Miguel Munoz Duarte, Nova Venture Labs, Portugal
- HOW TO FIND A VIABLE BUSINESS MODEL, by Micael Gustafsson, Cluster 55, Sweden
- IMPROVE YOUR VALUE PROPOSITION WITH LEGO SERIOUS PLAY, by Paulo Malta, Delfina Coelho, Innovsky, Portugal
- POEM - TECHPRENEURING FOR WEALTH CREATION, by Tomi Davies, ABAN, Nigeria
- DECISION IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP, by Paulo Malta and Delfina Coelho, Innovsky, Portugal
- MAKE PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR BRAND, by Gica Trierweiler, Brazil
- BEYOND THE PITCH, by Victor Miku and Tomas Abreu, Nova Ventures Labs, Portugal
- BLOCKCHAIN FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS, by Odeta Isavilute, Lithuania
- STORYTELLING: BUILDING A NARRATIVE FOR SOCIAL GOOD, by Mathias Haas, Supersocial, Austria
ENTREPRENEURIAL FAILURE STORIES
in partnership with Beta-I @ Centro Cultural de Cascais

Failure is a key to success, especially for young entrepreneurs. Therefore WSA and Beta-I, one of Portugal’s most important start-up hubs, organized the Night of Failure, where two Portuguese and two international founders shared their failure stories in a cosy and fun atmosphere.

With
- Miguel Capelo from Peeq
- Eduardo Sette Câmara, Beta-I
- Eyram Tawla, Afrocomix, Ghana
- Tingh Shih, Clickmedix, USA
WINNERS INNOVATION PITCHES & WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS JURY CASCAIS

The WSA winners demonstrate the richness and diversity of local content and prove that digital solutions are a key for development. The 40 WSA Winners and 5 WSA Young Innovators already proved that their products are the most innovative solutions selected in the democratic and tough selection process of the WSA. Each WSA winner had to first succeed in a local competition to prove their product to be the most promising from their country in the respective category. Each UN member state is eligible to nominate 1 product per WSA category. This year WSA received more than 400 submissions from over 100 countries.

82 international online jurors decided on a shortlist per category that was then presented to the WSA Grand Jury, hosted by the GCNet in Accra, Ghana. The Grand jury selected in transparent and democratic discussions the 40 WSA winners that have been invited to the WSA Global Congress in Cascais.

At the WSA Global Congress Cascais the winners pitched their products in front of a specially appointed experts jury. Each team had 4 minutes to convince the jury that their team is the most committed, their solution has the strongest impact and their pitch is the most entertaining, followed by a 4 minutes Q&A. After the last presentation, the jury selected 1 WSA Global Champion in each of the 9 categories to be specially awarded on stage at the WSA Gala Ceremony.

WSA PROCESS 2018/19

WSA partners in 182 countries organize local pre-selections (contests, expert committees) to select the best local digital solutions and submit them to the global WSA call. 1 submission / country / category

400 ENTRIES from 100 countries nominated for WSA

Online Jury 82 international experts (multi-stakeholder, gender-balanced) evaluate all entries online via the WSA database

WSA SHORTLIST ~ 20 projects / WSA category and presented to the WSA Grand Jury

Grand Jury, Ghana 20 international jurors select the 40 WSA winners in a 3 day democratic process

40 WSA WINNERS awarded at the WSA Global Congress CASCAIS, Portugal
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The WSA Global Champions 2019 are:

**GOVERNMENT & CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT**
CHAOS AI/ Finland

**HEALTH & WELL BEING**
Complete Anatomy/Ireland

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Non-financial support such as mentoring and training are a crucial factor behind the success of entrepreneurs. Therefore WSA matched each of the winning teams with 2 international mentors, using their vast experience and insights to provide new thoughts and ideas on business modeling, reaching the target group, going international or improve their reach through marketing and communication.

"THE MENTORING SESSIONS WITH CATHERINE WARREN AND OSA-MA MANZAR WHERE REALLY REALLY USEFUL, MASSIVE THANK YOU FOR THAT."

"GREAT NETWORK OF MENTORS - I GOT SO MUCH CONCRETE INPUT FOR MY PROJECT, JUST NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW."
WSA GALA AND AWARD CEREMONY

On March 13th, the WSA winners received their awards on stage at a prestigious award ceremony and gala in Cascais.

The gala ceremony was opened by H.E. Manuel Heitor, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal and moderated by WSA Chairman Prof. Peter A. Bruck and Mariana Barbosa.

GUESTS OF HONOR & LAUDATORS:

H.E. Manuel Heitor, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal
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Thomas Schuhböck, City of Vienna on stage, Portugal
Manar Alhashash, eContent Alchemist, Kuwait
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PRODUCTIONS

WSA PUBLICATION: Winners Catalogue and Program
featuring partners, winning projects, network and outlay of conference program

The WSA Social Innovation Congress program provided an excellent overview about all activities, including background information about partners and speakers.

- **Print Run:** 2500
- **Language:** English

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WSA VIDEO: WSA 9 CATEGORY VIDEOS

WSA VIDEO: WSA Global Congress Best Of Video

Videos by Philipp Benedikt, supported by Escola Superior de Comunicação

WSA Congress Post Show Video, capturing the highlights featured on Youtube Channel WSATV:

- **Subscribers:** 473
- **Total Views:** 3200 via Facebook and Youtube
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WSA created a special event section for the WSA Global Congress, to give a special feature to all speakers, the agenda, logistical information, statements by UN representatives, sponsors and partners.

Page Views with a clear peak shortly before the congress

- **Page views:** 55,135
- **Event page views:** around 3000 per day (month before and after congress)

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**Gender**

- 54.15% Male
- 45.85% Female

**Age**

- 18-24: 27.50%
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- 45-54: 12.50%
- 55-64: 5.50%
- 65+: 5.50%
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**Twitter** @WSAoffice
- **Followers:** 4278
- **Hashtag:** #WSACascais
- **Impressions March 2019:** 53 000

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*World Summit Award* @WSAoffice - Mar 19

"Let’s keep banging on about technology being a transformation tool until we fully embrace and own the 4R and turn it into an African story — a story of accelerated transformation that catapults us to the top." - @MissUwaje to @WSAoffice #WSACascais

*Africa Wins BIG in Digital Innovation With Social Impact at the 2019 ...*

I realized earlier this week that it's been 10 years since I got involved with the World Summit Awards, a global contest for solutions...

[medium.com](https://medium.com)

*Sachi Wickramage* @SachiWickramage - Mar 15

Being a Member of the Grand Jury for the @WSAoffice I wish to share this perspective 🕵️‍♂️

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**THANK YOU! It's a wrap!** 💖 #WSACascais

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TD @TomDee · Mar 11
I'm at @WSAoffice 2019 in Cascais Portugal and just found out Portugal is the oldest country in Europe and the first to start and stop slavery. Oh and prepaid phone cards were invented here too!! Interesting

You Retweeted

Marcus East @marcuseast · Mar 11
I'm incredibly excited to be giving the opening keynote at this year's WSA Global Conference in Cascais — there's a great atmosphere and it's a stunning venue 😎

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Robert.Zischg @RZischg · Mar 11
Great to host the kick-off reception & party for the impressive winners of the World Summit Award @WSAoffice 2019 in Cascais. Your innovations will make a difference in the lives of millions of people across the globe.

Tanzila Khan @Tanzila_Khan
Saba Khalid from @AuratRaj and myself at the @WSAoffice to receive our awards. With the coolest Austrian Ambassador!
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- **Page Likes:** 56,136 K

Happy memories from the WSA Global Congress 2019 in Cascais! ❤️

Incredible minds and purpose-driven digital entrepreneurs working together to tackle the UN SDGs.

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91 visits
-236 vs. Mar 13 - Mar 19

**Discovery**

654 accounts reached from Mar 20 - Mar 26

**Feed Posts**

- Reach: 654
  +18 vs. Mar 13 - Mar 19
- Impressions: 2,312
  -3,990 vs. Mar 13 - Mar 19

Showing All posted in the past 30 days sorted by Engagement

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291 likes
alopezvalerio Con la Gala termina el @worldsummitawards global Congress 2019.

Gracias a la ciudad de @cascais_oficial por el increíble recibimiento. También un especial agradecimiento a @nova_sbe por las atenciones en sus instalaciones, entiendo que esta es la primera de muchas visitas que tendremos en el futuro.

Mi especial abrazo al equipo de #WSA: Peter, Manuela, Nora y Carlos. Estos días en @visitportugal han excedido todas mis expectativas. @He conocido 76 expertos de diferentes partes del mundo, quienes ha compartido amablemente su...
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helen_zidon
Cascais, Lisboa, Portugal

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helen_zidon Yesterday was UNREAL! 😱 &
@katiethefield and I represented @3d4medical &
Complete Anatomy as winners in the Health &
Wellbeing category at the @worldsummitawards
which took place at @nova_sbe School of Business &
Economics, Cascais, Lisbon 🇵🇹 The other Winners in
this category were @gigilivi @aj @medhealthtv and
@clickmedix 😊 & BlackGirlMagic
View all 68 comments
helen_zidon @alex says yes awes thanks Alex 😊
@smalichica @helen_zidon thank youuuu!!!

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Portugal

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de começar. Neste ano, o evento de origem austríaca
que reconhece e conecta empreendedores sociais e
projetos digitais alinhados aos objetivos de
desenvolvimento sustentáveis da ONU, acontece na
graciosa vila de Cascais, em Portugal. São três dias....
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“Welcome to this learning journey! Let’s be creative” said Prof. Peter A. Bruck opening WSA Global Congress 2019, Cascais!

Opening speeches by our partners from APDC, NovaBEE, Cascais Municipality and Secretary of State.

Amazing inspiration talk by Marcus East - CTO of National Geographic, Program then followed with Innovations shots to aggregate entrepreneurship. Presentations of Winners Workshops and Failure nights in Cascais!

Photo credit: Philipp Benedikt

#WSACascais #WSA #Entrepreneurship #Congress #Sustainability #sustainabledevelopment #socialimpact #Inspiration

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The World Summit Awards (WSA) select and promote local digital innovation to improve society. WSA has been initiated in 2003 in the framework of the UN World Summit on the Information Society and it contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals agenda by recognizing local digital content with an impact on society, demonstrating the richness and diversity of innovative applications. To date, more than 180 countries are actively involved and at this year World Summit Awards Global Congress, that took place in Cascais from 11th to 13th March, Innovisky had the chance to facilitate two workshops to...
Africa Wins BIG in Digital Innovation With Social Impact at the 2019 World Summit Awards

I realized earlier this week that it’s been 10 years since I got involved with the World Summit Awards, a global forum for solutions focused on digital innovation with a social impact.

Every year a network of digital experts and innovators as well as winners from all over the globe come together at the WSA Global Congress to share ideas, discuss innovation and the impact it has on creating a better world. Team, reach, network and ultimately be inspired.

This year’s Congress took place in the beautiful city of Cascais in Portugal—where the sea ends and the world begins.

2 days of mind-blowing speeches, talks and workshops and on my way home all I could think about is how excited I felt that there are 7 African projects that made it into the final round of WSA Global Champion Award category winners.

Finland’s AI company CHAOS has been named as a global champion of government and citizens engagement by the World Summit Awards (WSA), an international competition founded in the framework of the UN.

CHAOS is a smart city expert who provides analytics and forecasts to support sustainable urban development by combining big data and powerful insights on its AI powered platform.

The Finnish company received the 2019 Global Champion Award at the WSA Global Congress in Cascais in Portugal, which focused on how digital innovations can improve life and have an impact worldwide.

A key goal of the congress was to connect innovating companies doing digital transformation with international thought leaders, ICT experts and local stakeholders to facilitate transformative knowledge exchange on a global scale.

Rwanda’s digital platform Irembo gets global recognition

Rwanda’s digital platform Irembo is in the spotlight after being recognized as one of the 40 digital innovations making a real impact on society during the World Summit Awards Global Congress in Portugal. The platform was created in 2015 with the aim of facilitating access to government services. For more on this, check Africa is joined by chief executive officer of Africa!

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Três dias em Cascais para conhecer o maravilhoso mundo digital

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Estas são algumas das empresas e empreendedores da era digital: "Axel Springer" e "Deutsche Telekom". Além disso, a "Wacken" e a "Bavaria" também estão presentes.

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Los World Summit Awards pretenden empoderar a personas con objetivos claros de cambio en sus respectivos países.

WSA Awards: Barbara Lara recibirá un nuevo g:Portugal por su plataforma de emergencia

SANTIAGO: A Latina se le ocurrió que desde este distrito y al menos hasta el mar canario, sería cabal y lógico hacer los gastos internacionales por cuenta de la plataforma de emergencia de la web de emergencias. ¿Además no? Incluso si el caso es el de Brasil, registrándose ya en forma de cartas dos días atrás.

Líderes empresariales, luego de las recientes elecciones, se están preparando para el desafío de seguir avanzando en una dirección que no sólo aumente el poder de los capitalistas, sino que también impulsa el progreso de la humanidad.

Las empresas colombianas han estado intensificando sus esfuerzos para reducir su huella ambiental, implementando estrategias sostenibles y comprometiéndose a reducir su carbono con el objetivo de proteger el planeta.

Además, se ha destacado que el Proyecto de Reducción de Emissiones de Carbono (REDD) de la Cumbre de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Cambio Climático (COP21) ha sido un paso importante en este sentido.

Conexión digital para el futuro: ¿Cómo concretar el sueño de los emprendedores?

En este contexto, es fundamental destacar la importancia de la infraestructura de internet en la formación de habilidades y conocimiento digital.

Asimismo, se ha subrayado la importancia de promover el uso de herramientas de aceleración de proyectos, como el caso de la plataforma de desarrollo de startups.

Para concluir, es fundamental seguir impulsando la inclusión digital y la educación en línea para hacer frente a los desafíos del futuro.
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JOSEF UMDASCH RESEARCH PRIZE
Connecting start-ups with corporates

For the second year, the Umdasch Group organized in partnership with WSA the Josef Umdasch Research Prize. This time the subsidiary Doka was searching for completely new solutions for its Future Workplace to implement into its company together with the winner.

157 registrations from 63 countries. This is the great result of the call of this year’s Josef Umdasch Research Prize.

After evaluation by the jury the following ideas have been nominated and invited to pitch at the WSA Global Congress Cascais. Each of them received 5000,- € to elaborate their submitted ideas further.

- AmBC (Ivory Coast) is a product from Byte Informatique designed to teach counting, reading and writing to illiterate or low level literacy adults.
- Beaconed (Kenya) is a talent acquisition and development platform that catalyzes mentorship and collaboration. Cupp (Canada) is a product of the company.
- Cupp (Canada), is a chatbot of the company Thinkwire that uses AI to answer employees quickly and conveniently on platforms they already use.
- Pulsetip (Lithuania) helps businesses to implement agile monitoring of organizational development and soft-metrics.
- QuickSpeech (Austria) is a machine learning driven solution that creates individualized learning journeys through daily quizzes.

The jury selected Cupp as winner for approaching the task in the most innovative way. AmBC was awarded with a special prize for its social business.
VOICES FROM THE WSA AUDIENCE ON THE WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS

WSA Chile National Expert Carolina Rossi:
„World Summit Awards congregates one of the most multicultural high-edge entrepreneurial ecosystems that I have ever seen. The value of its people and the constant battle to identify the top innovators worldwide not of their origins, cultural background, and gender.

WSA provides you with a whole network of experts and very experienced fellows that are today fundamental to transform a local initiative in something global and with a higher impact.”

Make-IT Africa, GIZ Jan Schwaab:
„WSA is a living example of crowd wisdom. With its unique selection process combined with an in-depth peer discussion of experts, WSA identifies relevance, beauty and impact of innovation. The worldwide network of experts and innovators is the most valuable asset of WSA.

Content matters more than ever. Many technical innovations have been established in the last years. The hype of new tech solutions now transforms into a new era of high quality content. Many new solutions focus on high quality data, user engagement and smart interaction of devices and users – rather than just exploring the potential of a new tech device.”

Key Speaker, CTO National Geographic Marcus East:
„I predict that many of the difficult problems affecting society today will not be solved by governments, but by the innovators who take the initiative and harness the power of technology to drive positive social change...”

So I am really supportive of the WSA objectives, particularly around closing the knowledge gap. I think, that if we can do whatever we can, to help them tackle some of these problems. That’s the only way, how we can maximize the potential for humanity. And I am very supportive of the great work that WSA is doing.”

Feedback from the survey:
„There is nothing more inspirational than being surrounded by brilliant capable people who are so motivated to contribute to lifting up all of humanity through what they do. It is the most educational and inspirational event. No matter what you do in benefit of society, you will find colleagues to learn from, partner with, and shining souls who will inspire and nourish you.”

Feedback from the survey:
„People, people, people and people. I take away all the connections that I made with this absolutely incredible, mind blowing audience and that’s the biggest power of WSA - bringing together like minded people from across the globe and giving them a platform, a common ground to connect in a meaningful and really personal way.”
WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS & FEEDBACK

WSA Congress Speaker Miguel Reynolds, Portugal:
"From this inspirational and dynamic event what was really impressive was the fact that it brings together so many people, especially millennials, that are really focused in creating and developing sustainable projects with a great economical value in various and different areas. I left the event with a big smile and with reinforced hope on the future we are leaving for the grand-children of your grand-children."

Dr. Francis Uy, Founder USHER, WSA Winner, Philippines:
"The WSA Global Congress was unique because it is not just about business or commercialization but positive social impact that should really be the core purpose of everything we do. I have learned a lot of things. An example will be how to emphasize the social impact in our commercialization projects in my university. Also, I am happy to learn that we have comparable projects in the Philippines that based on the various pitch sessions. This is very inspiring because I have confirmed that Filipinos can also help develop new technologies that can make communities better not just for Filipinos but the world. One highlights of the program? WSA was like attending the Oscars of the technology world."

Connor Sattely, Jury member, UK
WSA's network is a family. This energetic, exciting, and engaging family reunion was a breath of fresh air. I learned a great deal about how to create a network. While I work with startups around the world, I've learned a lot about how to involve and value members of my community, based on the model run by the WSA team. I've already started discussions at my organization on how we can do networking and mentor engagement better than we do!

Feedback from the survey:
"All of the formats deliver value. One thing I like about the fishbowl is the opportunity to dialogue as a whole congress. I always crave more of that."

This is the first time I attended WSA Global Congress. It was a very well curated and organized event. I had an extremely humbling, enriching and inspiring experience. The best part of the Congress was the amazing ideas and pitches presented by young founders. My association with WSA and attending the Congress has not only added value to me through the Business Ideas and service to the community but has also helped me to build lifetime connects with the right people in the start-up ecosystem."

"Made connections with HIGHLY Valuable Mentors"

"The core of WSA is technological innovation for social good. This can not be highlighted enough."

"The whole atmosphere of the conference is encouraging and respectful to the diversity of all participants. Engaging the participants in the judging process was a great asset that made us feel involved in the decision making, and that our voices do matter. The workshops provide inspiring learning experience. Overall, it is a priceless opportunity on both the humanitarian and professional levels. Thank you so much."
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