WSA - Purpose Driven Digital Innovation Globally

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ABOUT WSA

Global network of start-ups, entrepreneurs, thought leaders, mentors, jurors, IT experts, governments and international organisations. WSA national local experts reaching out in 182 UN member states.

Organized in the framework of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (UN WSIS) supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Conducted since 2003 by a not-for-profit organisation based in Austria, Europe.

Diverse, democratic, inclusive and highly competitive award system following the UN model 1 nomination / country / category. 600 submissions from 120 countries / year.

Recognizing the world’s most innovative digital solutions with a purpose, improving society.

Encouraging young entrepreneurship and digital creativity. Several international events, workshops, seminars and meetings throughout the year.

Communicates Local - Regional - Global.
WSA MISSION

Digital solutions driving social change and serving the SDGs.
Entrepreneurs with real purpose.
Local solutions for local challenges.
Networks - local, regional, global.

WSA – The global community of digital purpose driven entrepreneurs, who challenge the status quo and tackle social challenges.

Join WSA & take action.
WSA 2003 - 2019

10,072 submitted solutions
6,774 submissions for WSA
3,328 WSA Young Innovators

719 winners
517 WSA winners
84 countries

15 years

WSA Young Innovators winners in editions

TOP 10 WSA winning countries

- Austria - 22
- Germany - 21
- India - 19
- Finland - 15
- China - 18
- Brazil - 17
- New Zealand - 15

2029

WSA winners

global diameter of innovation since 2003

189 member states

15 years purpose driven digital innovators

reaching in

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JURY CRITERIA

CONTENT
Quality and comprehensiveness

FUNCTIONALITY
Ease of use, user experience, appropriate interactivity

DESIGN
Navigation / orientation and visual appeal

TECHNOLOGY
State of the art in technology and quality of technical realisation

INNOVATION
Originality and newness to targeted users, Business model society and market

2 strategic criteria:

IMPACT
Local Impact, Impact on society

GLOBAL / UN VALUE / DIGITAL DIVIDE

WSA YEARLY PROCESS

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

~ 600 ENTRIES INTO THE INNOVATION PIPELINE from 120 countries

Online Jury
70 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 Meeting
20 international jurors select the 40 WSA winners in a 3 day democratic process

40 WSA WINNERS
awarded at the WSA Global Congress (Vienna, Austria)

CATEGORIES

FEBRUARY

JULY

Government & Citizen Engagement
Health & Well Being
Environment & Green Energy
Learning & Education
Culture & Tourism
Smart Settlement & Urbanization
Business & Commerce
Inclusion & Empowerment

Young Innovators taking action on the SDGs (special recognition for entrepreneurs, younger than 26 yrs)
So far World Summit Award organized over 24 alone-standing conferences, summits, jury meetings, innovation events and meetings all over the world.

UPCOMING

WSA GLOBAL CONGRESS 2020
March 9-11, Vienna, Austria
THE WSA GLOBAL NETWORK & BENEFITS FOR PARTNERS

THE WSA NETWORK - GLOBAL. WITH PURPOSE. DIGITAL

WSA experts and Youth Ambassadors in 182 UN member states
reaching out to local communities and representing WSA all around the globe

WSA innovation pipeline - tech start-ups, SMEs and social enterprises from 182 countries
All nominated solutions are managed in the WSA database with currently 10,072 products.
As all solutions have already won a local pre-selection, the database contains only solutions that really work and have a potential to grow.
They can be filtered by region, country, company type and award category. All data is available as excel exports.
WSA solutions need to be digital, need to focus on local problems and need to work and be introduced into the market - no beta versions.

Speakers, Workshop Leaders, Mentors and International Organisations
Over the past 15 years, WSA built a global network of motivational speakers, workshop leaders, mentors and international organisations to support our vision and share their knowledge.
Interested to bring inspiring young entrepreneurs and their stories on stage?
Be it around femtech, edutech, a specific region or technology - WSA connects you.
ABOUT WSA AWARD GLOBAL CONGRESS
March 9-11 2020, Vienna, Austria

International Congress to present and promote the **40 international WSA winners** and discuss in an interactive process how ICTs can have a positive impact on society.

Took place already in Switzerland, Tunisia, Italy, Mexico, Canada, Egypt, UAE, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Singapore and Vienna.

Focus on **concrete solutions and content** and its **societal impact** instead of economic success and technological innovation.

**more than 400 start-ups, social entrepreneurs, experts and speakers from 80 countries**

**Interactive, transformative learning journey**
WSA WINNERS 2018
WSA EVENT REFERENCES
WHAT MAKES WSA UNIQUE?

The WSA was quite an eye-opening and fruitful experience for the Transparent Nigeria team. Right from the moment our plane landed in Sri Lanka, we could feel the energy and anticipation of all that we were about to learn and discover. We made innumerable and valuable connections with so many talented and imaginative teams making an impact with their e-Ventures. Not only was it a joy to get exposure to their own passions and businesses, but they provided feedback and many ideas that are helping us take Transparent Nigeria to the next level. Thank you WSA!

WSA 2016 is so far the best event that I have been to in my professional life. I am still overwhelmed by the number of amazing people that I met, great ideas that I heard and potential connections for future business. For me it was all about people and inspiration that I got from people at the event. From discussing UN’s challenges in getting closer to social entrepreneurs to hearing about projects that help to save lives in Bangladesh or prevent bulling in schools in Mexico, or help children become next generation developers... WSA was an eye opening event that influenced us to change the approach on how we viewed our growth and general being. As a result our business is now making 2 times more revenue.

I am fortunate to get invited to more conferences than I can attend these days, but I can’t imagine missing even one WSA Social Innovation Congress. Not only does WSA consistently bring together an exceptional and diverse group of tech leaders, speakers, and entrepreneurs, the conference itself includes such a fresh variety of events. From dynamic keynotes to the conversational fishbowl to the gala awards ceremony, everything is so impeccably organized. Thank you for including me in your latest great event in Singapore.

Young people are powerful drivers of change in political, economic and social developments around the world. They have asserted themselves as critical partners in sustainable development, proposing innovative solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges. Using the power of ICTs and social media, young people have a vehicle like never before to engage and participate. From entrepreneurs developing new technologies, to creating green jobs and more sustainable economies, young people are at the forefront of development. We must continue to recognise the valuable contributions of young entrepreneurs and work together to ensure the success of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.