

2021-2022



# WORLD LEGAL SUMMIT

Impact Statement

**WLS**  
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## INFORMED TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The world is rapidly transforming with the development and increasing adoption of new technologies. New technologies are affecting existing systems, and creating the path toward future global systems that were previously unimaginable (for example, a world currency, self sovereign identities, or digital democracies). Right now these technological developments are happening in silos, and emergent global systems remain underdeveloped and ill informed.

The World Legal Summit (WLS) is a multi party initiative driven toward building global collaboration in addressing some of the issues at the core of these silos. We focus on bridging the gap between currently disparate stakeholder groups through our biennial summit, research, and community initiatives.

### **Bridging the gap between:**

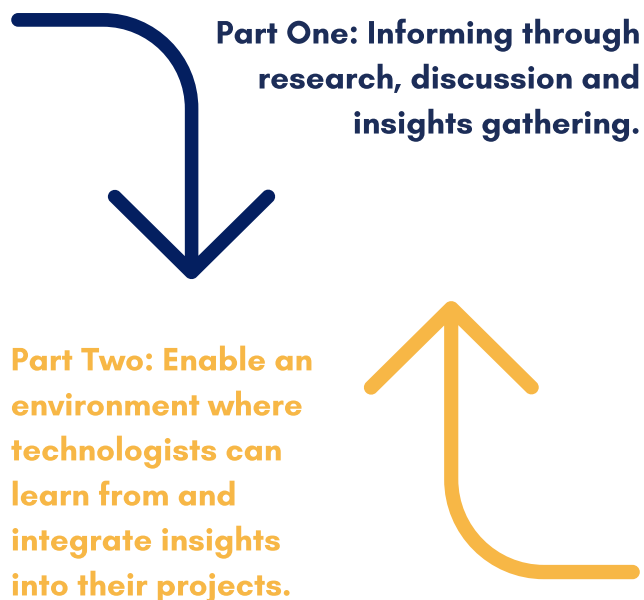
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## Technology & Law

Technology and related global systems are evolving at unprecedented rates. Traditionally, governance and lawmaking efforts have been reactive in their approach, lacking incentive and capacity to build proactive methods of creating governance frameworks. The WLS addresses this gap by creating a forum where both sides can come together, build legal insights and foster an environment in which these insights can be applied to new technologies as these systems emerge.

### Informing **Action**



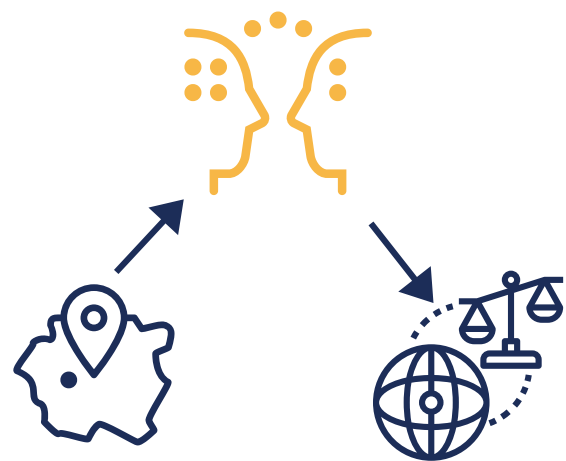
## Institutions & Grassroot Efforts

Fortune 500 Companies	Tech Start-ups & Entrepreneurs
UN & Government	Engineers & Scientists Working In New Technology Domains
Global Companies	Communities & Forums
Top-Tiered Global Law Firms	Non-Profits & Advocacy Groups
World-Renowned Universities & Think Tanks	

The WLS invites stakeholders from traditionally siloed groups together, facilitating informed and diverse conversation. **Established stakeholders** and **industry challengers** alike are given a seat at the table, creating an unprecedented space for dialogue around principal issues shaping their industries, new technologies and our future global systems.

Legislative considerations have remained at the national level despite increasing global connectedness through digital systems. The WLS leverages modern tools to bridge the gap between local and global stakeholders, encouraging the development of universal frameworks. Through these efforts local nuances and cultural relevance emerge and are integrated with the global discussion, leading to a unique perspective and an analysis of global trends that accounts for localization.

## Distillation of knowledge from national summits toward global trends.



# WLS TECHNOLOGY PILLARS

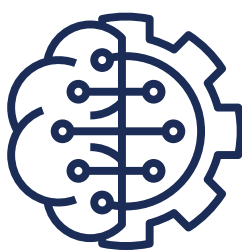
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As the capabilities of our digital era increase and our world becomes increasingly interconnected, we are experiencing the rapid growth of opportunities for new global systems that could offer solutions for some of the world's most pressing challenges. For example, the concepts of Universal Base Income (UBI), Self Sovereign Identities (SSI's), or digital democracies are all now possible in a way previously unimaginable. While these concepts are feasible and worth consideration within a national context, they are all the more impactful when considered in a multinational or global context. These concepts are offering solutions for improving economies, enabling citizen independence, disabling corruption, and creating a world in which we can co-exist as global citizens with the same human rights, opportunities, and sound governance structures.

Emerging technologies are at the forefront of factors enabling the development of these global systems; this is predominantly true of developments in AI and autonomous systems, digital identity and decentralized technologies, and data access and governance. For this reason, we have framed the following three **"WLS Technology Pillars"** to guide our resourcing and efforts.



Identity &  
Decentralized Tech



AI & Autonomous  
Systems



Personal Data  
Governance

**“Fire was an invention that propelled civilization, but there is no doubt that fire has also been misused. The same can be said about new technologies.” – Panelist  
Madrid, Spain WLS 2019**

While these technologies are rapidly being developed and these beneficial global systems are emerging, there is a major gap in global collaboration. The investment in and the development of these technologies is primarily happening at a national level, or through international consortia styled groups that often maintain a biased agenda. This leads to a number of issues, such as:

- Emerging global systems are ill informed and lacking cohesive governance frameworks.
- Countries that have corrupt governments or are lacking necessary legal infrastructure are susceptible to emergent forms of corruption and ethical misappropriation.
- The innovation and growth of some technologies are stifled without a regulatory framework to allow for wider adoption and learning.
- Lack of global collaboration in standards building for these technologies.



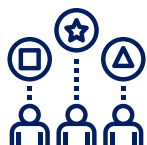
The inaugural year of the biennial WLS Summit supported solution development for some of these fundamental issues. The #WLS2019 summit did this by:



Drawing on the expertise of top industry leaders across academia, government, technology, and non-profit segments. 2,000 expert invitees participated, with hundreds of leading panelists driving their local discussions in 33 locations across 25 countries.



Creating access to information through the consolidation of insights into our biennial Global Report, and launching research tools designed to survey and surface insights on these topics from across all major world regions. In 2019 we launched the first version of the Decentralized Identity Readiness Scale, and the beta release of an interactive database designed to survey and deliver information about the legislative frameworks existing worldwide for our core WLS Technology Pillars.



Catering to a diverse and expansive digital audience of 10,000 unique users across over 100 nations.



Establishing the foundations for having a substantive dialogue on currently nascent topics in need of further research and discussion. In some locations these topics were introduced for the first time in this way, and in many locations the multi-stakeholder format was unprecedented.



Enabled a global discussion and digital collaboration. The WLS platform was designed in this way so as to leverage the many tools available to us to uncover local nuances, while ensuring connection to a global context. It is worth noting that this format was by design, predating the COVID pandemic.



# GET INVOLVED: 2021

## Global and Regional Partnerships

- Showcase your industry leadership in technology ethics and governance domains
- Place your experts at the centre of the local and global discussions
- Access a truly global community of legal and technology professionals
- Contribute to a growing dialogue in need of more awareness and multi-stakeholder support



## Hosting and Local Involvement

- Lead the impact in your country for core topics of technology governance
- Access and engage with local experts
- Place your experts at the centre of the local discussion
- Bring your country's voice and local expertise to the global conversation



If you are part of an organization interested in getting involved with the WLS, we are happy to connect and discuss next steps for involvement.

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