ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas (RDF-AMS)
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Casamagna Marriot Hotel, Cancún, Mexico

Organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at the kind invitation of Secretaria de Comunicaciones y Transporte and Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones (IFT)

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:00 Welcome addresses immediately followed by ITU’s 150th Anniversary celebrations
  • Gerardo Ruiz Esparza, Secretary of Communications
  • Gabriel Oswaldo Contreras Saldívar, President of IFT
  • Brahima Sanou, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau
    o Welcome address and ITU 150th Anniversary celebrations

10:00 – 10:30 Group photo and coffee break

Session 1: Review of implementation of the Americas regional initiatives 2011-2014
An overview of the implementation of the regional initiatives with special emphasis on lessons learned during this period will be presented by the ITU Americas Regional Team, Americas Regional Office Director and Area Office Representatives

10:30 – 11:10 Implementation of regional initiatives.
11:10- 11:30 Open discussions and feedback

Session 2: BDT members round table on ways to improve implementation
Review the work done in the implementation of regional initiatives in Session 1. This session will focus on ways to improve cooperation between ITU and members in the region, with particular focus on processes.

11:30 – 12:15 Round table
12:15 – 12:30 Questions and Answers

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

Session 3: Preparing the activities for 2016
The objective of this session is to discuss the activities/actions that should be prioritized for 2016 in the Americas region, including the coordination of regional events with the three ITU Sectors
and with regional organizations, especially CITEL. Conclusions from this session will guide the Americas Regional Office in conducting its activities during 2016.

14:00 – 15:00 Round table to identify relevant topics for 2016 operational activities
15:00 – 15:30 Open discussions and feedback

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

Session 4: Proposals for new regional initiatives, paving the way to WTDC-17

The objective of this session is to begin developing regional initiatives for the Americas to be submitted to WTDC-17 for the next cycle. The time it takes to prepare such proposals, including discussion in regional forums, such as CITEL, suggests that it is appropriate to begin this debate well in advance.

15:45 – 16:30 Round table to identify relevant topics to draft new regional initiatives
16:00 – 17:00 Open discussions and feedback

17:00 – 17:30 Closing remarks
  • Mr Brahima Sanou, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau
  • Mexican authority