



Ministry of Information Technology and Communications
of the Republic of Moldova



ITU Regional Forum for CIS and Europe “Strengthening Innovation Capabilities in the ICT-centric Ecosystem and Fostering the Growth of ICT Startups”

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 28-29 March 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

28 March 2017, Tuesday

09:00-09:30	Registration of participants
09:30-10:00	<p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vitalie Tarlev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Moldova • Mr. Yushi Torigoe, Deputy to the Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), International Telecommunication Union • Mr. Stefan Liller, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative • Ms. Doina Nistor, Director of the USAID Moldova Competitiveness Project
10:00-10:30	Coffee break. Group photo
10:30-12:00	<p>Session 1: Creating ICT-centric innovation ecosystem. Role of national, regional and international stakeholders in fostering the growth of startups in ICT sector</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Vitalie Tarlev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Ba, Head, Innovation Division, International Telecommunication Union; • Mr. Pavel Sincariuc, Head, IT Policies Directorate, Ministry of Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Moldova; • Mr. Irakli Kashibadze, CEO, Future Laboratory, Georgia; • Mr. Mirlan Omuraliev, Deputy Chairman, State Committee of Information Technologies and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic; • Albania, Speaker TBD; • Ms. Galina Kucheriavaia, Legal, Regulatory and Government Relations Director, Sky Mobile LLC, Kyrgyz Republic; • Mr. Sergiu Rabii, Moldova Competitiveness Project <i>IT industry ecosystem development initiatives</i>
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Session 1 (continued)
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	<p>Session 2: Future technology developments: opportunities, challenges and business strategies. Strengthening the culture of entrepreneurship and business skills of all stakeholders</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Orozobek Kaiykov, Honorary Professor, Kyrgyz State Technical University named after I. Razzakov, Kyrgyz Republic</p>

Speakers:

- **Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas**, Group Director Public Policy, VEON, **Netherlands**;
- **Ms. Irina Politova**, Head, Research Development Department, A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications, **Ukraine**:
Methodology of Selecting Technical Solutions for Implementing Future Networks;
- **Ms. Ana Chirita**, Moldovan Association of Private ICT Companies, **Republic of Moldova**.
- **Dr Drasko Draskovic**, Innovation Expert, **Republic of Serbia**.

29 March 2017, Wednesday

09:30-11:00	<p>Session 3: Funding mechanisms for applied research, innovation and development. Intellectual property protection</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas, Group Director Public Policy, VEON, Netherlands</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohamed Ba, Head, Innovation Division, International Telecommunication Union; • Mr. Irakli Kashibadze, CEO, Future Laboratory, Georgia; • Mr. Domingos Guimaraes, Co-founder at Academia de Codigo, Portuguese Republic; • Mr. Alexander Drobik, Deputy Director of Research and Education Center, State University of Telecommunications, Ukraine <i>Modern ways of funding ICT-startups in innovative ecosystem</i>; • Mr. Igor Cojocar, Director of Information Society Development Institute, Academy of Sciences, Republic of Moldova: <i>ICT RDI funding in Moldova - challenges and opportunities</i>; • Mr. Octavian Apostol, Director General of the State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI), Republic of Moldova.
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	Session 3 (continued)
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>Session 4: Incorporation of innovation and entrepreneurship in the education system. Multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder cooperation and partnership to promote ICT innovations</p> <p>Moderator: Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for CIS</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Volodymyr Tolubko, Rector, State University of Telecommunications, Ukraine: <i>New approaches in training of IT professionals for ICT innovation ecosystem: best practices, challenges, prospects</i> • Ms. Natalia Amelina, Head, Teacher Professional Development and Networking Department, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education: <i>Access to Information and Education for People with Disabilities by means of ICT: Joint ITU/IITE Project</i>; • Ms. Irina Politova, Head, Research Development Department, A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications, Ukraine; • Ms. Elina Sakkarava, Lead Expert, ICT Projects Implementation Department, State Committee of Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic; • Technical University, Republic of Moldova; • ICT Center of Excellence – Tekwill, Republic of Moldova.
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:00	Session 4 (continued)
17:00-17:30	Conclusions and Closing Ceremony. ICT Centric Innovation for SDGs and the Way Forward

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- **Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder**, Coordinator for Europe Region, **ITU**;
- **Mr. Vitalie Tarlev**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Information Technology and Communications of the **Republic of Moldova**.