

Connect CIS Summit Call for investment in ICT and transition to digital communication

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ITU's Connect CIS Summit will take place on November 26 and 27 at the National Library of Minsk, Belarus.

The Connect CIS Summit is the second in a series of regional events designed to stimulate public-private partnerships and investment needed to "connect the unconnected" by 2015. It builds on the successful Connect Africa Summit held in Kigali, Rwanda in October 2007 as part of ITU's mission to "Connect the World".

The Summit is set to highlight the huge market potential of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), as well as its growing importance as a major ICT development hub, particularly in the area of software innovation. To mobilize the human, financial and technical resources required to support a rapid, region-wide transition to digital infrastructure and services, widely recognized as the engine of future employment, economic growth and social and economic development.

The Summit will feature high-level discussion panels and networking sessions, focusing on the challenges posed to emerging and transition economies in harnessing the full potential of ICTs. Major commitments will be announced on multi-stakeholder partnerships to meet these challenges.

The Connect CIS Summit is expected to bring together some 400 participants, including leaders from the CIS and neighbouring countries, regulatory authorities, industry and financial institutions. It will be hosted by the President of Belarus, Mr Alexander Lukashenko.

The Summit will offer a venue for leaders from the public and private sectors as well as international and regional financing and development agencies to network face-to-face and forge new partnerships.

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