

## Specialized Session

### Innovation ecosystem matching: unlocking opportunity through good practice

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 1:15 PM - 3:15 PM, Room 5 - Biro

Creating the next Silicon Valley has been elusive and difficult, especially in the context of developing countries where less than 1% of GDP may be dedicated to research and development. An exciting ecosystem alone is not enough: it must also be competitive, and include all the right ingredients. Programmes or policies need constant adaptation to meet the changing environment, and stakeholders must be able to update their processes based on good practices to achieve impact. Good practices are key to unlocking opportunities, maximizing limited resources, ensuring ICT innovation reaches markets and creating a high-growth, innovation-driven economy.

What practical examples of good practices can be transferred or nurtured in order to develop an ecosystem with a strong fabric that can create the next tech unicorns?

This interactive session will explore relevant case studies and facilitate networking opportunities between successful innovators and participants.

Open to all Pass categories

#### Moderator

Mr. Mohamed BA, Head of Innovation Division, ITU - BDT (ITU-D), United Nations

#### Panellists

Ms. Valentina Stadnic, Administrator, Moldova IT Park, Moldova, (the Republic of)

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