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Development Bureau (BDT)



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To:
Scientific and Industrial Organizations from
ITU D Sector Members

Subject: TECH TALKS: Interactive Information sharing session with Scientific and Industrial Organizations (SIO) of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) Members (Virtual), 27 April 2021, 13h00-15h00 CET

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in our **TECH TALKS Series** – an engagement dialogue platform for ITU-D Sector Members aimed at building a closer relationship with the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT). This TECH TALKS event will focus on the **Scientific and Industrial Organizations (SIO) community** within our ITU-D Membership. It will be held virtually (English only) on **27 April 2021 from 13:00 to 15:00 CET**.

The TECH TALKS series, run by industry, private sector, and other entities among our ITU-D Membership, aims to give members, based on manifestation of interest, opportunities to present technological trends in their areas, and share their work in the space of ICT development, and an opportunity to explore partnerships in projects with the BDT. Besides the presence of SIOs, BDT staff at headquarters and in our field offices across all the regions will participate and share information on how the SIO could participate in our planned future projects, initiatives and events.

I believe that this is an opportunity for us to strengthen dialogue, information sharing and partnerships and we can together share innovative approaches to connectivity, among other things, and also share new business models with the potential to enrich inputs to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21) to be held from 8 to 19 November 2021 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Please indicate your interest to speak on this occasion. There will be a panel of six presenters. Each speaker will have up to **15 minutes** to share technological trends, best practices, and innovative approaches they are using in their work in the space of telecommunication/ICT development. This TECH TALKS event will also provide an opportunity to network and exchange information with participating BDT staff.

If your organization is not able to speak at this event, there will be many other occasions to do so in the future. Detailed information on the structure, nature, and content of the session will be shared with the Speakers.

I look forward to welcoming you to this series of TECH TALKS and to share experiences and innovative ideas on how we could address the connectivity challenge together. The concept note of this event is attached.

Registration to participate is required. Please [register here](#). Finally, please indicate **by 12 April 2021** your interest to be among the six members who will speak. You may express such interest by writing to: membershipitud@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director



TECH TALKS SERIES

Interactive Information sharing session with ITU-D Sector Members: **Scientific and Industrial Organizations (SIO)**

27 April 2021, Virtual, 13h00-15h00 CET

Background:

As part of our efforts to constantly build value and opportunities for our Sector Members, the Telecommunication Development Bureau has launched the **TECH TALKS Series** which is a new initiative that provides industry, private sector, and other entities among our ITU-D Membership with an opportunity to share information with the staff of the Telecommunication Development Bureau at headquarters and in the field.

Objective:

The **TECH TALKS Series** was conceptualized as an engagement dialogue platform for ITU-D Sector Membership to:

- provide ITU-D members an opportunity to present technological trends in their areas.
- share best practices and innovative approaches they have used in their work in the space of telecommunication/ICT development.
- explore partnership opportunities in existing and new ITU projects on digital connectivity.
- network with BDT staff at headquarters and in our field offices across all the regions and with respective industry and private sector members.

In turn, ITU will share current and future partnership opportunities in our projects, activities, and initiatives.

These sessions will be open to all ITU-D Members, who will be openly or individually invited to express interest to share their offerings and ongoing or planned projects in telecommunication/ICT development. ITU-D Members will have an opportunity to interact with staff and have a better understanding of what ITU-D is doing and planning and how they could contribute through impactful partnerships.

Session Format:

This session will focus on **Scientific and Industrial Organizations (SIO)** within our Sector Membership. It will be held virtually (**English only**) on **27 April 2021** from **13:00 to 15:00 CET**. The session will run as follows:

- BDT Director welcoming remarks outlining key ongoing initiatives and planned initiatives.
- Presentations by a panel drawn from the selected ITU-D Sector community participating in a particular TECH Talk series, which in this case is the SIO members.
- Question and answer session.
- Closing of the session.