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To

- Other Entities and Regulators from
  ITU D Sector Members

**Subject: TECH TALKS: Interactive Information sharing session with Other Entities membership
community of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector Members (Virtual),
4 November 2021, 13h00-15h00 CEST**

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 **Other Entities community** including Regulators within
our ITU-D Membership. It will be held virtually (English only) on **4 November 2021 from 13:00 to 15:00 CEST.**

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 BDT. Besides the presence of our Sector Members, BDT staff at headquarters and in our field
offices across all the regions, will participate and share information on how the Other Entities community
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 upcoming World Telecommunication Development
Conference (WTDC) to be held from 6 to 15 June 2022, 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 on 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 and it will be accessible **here.** Finally, please indicate **by 14 October 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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Interactive Information sharing session with ITU-D Sector Members:

Other Entities

4 November 2021, Virtual, 13h00-15h00 CEST

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 the **Other Entities membership community** within our Sector Membership. It will be held virtually **(English only)** on **4 November 2021** from **13:00 to 15:00 CEST**. The session will run as follows:

- BDT Director's 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 Other Entities members.
- Question and answer session.
- Closing of the session.