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Subject: **Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-25), 31 August to 3 September 2025, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 2025 Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-25) under the theme: ***Regulation for sustainable digital development***. GSR-25 will be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Government of Saudi Arabia. The event will be held from 31 August to 3 September 2025 at the King Abdul Aziz International Conference Center, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and will be chaired by His Excellency Dr Mohammed Saud Al-Tamimi, Governor of the Communications, Space & Technology Commission (CST).

Built around interactive high-level panels on topical and cutting-edge policy and regulatory issues, GSR-25 provides regulators and policy makers from around the world with a unique platform for discussions among peers and with other digital stakeholders. As part of GSR-25 pre-events, a regulatory masterclass will be held on 31 August, and the Executive Heads of Regulators' Roundtable (upon invitation only), the Regional Regulatory Associations (RA)/Digital Regulation Network meeting, and the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO) meeting on 1 September. Core sessions of GSR-25 will be held from 1 September in the afternoon until 3 September.

The proposed topics for the discussions consider suggestions by the membership following GSR-24. Focusing on various aspects of regulation for digital development, the sessions will address the following themes: collaborate, connect, trust, protect, include, empower, sustain and innovate. Should you have any further suggestions, please let us know at gsr@itu.int. The detailed programme will follow shortly and will be posted on the website.

The GSR-25 consultation to identify best practice guidelines on *What does it take for regulators to become digital ecosystem builders?* will follow shortly. More information is available at: https://www.itu.int/gsr25/.

I hope that you will be able to participate and make a valuable contribution to a successful Global Symposium for Regulators 2025.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

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Panel participation
In line with past procedures, there will be no formal presentations apart from those made by keynote speakers, as appropriate. Active participation of **executive level** participants in panel sessions is welcomed and encouraged. Those wishing to participate as panellists in one of the sessions identified in the provisional programme will be requested to complete the online panellist registration form, presenting an outline of their potential contribution to the topic. Selected participants will be informed accordingly.

Registration
Registration to participate in GSR-25 and its pre-events is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online.

An ITU User Account is required to register.

- For **ITU Member States Administrations, Palestine** (**Resolution 99** (Rev. Dubai, 2018)) **and Regulatory Associations,** please register here.
- For **ITU-D Sector Members, Regional and International Organizations, ITU affiliated academic and research Institutes, and United Nations Funds and Programs, Specialized Agencies, and IAEA,** please register here.

Registration requests must be validated by the Designated Focal Points (DFPs) of respective administrations and entities entitled to participate.

The list of Designated Focal Points is available here.

The participation of women and young people in delegations is encouraged.

For questions and assistance, please contact: BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int.

Interpretation
Interpretation for GSR-25 from 31 August to 3 September 2025 will be provided based on participants requests. During registration, participants requiring a language other than English must select their choice from the list on the registration form (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish). The deadline to request interpretation through the registration system is **17 July 2025** (23h59 Hours, Geneva Time).

Practical information
Please note that participants shall cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Practical information on accommodation, including logistical details, will soon be available on the GSR-25 website. Due to visa requirements, participants are encouraged to follow the visa instructions available on the GSR-25 website to ensure timely processing. The Regulatory and Market Environment Division (e-mail: gsr@itu.int or tel.: +41 22 730 5175/5443) is at the disposal of participants who require assistance.

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31 August-3 September 2025, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Overall Programme

Sunday 31 August	Monday 1 September	Tuesday 2 September	Wednesday 3 September
	9h00 -10h30 **Regional Regulatory Associations (RA)/Digital Regulation Network (DRN) Meeting**	9h00-10h15 **High Level segment: Collaborate - Collaborative governance for digital development** *10h15-10h45 Coffee break*	9h00-10h15 **Session 5: Include – Building an inclusive and equitable digital future** *10h15-10h45 Coffee break*
	11h00-12h15 **Heads of Regulators Executive Roundtable**	10h45-12h00 **Session 2: Connect- From earth to space**	10h45-12h00 **Session 6: Empower - Upskilling for the Digital Age**
	12h15-13h30 Lunch	*12h00-14h00 Lunch* **12h45-13h45 Network of Women (NoW) in ITU-D**	*12h00-14h00 Lunch*
14h00-17h00 **Digital regulation masterclass**	13h30-15h15 **Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO)**	14h00-15h15 **Session 3: Trust – In digital we trust** *15h15-15h45 Coffee break*	14h00-15h00 **Session 7: Sustain - What framework for a sustainable future?** 15h10-16h10 **Session 8: Innovate – Building the ecosystem to address global challenges** *16h10-16h30 Coffee break*
	16h00-17h00 **GSR-25 Opening Ceremony**	15h45-17h00 **Session 4: Protect – Shaping consumer confidence**	**16h30- 17h00** **Closing**
	17h30-18h00 *Press Conference*		