

Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)



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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- State of Palestine (Resolution 99)
- National Regulatory Authorities

Subject: Call for Expressions of Interest to Host the First ITU Accessible World Global Summit (14–16 July 2026)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) meeting held from 20 to 24 May 2025 and <u>Document 17: "Organization of an ITU Accessible World – ICT for ALL Global Summit"</u>, I am pleased to invite expressions of interest to host this pioneering event.

The Accessible World – ICT for ALL Global Summit (14–16 July 2026, tentative) will be the first global platform dedicated to advancing ICT accessibility as a cornerstone of digital inclusion. It will bring together governments, industry, academia, civil society, and other stakeholders to drive concrete, actionable outcomes that ensure technology is accessible and beneficial to everyone — regardless of age, gender, ability, or geography.

Hosting this visionary Summit will enable your country to:

- ✓ Demonstrate strategic leadership by driving inclusive digital transformation on the global stage.
- ✓ Attract international policymakers, experts and stakeholders to explore solutions and envisage partnership opportunities aimed at advancing implementation.
- ✓ Shape the global agenda as the first-ever host of this Summit, setting the foundation for a barrier-free digital future where no one is left behind.

We invite **Member States** to formally submit their intent to host by **31 October 2025**. Preference will be given to countries with a track record of organizing accessible ICT events or showing strong leadership in promoting digital inclusion.

Kindly address your expression of interest or any enquiry to bdtdirector@itu.int, with a copy to digital.inclusion@itu.int

Together, we can ensure that this Summit becomes a defining legacy in shaping a barrier-free digital future for all.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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