ANNEX 1

# ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF) for
# the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Region (RDF-CIS)
*26-27 March 2024*
*Astana, Kazakhstan*

Organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of
the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Hosted by the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation, and Aerospace Industry
of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**DRAFT AGENDA**

## 26 March 2024, Tuesday (time GMT+6)

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| **09:00-10:00** | **Participants badging** |
| **10:00-10:30** | **Opening ceremony** |
| **10:30-11:00** | **Group photo and coffee break** |
| **11:00-12:30** | **Executive panel: Digital development in the CIS region: trends, opportunities and challenges** <br><br>*This is a high-level executive panel, with the objective to discuss regional and country specific challenges and opportunities arising from digital development and transformation. The focus will be on the CIS countries and how the CIS region could accelerate the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals through digital.* |
| **12:30-13:30** | **Lunch break** |
| **13:30-14:20** | **Multistakeholder cooperation for digital development** <br><br>*This session will present an overview of digital cooperation actions promoted by different international organizations, multilateral banks, and other stakeholders to achieve digital development in the CIS. Likewise, the progress report of some joint initiatives between ITU and other agencies will be presented. ITU BDT will present on the implementation of the Kigali Action Plan and Regional initiatives for CIS Region approved by World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022 (WTDC-22).* |
| **14:20-14:40** | **Coffee break** |
| **14:40-15:30** | **Transforming Partner2Connect pledges into commitments for impact** <br><br>*This session will also introduce to ITU Member States, UN and development community the Partner2Connect initiative and its expected impacts in achieving the universal meaningful connectivity and sustainable digital transformation within the broader Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).  Partners will be invited to share progress on the pledges made under the P2C platform and in particular:* <br>• *To elaborate on the progress made towards implementing their pledge(s); highlight opportunities available and or partnerships required to advance their commitment.* <br>• *Invite Members/ panelists who have not made any pledges to do so and make use of the P2C platform to mobilize resources needed.* |

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| | • *Emphasize on the need for public-private collaboration to accelerate digital development among others.* |
| | • *Share their ideas/views on how platforms such as P2C can be used to accelerate digital developments in the CIS Region.* |
| **15:30-16:00** | **Day 1 wrap-up and coffee break** |

## 27 March 2024, Wednesday (time GMT+6)

*PARTNER 2 CONNECT (P2C) ROUNDTABLES:*

*The Partner2Connect regional matchmaking roundtable is a multistakeholder platform for matchmaking between regional and country needs and existing pledges already announced as well as new pledges. The matchmaking is aligned with the WTDC-22 adopted Regional Initiatives for the CIS region. Through engagement among pledging partners and the Member States, the roundtables aims at transforming pledges into concrete commitments ready for implementation for concrete results and impact.*

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| **10:00-11:00** | **P2C Matchmaking Roundtable 1 – RI CIS1**<br><br>*RI CIS1: Developing infrastructure to promote innovation and partnerships in the introduction of new technologies – the Internet of Things, including the industrial Internet, smart cities and communities, 5G/IMT-2020 and next-generation NET-2030 communication networks, quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, digital health, digital skills and environmental protection.* |
| **11:00-11:30** | **Coffee break** |
| **11:30-12:30** | **P2C Matchmaking Roundtable 2 – RI CIS2**<br><br>*RI CIS2: Cybersecurity and personal data protection.*<br><br>*Objective: To provide assistance to ITU Member States in the CIS region in developing and maintaining secure, reliable and robust digital networks and services and in solving problems related to the protection of personal data.* |
| **12:30-13:30** | **Lunch break** |
| **13:30-14:30** | **P2C Matchmaking Roundtable 3 – RI CIS3**<br><br>*RI CIS3: Creating an enabling legal and regulatory environment to accelerate digital transformation.*<br><br>*Objective: To provide assistance to ITU Member States in the region in developing related laws and regulations and digital services in various economic sectors, fostering innovation, increasing information sharing and strengthening cooperation in regulation, thereby contributing to the creation of an enabling regulatory environment for all stakeholders.* |

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| **14:30-15:30** | **P2C Matchmaking Roundtable 4 – RI CIS4**<br><br>*RI CIS4: Digital skills and information and communication technology accessibility for the public, in particular for persons with disabilities.*<br><br>*Objective: To provide assistance to ITU Member States in the CIS region in formulating recommendations for the development of the public's digital skills, paying particular attention to persons with disabilities.* |
| **15:30-16:00** | **Coffee break** |
| **16:00-17:00** | **P2C Matchmaking Roundtable 5 – RI CIS5**<br><br>*RI CIS5: Development of smart cities and communities.*<br><br>*Objective: To provide assistance to ITU Member States in the CIS region in developing legal and regulatory frameworks, creating necessary infrastructure, introducing modern services and applications in different aspects of smart cities and communities (education, healthcare, tourism, transport, energy, security, the environment, etc.) and raising the digital literacy of the public, business and authorities.* |
| **17:00-17:15** | **Summary report and outcomes of the RDF-CIS** |
| **17:15-17:30** | **Closing ceremony** |