



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To: ITU-D Sector Members

Subject: Virtual Spring Consultation Meeting of the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO) meeting, 7 May 2024.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the Spring Consultation meeting for the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO) platform, to take place **virtually (English only)**, on 7 May 2024 at 13H00 (CEST). More details can be found in Annex 1.

This meeting aims to foster your engagement and contributions in key areas:

- **Gather industry and private sector insights** in preparation to the **IAGDI-CRO physical meeting to be held on 2 July 2024**, in Kampala, Uganda, as part of the 2024 Global Symposium for Regulators ([GSR-24](#)).
- **Brief and promote your contributions** from ITU-D Sector Members to the GSR-24 [consultation process](#). The GSR-24 **Best Practices Guidelines** will be adopted at the Heads of Regulators Executive Roundtable at GSR-24.

This virtual IAGDI-CRO Spring Consultation meeting will be chaired by Mr Bocar Ba, Chair of IAGDI-CRO and CEO, SAMENA Telecommunications Council, and review **written suggestions** received in advance and **exchanges** during this meeting. Industry and private sector contributions will set the scene for the main themes for discussion in the IAGDI-CRO physical meeting on 2 July 2024 and will be reflected in the IAGDI-CRO Outcome Statement presented as part of GSR-24 closure ceremony.

Your suggestions of topics can be sent to membershipitud@itu.int by **2 May 2024** or presented during the virtual meeting for which you can [register here](#).

I look forward to your contributions and participation in this meeting and I take this opportunity to encourage you to also register to GSR-24. Please, [register here](#).

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

Annex: Concept Note IAGDI-CRO Spring meeting and Agenda



**Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and
the Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers (IAGDI-CRO)**

Virtual Spring Consultation Meeting

7 May 2024 at 13H00 (CEST) | duration: 01h30m

Background: Established under Resolution 71 (Rev. Kigali, 2022), the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers (IAGDI-CRO) meetings are a directive from the BDT Director to facilitate gatherings of high-level industry executives. The IAGDI-CRO, comprising ITU Development Sector (ITU-D) Sector Members, contributes by sharing expertise, aiding in the design and conceptualization of projects, and supporting resource mobilization for BDT implementation, among other activities.

In preparation of the IAGDI-CRO meeting scheduled for 2 July 2024 in Kampala, Uganda, at 2024 Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-24), this **Virtual Spring Meeting of the IAGDI-CRO** aims to:

Objective:

- Gather insights to define the primary themes for discussion at the IAGDI-CRO meeting in July 2024 which will support the preparation of the IAGDI-CRO Outcome Statement.
- Encourage contributions from ITU-D Sector Members to the GSR-24 Best Practices Guidelines consultation process, set for presentation and adoption during the GSR-24 Heads of Regulators Executive Roundtable on 1st July 2024.

Format: Adopting a virtual format, as recommended by Sector Members to encourage broader participation, the meeting will be led by the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the IAGDI-CRO. Contributions on themes will be gathered both through written submissions in advance and live verbal exchanges during the session.

Outcome: The session's results will be encapsulated in a written summary, which will: (i) Inform and guide the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the IAGDI-CRO in preparing for the July 2024 session. (ii) Promote contributions from ITU-D Sector members to the 2024 GSR Best Practices Guidelines.

Agenda:

AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER/MODERATORS	DURATION
Welcoming remarks	Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava Director, BDT	5 minutes
Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Overview of IAGDI-CRO.- Presentation of suggested themes of interest for IAGDI CRO physical meeting (2 July 2024, Uganda).	Mr Bocar BA Chair of IAGDI-CRO, CEO, SAMENA Telecommunications Council, UAE	5 minutes
Presentation of the GSR-24 themes and approaches: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Value of industry and private sector engagement in GSR-24.- Opportunity to contribute to the Best Practices Guidelines consultation process.	Ms Sofie Maddens Chief DKH, BDT	10 minutes
Open exchange – discussion moderated by the IAGDI-CRO Vice-Chairs	Open to all participants Moderated by IAGDI-CRO Vice-Chairs: Ms Amy Alvarez, Vice-Chair AVP - International External & Regulatory Affairs, AT&T, USA Ms Lele Modise, Vice-Chair Group Chief Legal and Regulatory Officer (CLRO), MTN Group South Africa	50 minutes
Wrap-up and Closing remarks	Mr Bocar BA Chair of IAGDI-CRO, CEO, SAMENA Telecommunications Council, UAE	15 minutes
Final Remarks	Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava Director, BDT	5 minutes
TOTAL		90 minutes