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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States from the CIS region
- ITU-D Sector Members and Associates from the CIS region
- ITU Academia from the CIS region

Subject: ITU Regional Forum "Future Technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Metaverse, Holography and

other ICT Applications and Services. Vision 2030", 9-11 June 2025, St. Petersburg, Russian

Federation

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) **Regional Forum "Future Technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Metaverse, Holography and other ICT Applications and Services. Vision 2030"**, taking place from 9-11 June 2025 in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation. This event is co-organized by the ITU and the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC) with the support of the Ministry of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation.

The Forum will be held within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiatives and ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and PJSC "Rostelecom" joint project "International Research, Development and Testing Centre for new equipment, technologies, and services (IRDTC) - Phase 2".

This Forum will bring together leading experts, industry stakeholders, and policymakers to explore the transformative potential of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Telepresence, Metaverse and other emerging ICT applications and services. The event will provide a platform to discuss cutting-edge advancements, share best practices, and develop actionable strategies to shape the future of telecommunications.

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The Forum will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation. The event will be paperless. All materials of the Forum, including registration link, will be available on the web-page: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2025/FoCForum.aspx

There is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization.

The Forum will be held back to back with the meetings of the ITU-T Study Group 13 Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (SG11RG-EECAT), ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (SG20RG-EECAT) taking place on 9-11 June. The invitations letters for ITU-T meetings are sent by TSB secretariat accordingly.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional Office for CIS, tel.: +7 495 926 60 70, email: farid.nakhli@itu.int.

I look forward to your valuable participation and contribution to this event.

Yours faithfully,

(Original signed)

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava Director

ITU Regional Forum "Future Technologies: AI, Metaverse, HTC and other ICT Applications and Services. Vision 2030"

Saint-Petersburg, Russian Federation, June 9-11, 2025

Venue: <u>Tauride Palace, Shpalernaya st., 47, Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation</u>

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9 June 2025, Monday		
ITU Regional Forum "Future Technologies: AI, Metaverse, HTC and other ICT Applications and Services. Vision 2030"		
09:30-10:00	Registration of participants	
10:00-10:20	 Opening Ministry of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) 	
10:20-11:00	Keynote presentation: Current status of telepresence technologies development	
11:00-11:30	Coffee break and group photo	
11:30-13:00	 Session 1: Telepresence services Objectives: Explore the development and standardization of Telepresence technologies and their applications in various industries Identify key use cases for emerging technologies and their potential impact on global telecommunications 	
13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-15:30	Demo session: Telepresence Fashion Show "Telepresence Suits"	
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
Meetings of the ITU-T Regional Groups		
16:00-19:00	Meetings of the ITU-T Study Group Regional Groups for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Transcaucasia	

10 June 2025, Tuesday

ITU Regional Forum "Future Technologies: AI, Metaverse, HTC and other ICT Applications and Services. Vision 2030"	
09:30-10:00	Registration of participants
10:00-11:00	Session 2: Enabling Metaverse Objective: Examine the requirements and challenges of building networks capable of supporting the Metaverse
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-13:00	Session 2 (continued)

13:00-14:00	Lunch break	
	Session 3: Metaverse and AI	
14:00-15:30	Objective: • Discuss the role of AI in shaping digital economies and enhancing network capabilities	
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
Meetings of the ITU-T Regional Groups		
16:00-19:00	Meetings of the ITU-T Study Group Regional Groups for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Transcaucasia	

11 June 2025, Wednesday ITU Regional Forum "Future Technologies: AI, Metaverse, HTC and other ICT Applications and Services. Vision 2030" 09:30-10:00 **Registration of participants** Session 4: Combatting fraudulent communications and spoofing numbers Objective: This session will focus on combating fraudulent communications and spoofed numbers, 10:00-11:00 a widespread issue in telephone networks worldwide. In addition to discussing best practices and use cases, it will provide an overview of a standardized solution by ITU-T, which defines the integration of public-key certificates into signaling exchanges within telephone networks. This approach helps ensure the trustworthiness of callers 11:00-11:30 Coffee break 11:30-13:00 Session 4 (continued) 13:00-14:00 **Lunch break** Session 5: Future testing approaches, including federated testbeds 14:00-15:20 Objective: This session will be dedicated to federated testbeds and their implementations to address key challenges faced by various stakeholders in telecommunication networks 15:20-15:30 Wrap-up 15:30-16:00 **Coffee break Meetings of the ITU-T Regional Groups** Meetings of the ITU-T Study Group Regional Groups for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the 16:00-19:00

Transcaucasia