

Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)



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To : ITU-D Sector Members

Subject:Virtual Consultation Meeting of the Industry Advisory Group on Development and Private
Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO) - 4 June 2025 from 13:00 to 14:30 (CEST).

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the Virtual Consultation meeting of the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO), to take place virtually (English only), on 4 June 2025 from 13:00 to 14:30 (CEST). More details can be found in Annex 1.

Further to the success of last year's virtual and physical IAGDI-CRO meetings, this meeting aims to continue to foster your engagement and contributions in key areas:

- **Gather industry and private sector insights** towards the preparation of the agenda to the IAGDI-CRO physical meeting to be held on **1 September 2025**, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as part of the 2025 Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-25), taking place from 31 August to 3 September 2025.
- Brief and promote contributions from ITU-D Sector Members to the GSR-25 consultation process. The GSR-25 Best Practices Guidelines will be adopted at the Heads of Regulators' Executive Roundtable at GSR-25.

This virtual IAGDI-CRO Consultation meeting will be chaired by Mr. Bocar Ba, Chair of the IAGDI-CRO. This meeting will gather and discuss **contributions** from the ITU-D Sector members to the GSR-25 Best Practices Guidelines consultation process, and foster **exchanges** on the main themes for discussion in the IAGDI-CRO physical meeting on 1 September 2025 to be reflected in the IAGDI-CRO Outcome Statement presented as part of GSR-25 closure ceremony.

Your suggestions of topics can be sent to <u>membershipitud@itu.int</u> by 30 May 2025 or presented during the virtual meeting.

I look forward to your contributions and participation in this meeting. Please, register here.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava Director

Annex 1: Concept Note IAGDI-CRO Consultation Meeting and Agenda



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

> Virtual consultation session 4 June 2025 | 13h00 – 14h30 CEST Duration: 1h30m

Background:

Established under <u>Resolution 71 (Rev. Kigali, 2022</u>), 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, plays a crucial role in the Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D). It contributes by sharing expertise, aiding in the design and conceptualization of projects, and supporting resource mobilization for BDT implementation, among other activities.

Considering the success of the Tech Talks series led by IAGDI-CRO that took place in February 2025 and in preparation to this year's Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-25), which will take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 31 August to 3 September 2025, this virtual IAGDI-CRO consultation meeting will solicit and compile insights and contributions from ITU-D Sector Members, especially the industry and private sector. This initiative is aimed at shaping the discussions for the meeting and fostering industry and private sector contributions to the 2025 Best Practice Guidelines to be approved at GSR-25.

Objective:

The session is designed to enhance engagement and awareness among the industry and private sector members of ITU-D in key areas:

• Raise awareness of the opportunity to contribute to the consultation process for the best practice guidelines to be issued during GSR-25.

- Contributing inputs for preparing the main IAGDI-CRO session on 1 September 2025 during the GSR-25 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Potential areas of contribution by ITU-D Sector Members to WTDC-25 through IAGDI-CRO.
- Other opportunities for engagement.

Format:

Adopting a virtual format 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 September 2025 session; (ii) Promote contributions from ITU-D Sector members to the 2025 GSR Best Practices Guidelines; and (iii) guide their inclusion and contributions to upcoming ITU-D activities.

Agenda:

AGENDA ITEM	PERSON	DURATION
Welcoming remarks	BDT Director	10 minutes
Opening remarks	Chair of IAGDI-CRO	10 minutes
Presentation of the Global Symposium for Regulators and the Best Practice Guidelines Consultation process	BDT / DKH / RME	10 minutes
Presentation of contributions	Contributors (ITU-D Sector Members	20 minutes
Open exchange	Participants, moderated by IAGDI-CRO Leadership	35 minutes
Closing remarks	Chair	5 minutes
TOTAL		90 minutes