



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Administration of ITU Member States
- State of Palestine (Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018))

Subject: Invitation to apply for training courses on “Multi-sector collaborative regulation for school connectivity” and “Digital governance for school connectivity”

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to Resolution 87 “Connecting every school to the Internet and every young person to information and communication technology services” of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22) and in line with the Baku Action Plan adopted at WTDC-25, I am pleased to invite you to identify suitable candidates from your administrations to participate in two upcoming school connectivity training courses in Geneva.

These courses are part of the implementation of the project “Capacity Development to Accelerate School Connectivity in Collaboration with the Giga Initiative” as well as the contribution of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) to the joint United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Giga global partnership initiative launched in 2019.

1) Multi-sector collaborative regulation for school connectivity, 11-15 May 2026

This course is designed to empower government officials, regulators, and policymakers with an actionable understanding of how to effectively regulate school connectivity within a multi-sector decision-making and policymaking context. Participants will be exposed to auxiliary and inter-linked policy and regulatory challenges such as national ICT sector taxation policies, infrastructure sharing, spectrum sharing, licensing frameworks, spectrum availability, utility service, construction permits and permissions, rights of way, etc. The curriculum is focused on deriving positive regulatory outcomes and creating an enabling regulatory environment that preserves investment-friendly laws and regulations. The course also highlights the importance of intra- and inter-governmental collaboration for school connectivity.

More information about the course and the fellowship opportunities can be found on the training course website: <https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/multi-sector-collaborative-regulation-school-connectivity>

The deadline for the course and fellowship applications is **1 March 2026**.

2) Digital governance for school connectivity, 1-4 June 2026

This course highlights the governance and ecosystem coordination efforts required to expand school connectivity, and explores how countries can design, govern, and scale school connectivity initiatives as part of broader digital public infrastructure reforms. Participants in this course will examine key components of digital governance from policy and institutional frameworks to multi-actor coordination, financing, and change management. At the end of the course, the participants will have a shared understanding on how to align connectivity efforts with national digital strategies, strengthen inter-ministerial and public-private cooperation, consider the needs for digital public infrastructure and digital learning platforms in an educational context, and translate global principles into actionable local roadmaps.

The course is tailored for government and public sector officers, ICT policy makers, education ministry officials, and stakeholders responsible for designing and delivering national school connectivity projects. More information about the course and the fellowship opportunities can be found on the training course website: <https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/digital-governance-school-connectivity>

The deadline for the course and fellowship applications is **23 March 2026**.

In addition to these two face-to-face training courses, the ITU Academy also offers online training courses (both instructor-led and self-paced) on various school connectivity topics. More information about these courses can be found at: <https://academy.itu.int/partners/giga-learning-hub>

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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