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Subject:　　Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-26), 12-15 May 2026, Ankara, Türkiye

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 2026 Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-26) under the theme: *Navigating the Digital Frontier*. GSR-26 will be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Government of Türkiye. The event will be held from 12 to 15 May 2026 in Ankara, and will be chaired by Mr. Ömer Abdullah Karagözoğlu, President of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK).

In line with the BAKU Declaration and the WTDC-25 Action Plan, and built around interactive high-level panels on topical and cutting-edge policy and regulatory issues, GSR-26 provides regulators and policy makers from around the world with a unique platform for discussions among peers and with other digital stakeholders. As part of GSR-26 pre-events, the Executive Heads of Regulators' Roundtable (upon invitation only), the Regional Regulatory Associations (RA)/Digital Regulation Network (DRN) meeting, and the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO) meeting will be held on 13 May. In addition, a special Workshop on measuring the progress towards universal meaningful connectivity and an Executive level Masterclass: Beyond Connectivity: Modelling the Socio-Economic Future with Global Economic Model Study/Connectivity Planning Platform (GEMS/CPP), will take place on 12 May 2026. Core sessions of GSR-26 will be held from 13 May in the afternoon until 15 May (all day).

The proposed topics for the discussions consider suggestions by the membership following GSR-25. Focusing on navigating regulatory pathways towards a resilient and inclusive digital future, the sessions will address the following themes: anticipating, harnessing, experimenting, sharing, protecting and empowering, saving lives, addressing infrastructure, and unlocking investment. Should you have any further suggestions, please let us know at gsr@itu.int. The detailed programme will follow shortly and will be posted on https://itu.int/gsr26.

The GSR-26 consultation to identify Best Practice Guidelines on *Minimum Viable Governance for Digital* will follow shortly.

I hope that you will be able to participate and make a valuable contribution to a successful Global Symposium for Regulators 2026.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

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Panel participation
In line with past procedures, there will be no formal presentations apart from those made by keynote speakers, as appropriate. Active participation of **executive level** participants in panel sessions is welcomed and encouraged. Those wishing to participate as panellists in one of the sessions identified in the provisional programme will be requested to complete the online panellist registration form, presenting an outline of their potential contribution to the topic. Selected participants will be informed accordingly.

Registration
Registration to participate in GSR-26 and its pre-events is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online.

An ITU User Account is required to register.

- For **ITU Member States Administrations, Palestine** (**Resolution 99** (Rev. Dubai, 2018)) **and Regulatory Associations,** please register here.
- For **ITU-D Sector Members, Regional and International Organizations, ITU affiliated academic and research Institutes, and United Nations Funds and Programs, Specialized Agencies, and IAEA,** please register here.

Registration requests must be validated by the Designated Focal Points (DFPs) of respective administrations and entities entitled to participate.

The list of Designated Focal Points is available here.

The participation of women and young people in delegations is encouraged.

For questions and assistance, please contact: BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int.

Interpretation
Interpretation for GSR-26 from 12 to 15 May 2026 will be provided based on participants requests. During registration, participants requiring a language other than English must select their choice from the list on the registration form (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish). The deadline to request interpretation through the registration system is **27 March 2026** (23h59 Hours, Geneva Time).

Practical information
Please note that participants shall cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Practical information on accommodation, including logistical details, will soon be available on the GSR-26 website. Due to visa requirements, participants are encouraged to follow the visa instructions available on the GSR-26 website to ensure timely processing. The Regulatory and Market Environment Division (e-mail: gsr@itu.int or tel.: +41 22 730 5175/5443) is at the disposal of participants who require assistance.

Navigating the Digital Frontier

Regulatory Pathways towards a Resilient and Inclusive Future
Draft Programme

Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May	Friday 15 May
9h00-12h00 **Workshop: Measuring the progress towards UMC: challenges and good practices in ICT statistics**	9h00-10h30 **Regional Regulatory Associations (RA)/Digital Regulation Network (DRN) Meeting**	9h00-10h15 **High Level segment: Anticipating: Are we ready for what's next?**	9h00-10h15 **Session 5: Sharing: a strategic imperative**
	11h00-12h45 **Heads of Regulators Executive Roundtable**	10h45-12h00 **Session 2: Harnessing the power of transformative tech: regulatory approaches**	10h45-12h00 **Session 6: Protecting and empowering: Youth safety first**
	12h45-14h00 Lunch	*12h00-14h00 Lunch* **12h45-13h45 Network of Women (NoW) in ITU-D**	*12h00-14h00 Lunch*
14h00-17h00 **Executive masterclass:** Beyond Connectivity: Modeling the Socio-Economic Future with GEMS/CPP	14h00-15h45 **Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO)**	14h00-15h15 **Session 3: Experimenting for regulatory excellence**	14h00-15h15 **Session 7: Saving lives with tech: The importance of regulation and collaboration for disaster management**
			15h30-16h45 **Session 8: Unlocking investment**
	16h30-17h30 **GSR-26 Opening Ceremony**	15h45-17h00 **Session 4: Addressing infrastructure: a digital imperative**	16h45-17h15 **Closing**