



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- State of Palestine (Resolution 99)
- ITU-D Sector Members
- ITU Academia
- Regional Telecommunication Organizations
- Intergovernmental Organizations operating satellite systems
- Regulators
- The United Nations and its Funds and Programmes
- Specialized Agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency
- TDAG Bureau members
- Chairs and Vice-Chairs of ITU-D study groups

Subject: ITU Regional Development Forums for 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Regional Development Forums (RDFs) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to be held in 2026.

The ITU Regional Development Forums promote multi-stakeholder partnerships among Member States, industry, academia, civil society, the UN system as well as regional and international development agencies and organizations. They provide a dedicated platform for dialogue on specific regional telecommunication and ICT development priorities.

The RDFs offer an opportunity for high-level engagement among the ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and the decision-makers from ITU Member States and ITU-D Sector Members, with a particular focus on the implementation of the Regional Initiatives, and the Baku Action Plan as adopted by the 2025 World Telecommunication Development Conference ([WTDC-25](#)).

The planned dates and venues for the six Regional Development Forums in 2026 are as follows:

| Meeting/region | Planned dates | Place |
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| Europe | 24 March 2026 | Prague, Czech Republic |
| Africa | 25-26 May 2026 | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe |
| Americas | 16-17 June 2026 | Cartagena, Colombia |
| Arab States | 1-2 July 2026 | To be confirmed |
| Asia-Pacific | 16-17 July 2026 | Bangkok, Thailand |

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| Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) | 29-30 September | Dushanbe, Tajikistan |
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In due course, separate invitation letters will be issued for each region, providing detailed information on participation modalities, registration, and submission of documents. Further information can be found at [Regional Development Forums - RDFs](#) webpage.

I look forward to your participation and your valuable contribution.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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