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Subject: **Virtual Tech Talk by the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO), 1 December 2026, 13:00-16:00 CET**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the virtual Tech Talk session led by the **Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers Group** (IAGDI-CRO) to be held on 1 December 2026, from 13:00 to 16:00 CET, under the themes of ITU-D Study Group 1 "Universal meaningful connectivity for bridging the digital divide" and ITU-D Study Group 2 "Digital transformation".

The objectives of this Tech Talk are:

- To bring **industry perspectives from ITU-D Sector Members** to the forefront, highlighting current and future complexities, opportunities and challenges in the rapidly evolving technology landscape;
- To **raise awareness of key technological trends** and pressing topics related to digital development; and
- To **facilitate the exchange of expert insights** on future digital developments from industry and private sector perspectives that are driving digital transformation today, including their implications for policy and regulatory frameworks, investment, affordability, digital inclusion, resilience and sustainable digital development.

Aligned with the two themes of the ITU-D Study Groups, the IAGDI-CRO will lead these discussions with the aim of exploring cutting-edge digital trends and technologies, fostering forward-thinking ideas that could be submitted as **contributions to the upcoming ITU-D Study Group meetings**.

The draft agenda and additional useful information for this event can be found in this webpage.

Registration is required to participate and will be accessible **here**. For assistance with the registration process, please contact: BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int.

This Tech Talk provides an opportunity to strengthen dialogue and exchange experience on innovative approaches to digital development. The concept note of the virtual sessions is attached hereto.

I look forward to your active participation in this Tech Talk.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

Annex: Concept Note

Annex 1

Concept Note
Virtual Tech Talk by the IAGDI-CRO in collaboration with ITU-D Study Groups

Background:

The Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers (IAGDI-CRO) will organise a Tech Talk in December 2026, aligned with the themes of ITU-D Study Group 1 and Study Group 2. This Tech Talk aims to inspire forward-thinking discussions on cutting-edge digital trends and technologies that could shape future ITU-D work.

Objectives:

The main objectives of this Tech Talk are:

a) To bring industry perspectives to the forefront, highlighting current and future complexities, opportunities and challenges in the rapidly evolving technology landscape.
b) To raise awareness of key technological and service trends related to the topics under study by the two study groups.
c) To facilitate the exchange of expert insights on future digital developments from the industry and private sector perspectives that are driving universal meaningful connectivity and digital transformation today, including their implications for policy and regulatory frameworks, investment, affordability, digital inclusion, resilience and sustainable digital development.

These discussions aim to foster stronger collaboration between ITU-D Sector Members and ITU-D membership. By exploring cutting-edge digital trends and technologies, the Tech Talk will encourage forward-thinking discussions that could be submitted as contributions to the upcoming ITU-D Study Group meetings.

Format of the Tech Talk

The virtual Tech Talk will be designed to cover themes along the scope of each ITU-D Study Group.

- Universal meaningful connectivity for bridging the digital divide
- Digital transformation

The Tech Talk will last **3 hours** and feature a selection of high-level visionary speakers from various industry segments of the ITU-D Sector Members. The sessions will run as follows:

- Opening Remarks by the BDT Director
- Opening by the Chair of IAGDI-CRO
- High-Level segment with ITU-D Sector Members and ITU-D Study Groups' Chairs
- Open discussions

Output

A report will be produced for the Tech Talk highlighting the main discussions and identifying key trends, opportunities, challenges and possible areas for further study and contributions to the work of the relevant ITU-D Study Groups. The report will be submitted as a contribution to the next meetings of both ITU-D Study Groups.

Interpretation and captioning

Interpretation may be provided in the official languages of the Union, if a minimum of five (5) requests by participants are received to service the meeting in the requested language. During registration, participants who require a language other than English must select their choice from the list (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish). The deadline for requests for interpretation through the registration system is 10 November 2026.

Captioning will be provided in English. Advance registration is required to participate remotely. Instructions on how to connect to the remote participation platform will be sent to registered participants.