



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:  
Administrations of ITU Member States,  
ITU-D Sector Members and Regulators in South  
Asia

**Subject: Departure of Ms. Pranita Upadhyaya, Head of ITU Area Office for South Asia and Innovation Centre, Delhi**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to thank you for the longstanding partnership and excellent and substantive contributions to ITU-D's work, especially at the recently concluded World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) in Baku, Azerbaijan in November last year.

I am writing to update you that Ms. Pranita Upadhyaya, who was heading the ITU Area Office in India, has left the organization for personal reasons. The recruitment process has already been initiated in order to solicit applications from qualified candidates. Your assistance would be highly appreciated if the job description, when available online, is circulated widely among ICT professionals in your country. In the interim, Mr. Kishore Babu Yerraballa, ITU Head of the Area Office for Southeast Asia ([kishore.yerraballa@itu.int](mailto:kishore.yerraballa@itu.int)), will serve as the Officer-in-Charge (OIC), effective immediately until further notice.

Through our office in Delhi, we look forward to further strengthening our common efforts to advance digital innovation and transformation and ensure positive impact on the lives of all people in South Asia and beyond.

Should your country have any specific needs regarding telecommunications/ICT and innovation related requests, please continue to contact the Area Office for South Asia, and the Innovation Centre.

We look forward to your continued support in implementing the Baku Action Plan as well as Asia and the Pacific Regional Initiatives adopted by WTDC-25.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava  
Director