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World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2024 and 2025

The ITU Council,

considering

Resolution 68 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) from the Plenipotentiary Conference, that invites the Council to adopt, for each World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD), a specific theme relating to the main challenges which the changing telecommunication/ICT environment poses for both developed and developing countries;

recalling

the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 60-252 that decided to proclaim 17 May annual World Information Society Day to help to raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICTs) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide;

taking into account

the proposals submitted by the Member States on possible themes for WTISD;

recognizing

*a)* that Sustainable Digital Transformation is one of the Union’s Strategic Goals approved by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022[[1]](#footnote-1), to foster equitable and inclusive use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs) to empower people and societies for sustainable development;

*b)* that innovation is key to achieving sustainable telecommunication/ICT development and reducing the digital divide to promote more inclusive and equal societies;

*c)* that although over the past 25 years, gender issues have become more prominent within ITU's work, and efforts to raise awareness and boost the participation of women and girls in the ICT sector have visibly increased, gender equality in the ICT sector still remains an ongoing challenge to fulfil ITU’s mandate of extending the benefits of new technologies to all the world's inhabitants,

resolves

1 that the theme for the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2024 will be “Digital innovation for sustainable development”; and

2 that the theme for the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025 will be “Gender equality in digital transformation".

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1. [Resolution 71](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-071-E.pdf) (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)