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To:

- ITU Member States
- Sector Members

Subject: **Invitation to the Seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum (WTPF-26)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure of inviting your representatives to participate in the Seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum (WTPF-26), to be held in Nassau from 9 to 11 June 2026, preceded by a strategic dialogue on 8 June, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

As you are aware, the Plenipotentiary Conference, in its Resolution 2 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), reaffirmed the World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF) as a unique global venue for high-level dialogue on telecommunication/ICT policy, and as a platform to address the opportunities and challenges arising from new and emerging technologies. WTPF-26 will continue this tradition, fostering inclusive and forward-looking discussions among policymakers and stakeholders worldwide.

By its Decision 641 (Rev. Council 2024), the ITU Council decided that the theme of the WTPF-26 will be “Accelerating an inclusive, sustainable, resilient and innovative digital future”.

In this regard, the Forum will discuss opportunities, challenges and policies to address:

- bridging digital divides, particularly on gender and age, as well as skills and connectivity;
- green digital transformation: climate change and environmental sustainability;
- resilience of telecommunication/ICTs;
- space connectivity; and
- strengthening ICT-centric innovation ecosystems and entrepreneurship.

### Strategic dialogue

A Strategic Dialogue will be held on 8 June 2026, preceding the opening of the Forum. It will provide a platform for ministers, policymakers, industry leaders and experts to exchange views on the key themes of WTPF-26 and set the tone for the Forum’s deliberations. Additional side events will include panel discussions and other interactive exchanges aimed at facilitating focused discussions and the sharing of practical experiences across sectors. The unique challenges and opportunities facing Small Island Developing States will also be given due consideration in the various discussions. Further details of the programme for the Strategic Dialogue will be shared before registration opens.

## **Preparatory process**

The Forum is expected to adopt Opinions illustrating a shared vision among policymakers on the future of telecommunication and ICTs. In accordance with Resolution 2 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and Council Decision 641 (C24, last amended C25), preparations are well underway, within the Informal Expert Group (IEG), representing the ITU membership. Under the chairmanship of Mr Rodney Taylor, from Barbados, the IEG has made significant progress during three meetings and several informal consultations to develop five draft Opinions aligned with the Forum's main themes, as well as provide valuable guidance on the draft Secretary-General's Report. The Secretary-General's Report, including the draft opinions, will be available at: [wtpf.itu.int/2026](http://wtpf.itu.int/2026).

## **Comments by the membership on the Secretary-General's Report during the Forum**

To ensure that they are well focused, discussions at the Forum will be based solely on the Report of the Secretary-General, prepared with the assistance of the IEG. Member States and Sector Members will have an opportunity to make additional comments on the Secretary-General's Report at the Forum. However, WTPF shall not consider drafts of any new opinions that were not presented during the preparatory process. In order to ensure the timely translation and thorough consideration by delegations, written contributions to be presented during the Forum should be sent to [wtpf@itu.int](mailto:wtpf@itu.int) by Friday, 8 May 2026. It is strongly recommended that contributions should not exceed three pages.

## **Venue**

The Forum will be held at the [Atlantis Paradise Island Resort, The Bahamas](#). Accommodation for delegates will be available at the Forum venue during the event period. Additional information on visa procedures, transportation and other logistical arrangements will be published on the host country website to be released soon and communicated through the [WTPF website](#).

## **VIP participation**

Further correspondence will be issued concerning the special arrangements, courtesies, and facilities available to attending VIPs.

## **Registration**

Registration is anticipated to open early March 2026. Delegations are strongly encouraged to attend the Forum in person to take full advantage of the opportunities for dialogue and engagement.

To facilitate the organization of the event, you are kindly requested to indicate the estimated number of participants in your delegations, as well as the expected head of delegation (e.g. Minister, Deputy Minister, Head of Regulatory Authority, Permanent Representative, CEOs, etc.) at [sg-registration@itu.int](mailto:sg-registration@itu.int), preferably by 31 March 2026.

In line with PP Resolutions 70 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), I would like to invite you to support and encourage the participation of women and young people between the ages of 18 and 26 in your delegation.

## **Social events**

The ITU Protocol Service will maintain and monitor a calendar of social events to register and share information with Member States and other participants wishing to host a function during WTPF-26. Organizers are strongly encouraged to liaise with the ITU Protocol Service ([protocol.service@itu.int](mailto:protocol.service@itu.int)) in order to coordinate with the Local Organizing Committee in The Bahamas before finalizing any arrangements, and to facilitate scheduling and minimize, as far as possible, overlapping or competing events.

As a matter of practice, there is no distribution of invitations. The daily calendar will be displayed on screens in the conference centre and posted on the WTPF-26 website.

**Voluntary contributions for fellowships**

Finally, I would like to invite your Administration, Organization, or Entity to consider making voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of representatives from least developed countries (LDCs) in WTPF-26. I would be grateful if such contributions could be confirmed by **29 January 2026**, to allow adequate planning. The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and I look forward to welcoming you to Nassau and to your active participation in the Seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

Doreen Bogdan-Martin  
Secretary-General