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To:

- ITU Member States
- Sector Members

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

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to refer to [CL-25/56](#) 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.

Preparations are well underway, within the Informal Expert Group (IEG), representing the ITU membership. Under the chairmanship of Mr Rodney Taylor, from Barbados has made significant progress in furthering consensus on the thematic areas set out in the Secretary-General's Report, including the proposed five draft Opinions on:

- 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 entrepreneurs.

The experts will formally conclude the preparatory process soon and submit the Report and the draft Opinions to the Forum for discussion and adoption.

In accordance with past practice, the Forum will elect its Chair and six Vice-Chairs, as well as Chair and Vice-Chairs for the expected five Working Groups of the plenary that will review the five draft opinions.

Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Forum are representatives from the Member States from the six regions.

Member States are therefore invited to consult regionally when identifying their candidates to avoid multiple candidates from the same region.

As a practice, each Working Group of the Plenary has a Chair and a Vice-Chair respectively, representing a Member State and a Sector Member.

Member States and Sector Members are therefore encouraged to send their candidatures for Chair and Vice-Chair positions to the Secretary-General **by 20 April 2026** at [wtpf@itu.int](mailto:wtpf@itu.int). Women candidatures are strongly encouraged.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

Doreen Bogdan-Martin  
Secretary-General