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To:
- ITU Member States
- Regional Telecommunication Organizations

Subject: Call for interest in collaborating on expanding the pool of local and national interpreters

Dear Sir/Madam,

ITU is pleased to invite Member States and Regional Telecommunication Organizations (RTOs) to strengthen cooperation on professional interpretation services by recommending suitably qualified local professional interpreters and facilitating contact between ITU and academic institutions offering professional training in conference interpretation.

This initiative responds to the proposal by Member States at ITU Council 2025 to reduce the financial burden on countries hosting ITU events whilst continuing to ensure high-quality linguistic support at ITU conferences, meetings and regional activities. Approved by the Council Working Group on Languages, it aims to enhance operational efficiency, ensure linguistic accuracy and reduce costs associated with provision of interpretation at ITU events hosted throughout the world.

Interested Member States and RTOs are invited to collaborate in the following two areas:

1. Recommending local professional interpreters who meet the minimum criteria set out in the ITU jobs platform at [Roster - Conference Interpreter \(I-1/I-2 level\) Job Details | ITU](#). Qualified, recommended candidates may submit eProfiles via this platform, which will be reviewed and evaluated by the ITU Interpretation Service on a regular basis. These recommendations will contribute to the establishment of a reliable roster of qualified interpreters available for ITU events hosted in the respective countries or regions.
2. Facilitating contacts between ITU and national or regional academic institutions offering professional training in conference interpretation. Member States and RTOs are invited to submit recommendations for institutes, universities, or academia offering advanced degrees in conference interpretation, including relevant focal points, to ITU at interpretation@itu.int by 31 May 2026. The ITU Interpretation Service will review all recommendations, verify the qualifications of the entities, and reply accordingly. This will enable targeted training aligned with ITU's specific technical and terminological needs; expand the pool of interpreters

familiar with ITU procedures, subject matter and linguistic standards; and support long-term capacity building and professional development locally, nationally and regionally.

Should you have any questions, please contact interpretation@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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