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To Ministers of ITU Member States

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

Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to invite you to the Seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum (WTPF-26), which will be held from 9 to 11 June 2026, in Nassau, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Preceding the WTPF-26, a Strategic Dialogue will be held on 8 June 2026 and will include a high-level multistakeholder roundtable.

The theme of WTPF-26 is “Accelerating an inclusive, sustainable, resilient and innovative digital future”. The WTPF is 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. Discussions will address key areas including bridging digital divides, green digital transformation, resilience of telecommunication/ICTs, space connectivity, and strengthening ICT-centric innovation ecosystems and entrepreneurship. The Forum is expected to adopt “Opinions”, illustrating a shared vision among policy-makers worldwide on the future of the telecommunications and ICTs. The full [draft programme](#) of the Forum is available on the WTPF website.

In this regard, should you wish to address the Forum to present your vision on any of the themes addressed in the Secretary-General’s Report, I invite you to submit a request for speaking slots to deliver statements. If your delegation also plans to submit a contribution on the Secretary-General’s Report, you are requested to include a brief reference to your contribution in your statement.

Details regarding the speaking arrangements, programme overview, and logistic courtesies available to attending Ministers are provided in the annex for your information.

As a Minister of a Member State of ITU, I am certain that your presence will enhance the importance of this Forum and signal the significance of the issues discussed. I do hope that you will kindly give favourable consideration to this invitation and that I will have the pleasure of meeting you in Nassau.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Doreen Bogdan-Martin  
Secretary-General

## ANNEX

### 1 Programme overview

The Opening Ceremony will be organized on Tuesday, 9 June 2026 at 0930 hours followed by the presentation of the Secretary-General's Report.

A short scene-setting panel will precede each of the Working Group discussions on the draft opinions:

- 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.

Further information, including the updates on the draft programme and draft Opinions, is available at: [wtpf.itu.int/2026](https://wtpf.itu.int/2026).

### 2 Speaking opportunities at the Forum

In line with the [draft programme](#) of the Forum, the provisional schedule for the speaking slots are as follows:

- **Tuesday, 9 June – Opinion 1:** *Bridging digital divides, particularly on gender and age as well as skills and connectivity*
- **Tuesday, 9 June and Wednesday, 10 June – Opinion 2:** *Green digital transformation and environmental sustainability*
- **Wednesday, 10 June – Opinion 3:** *Resilience of telecommunication/ICTs*
- **Wednesday, 10 June and Thursday, 11 June – Opinion 4:** *Space connectivity*
- **Thursday, 11 June – Opinion 5:** *Strengthening ICT-centric innovation ecosystems and entrepreneurship.*

Speaking slots can be requested online (TIES username and password required) on the WTPF-26 website. Slots will be allocated in accordance with ITU Protocol and on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to Ministerial and CEO-level interventions. Speaking time is limited to three minutes. Full statements will be posted on the Forum website.

More information on the statements, including the provisional time slots and logistical arrangements, is available on the website. Delegations are invited to submit an advance copy of their statement electronically to [wtpf-statements@itu.int](mailto:wtpf-statements@itu.int) at least five days before the Forum, in any of the official ITU languages. Following the delivery of the statement, the speeches will be made available on the website. Any questions regarding statements may be addressed to [wtpf-statements@itu.int](mailto:wtpf-statements@itu.int).

### 3 Strategic Dialogue (8 June)

The Forum will be preceded by a Strategic Dialogue on 8 June that will bring together Ministers, policy-makers, industry leaders, and experts to exchange views on the Forum's themes and set the tone for subsequent discussions. Events include a High-level Multistakeholder Roundtable, panel discussions, and interactive exchanges, allowing participants to share experiences and best practices. Special attention will be given to the specific challenges and opportunities facing Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

#### **4 Lounge and meeting facilities for Ministers**

A VIP lounge will be available with restricted access for ministers and VIPs; bilateral rooms will also be made available as needed.

A limited number of bilateral meeting rooms will also be available for use by Ministers on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to time availability and prior confirmation by ITU. Reservation requests should be submitted in advance to [conf-logistics@itu.int](mailto:conf-logistics@itu.int).

#### **5 Arrivals and departures at Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS), Nassau**

Access to the Government VIP lounge, located in the International Departure area, will be made available for Ministers for both arrival and departure. This access is extended to Ministers only.

Ministers will be met at the aircraft door by a representative of the VIP lounge and escorted to the lounge. A maximum of one guest (+1) per Minister will be allowed access. A Host Country Liaison will greet Ministers in the lounge. Passport control and luggage retrieval will be handled by the Airport VIP Lounge services.

The itinerary and other pertinent information for Ministers requesting VIP Airport Lounge service must be provided as soon as possible, and no later than 22 May 2026, to the ITU Protocol Service via [protocol.service@itu.int](mailto:protocol.service@itu.int), to ensure this service is arranged.

For departures, all VIPs should arrive at the airport two hours before the scheduled take-off to complete all formalities.

#### **6 Transportation for Ministers**

Airport transfers will be provided for arrival and departure to transport Ministers between the airport and their hotel. This service is extended to Ministers. A maximum of one guest (+1) may accompany the Ministers for airport transfers.

Requests for airport transfers should be submitted to the ITU Protocol Service at [protocol.service@itu.int](mailto:protocol.service@itu.int), **no later than 22 May 2026**, to ensure the service can be provided.

Please note that any additional private transportation must be arranged by the respective Delegations.

#### **7 Visas, travel, and accommodation**

Please note that visas cannot be obtained through the ITU secretariat. All delegates who require visas must apply through the [Host Country website](#).

Information on travel, hotels, and accommodation can be found on the Host Country's website at [wtpf26bahamas.com](http://wtpf26bahamas.com). Delegates are advised to book their accommodation in Nassau as soon as possible to avoid vacancy issues during the high demand season.

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