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To:

- ITU Member States
- State of Palestine (Res. 99)
- Sector Members

Subject: **Postponement of the Seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum (WTPF-26) to 2-4 September 2026**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to inform you that, pursuant to the recent [Decision 641 \(C24, last amended C26\)](#) of the ITU Council 2026, the Seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum (WTPF-26) has been rescheduled to take place from 2 to 4 September 2026. It will be held at the same venue, the Atlantis Resort, in Nassau, The Bahamas. A Strategic Dialogue will be convened on 1 September 2026, immediately preceding the Forum.

On the theme “accelerating an inclusive, sustainable, resilient and innovative digital future”, WTPF-26 offers a unique opportunity for the ITU membership to exchange views on key public policy issues shaping the future of telecommunications and ICTs, including bridging the digital divide, green digital transformation, the resilience of telecommunications/ICTs, space connectivity, and ICT-centric innovation ecosystems. It is expected that the outcomes of the Forum will be transmitted to the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, to be held in Doha, Qatar from 9 to 27 November 2026.

I therefore strongly encourage Member States and Sector Members to participate in person in Nassau, so that discussions on these important policy matters may benefit from the broadest possible range of perspectives across the membership.

Cancellation and rebooking of hotel reservations, flights and other services

We recognize that the postponement may cause inconvenience for delegates who have already registered and made travel and other logistical arrangements to attend the Forum on the original dates of 8 to 11 June 2026. We are working closely with the Host Country to facilitate, to the extent possible, a smooth transition to the new dates. A communication was issued on 5 May 2026 to all registered participants, providing guidance on how to secure refunds, travel credits, or rebooking options for hotel and flight reservations.

The Host Country will publish rebooking information and discounted room rates on its website once the updated booking arrangements become available.

In the meantime, should you experience any difficulties in cancelling your June travel or accommodation arrangements, please contact wtpf@urcabahamas.bs for assistance.

Registration for the Forum and the Strategic Dialogue

Participants are kindly invited to complete a new registration at the [Forum website](#) at their earliest convenience to facilitate the logistic preparation of the event.

Remote participation will be available and may be selected upon registration. Nevertheless, delegations are strongly encouraged to attend the Forum in person to benefit fully from the opportunities for dialogue and engagement.

Logistical Information

The Forum will be held at the Atlantis Paradise Island Resort, The Bahamas. The Government of The Bahamas will provide all necessary logistical updates relating to the September dates through the official [Host Country website](#), which includes information on [visa requirements](#) and hotel accommodation at the Atlantis Paradise Island Resort.

General information for participants is available on the WTPF-26 website.

Preparatory process and the Secretary-General's Report

The [Informal Experts Group \(IEG\)](#), convened by the Secretary-General to assist in the preparation of her report, has now concluded its work.

In line with Council Decision 641, the [final report of the Secretary-General](#) has been posted on the [WTPF-26 website](#). It includes, as annexes, the five draft opinions to be considered and adopted by consensus at the Forum, 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 entrepreneurship.

Submission of written contributions and comments on the Secretary-General's Report, including draft Opinions

In line with Plenipotentiary Res. 2 (rev Bucharest, 2022), in order to ensure that discussions at WTPF are well focused, they shall be based solely on the report of the Secretary-General and contributions from Member States and Sector Members. However, WTPF shall not consider draft of any opinions that were not presented during the preparatory process.

To ensure the timely translation and thorough consideration by delegations, written contributions intended for presentation during the Forum should be submitted to wtpf@itu.int by **Wednesday 12 August 2026**. It is strongly recommended that contributions not exceed three pages. A template for contributions will be made available on the [WTPF website](#).

Strategic Dialogue, Programme and speaking opportunities

Ahead of WTPF-26, a Strategic Dialogue will be organized on 1 September 2026 in collaboration with the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

The Opening Ceremony of WTPF-26 will be held on Tuesday, 2 September, at 0930 hours, and will be followed by the presentation of the Secretary-General's Report. Over the course of the three-day Forum, discussions in working groups on each of the five draft Opinions will begin with a scene-setting panel. These panels will be followed by statements, each limited to three minutes, by high-level participants, as well as by an open discussion and exchange of views in which all Forum delegates are encouraged to take part.

The full draft programme of the Forum will be made available on the WTPF website. The provisional schedule for the discussion of the draft Opinions is as follows:

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

The call for high-level participation remains open. Ministers and CEOs are invited to submit requests for speaking slots via [the WTPF-26 statements webpage](#).

Social events

As the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) approaches, WTPF-26 provides a valuable opportunity for high-level networking and dialogue among Member States. Given that the Forum will take place during the campaign period for the 2026 ITU plenipotentiary conference, Member States and other entities wishing to host social events on the margins of the Forum are kindly invited to express their interest at their earliest convenience to the Protocol Service at protocol.service@itu.int.

I look forward to welcoming to Nassau, The Bahamas.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General