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To Ministers of ITU Member States

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

Madam/Sir,

I kindly refer to my letter [CL-26/13](#) and postponement letter [CL-26/24](#) to personally 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.

Guided by the theme, “**Accelerating an inclusive, sustainable, resilient and innovative digital future**”, WTPF-26 continues to offer 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. The outcomes of the Forum will be transmitted to the **ITU Plenipotentiary Conference**, which will be held in **Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 27 November 2026**.

The full updated [draft programme](#) of the Forum is available on the WTPF website.

The call for high-level participation remains open. Should you wish to address the Forum to present your country's vision, I invite you to submit a request for a speaking slot via the designated [WTPF-26 statements webpage](#). If you have already submitted a request for a speaking slot, you will be contacted personally by the secretariat to confirm and maintain your arrangement for the new September dates.

Updated details regarding the speaking arrangements, programme overview, and logistic courtesies available to attending Ministers are provided in the [annex](#) for your information.

As Minister of a Member State of ITU, your personal participation and leadership are vital to guiding these global policy outcomes. As the Forum is held on the eve of PP-26, I highly encourage your in-person participation in Nassau, as capturing your vision will significantly enhance the depth and impact of the Opinions adopted.

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

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General

Annex: 1

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1 Programme overview

The Opening Ceremony will be organized on Wednesday, 2 September 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.

2 Speaking opportunities at the Forum

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

- **Wednesday, 2 September – Opinion 1:** *Bridging digital divides, particularly on gender and age as well as skills and connectivity*
- **Wednesday, 2 September and Thursday, 3 September – Opinion 2:** *Green digital transformation and environmental sustainability*
- **Thursday, 3 September – Opinion 3:** *Resilience of telecommunication/ICTs*
- **Thursday, 3 September and Friday, 4 September – Opinion 4:** *Space connectivity*
- **Friday, 4 September – 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 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.

3 Strategic Dialogue (1 September)

The Forum will be preceded by a Strategic Dialogue on 1 September 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 for ministers and other VIPs.

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.

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 21 August 2026, to the ITU Protocol Service via 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 Airport transfers 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, **no later than 21 August 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. Delegates are advised to book their accommodation in Nassau as early as possible due to high demand. Reservations must be made by **1 August 2026** to access preferred rates.
