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To Regulators 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 invitation letter [CL-26/14](#) 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 high-level dialogue on telecommunication/ICT policy and serves as a global platform to address the opportunities and challenges arising from new and emerging technologies. Discussions will focus on key public policy issues shaping our digital landscape, 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 are expected to 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 vision on any of the themes addressed in the Secretary-General’s Report, 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 are provided in the [annex](#) for your information.

As a Regulator of an ITU Member State, 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 regulatory 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 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 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..
