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To:

– ITU Member States

– Sector Members

Subject: **World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum 2026 (WTPF-26) – Key Reminders and Logistical Information**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to refer to previous Circular Letters concerning the seventh World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-26), including [CL-26/24](#) (information on postponement), [CL-26/7](#) (call for nominations of Chairs and Vice-Chairs), and others such as [CL-26/27](#), [CL-26/28](#), [CL-26/29](#), and [CL-26/30](#) providing details for Ministers, regulators, CEOs of Sector Members, etc.

The Forum will be held in Nassau, The Bahamas, from 2 to 4 September 2026, with a Strategic Dialogue on 1 September 2026 at the Atlantis Paradise Island Resort. It provides a unique platform for multi-stakeholder dialogue on pressing global ICT and telecommunication policy issues, focusing on five key themes: bridging digital divides; green digital transformation; resilience of telecommunication and ICT systems; space connectivity; and ICT-centric innovation ecosystems.

Call for Nominations of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Further to [CL-26/7](#), I kindly reiterate the call for nominations for:

- Working Group Chairs and Vice-Chairs (one per working group, with the Vice-Chairs typically belonging to Sector Members, with strong encouragement for women candidatures and balanced representation); and
- Conference Vice-Chairs.

Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible through official channels to wtpf@itu.int.

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

In line with Plenipotentiary Res. 2 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), discussions at WTPF 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. 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. More information, including templates for contributions, is available on the [WTPF-26 website](#).

Registration information

As detailed in prior communications and updated following the rescheduling, [registration](#) for the new September dates is open. **All participants are requested to complete a fresh registration, even if you have registered for the previous dates in June.**

Delegations are encouraged to indicate the estimated size of their delegation and the level of the Head of Delegation (e.g. Minister, Deputy Minister, etc.) to the ITU secretariat (sg-registration@itu.int) by 1 August 2026 to facilitate planning, with special provisions for VIPs.

Invitation from the Host Country to Ministers

Regarding VIPs, attached as an annex to this Circular Letter is an invitation from the Honourable Minister of Innovation and National Development of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, The Honourable Sebastian J.D. Bastian, encouraging ministerial and other high-level participation from Member States, Sector Members and other stakeholders in both the Strategic Dialogue and the Forum. Delegations, with Ministers and high-level participants in particular, are encouraged to take note of the invitation.

Invitation to request speaking slots

Delegations, particularly Ministers and other VVIPs, are invited to [request speaking slots](#) in the Working Groups on any of the five policy themes. Requests should be submitted via [this form](#) at the earliest opportunity to allow for proper scheduling.

Strategic Dialogue

The Strategic Dialogue, to be held on 1 September 2026, is expected to bring together Ministers, heads of regulatory authorities, CEOs, and other senior leaders for a high-level multistakeholder discussion on the strategic policy issues shaping the future of the telecommunication/ICT sector. Further information, including the programme, will be available on the WTPF-26 website.

Side events

Various side events will take place alongside the Forum. Information on the programme will be published on the official WTPF-26 website as it becomes available.

Hotel booking and accommodation

The Forum will be held at the Atlantis Paradise Island Resort. Detailed hotel booking information, including available options and booking procedures, is provided on the Host Country website: <https://wtpf26bahamas.com/>. Please note that the deadline for preferential hotel rates is 1 August 2026.

Social events

As PP-26 fast 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 PP-26, 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.

Third inter-regional PP-26 preparatory meeting for Member States

For Member States, the third inter-regional preparatory meeting for the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26), chaired by the PP-26 Chair-designate, H.E. Mr Ahmad Abdulla AlMuslemani, will take place in The Bahamas during WTPF-26 on Thursday, 3 September 2026, 13.00-14.30. Member States are invited to participate in this important preparatory meeting. Further information, including the agenda, will be communicated separately in due course.

Summary of key dates and deadlines

- Registration and re-registration: as soon as possible (open now)
- Submission of delegation size and Head of Delegation information: 1 August 2026
- Nominations for Chairs/Vice-Chairs: as soon as possible.
- Request for speaking slots for high-level delegates: as soon as possible
- Request for social events: as soon as possible
- Hotel bookings for preferential rates: 1 August 2026

- Submission of written contributions: 12 August 2026
- Strategic Dialogue: 1 September 2026
- WTPF-26: 2–4 September 2026
- Third inter-regional preparatory meeting for the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) for Member States only: 3 September 2026, 13.00-14.30.

For the most up-to-date information, please consult the official WTPF-26 website (<https://wtpf.itu.int/2026/>) and the Host Country website (<https://wtpf26bahamas.com/>).

I look forward to your active participation in this important Forum and to welcoming you in The Bahamas.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General

Annex 1



July 16th, 2026

To Ministers, Senior Policymakers and High-Level Representatives of the Membership of the International Telecommunication Union

Ref: Ministerial and High-Level Participation: Seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum 2026, Nassau, The Bahamas

Excellencies and distinguished colleagues,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, to extend a warm welcome to Ministers, senior policymakers and other high-level representatives from across the ITU membership to Nassau for the Seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum 2026 (WTPF-26), to be held from 2 to 4 September 2026.

WTPF-26 will be preceded by a Strategic Dialogue, including a High-Level Multistakeholder Roundtable, on 1 September 2026.

Under the theme “Accelerating an inclusive, sustainable, resilient and innovative digital future”, WTPF-26 will provide a timely opportunity to exchange views on pressing global ICT and telecommunication policy issues.

For the Government of The Bahamas, hosting WTPF-26 as a Small Island Developing State is especially meaningful. The Forum’s themes speak directly to the realities of SIDS, where digital transformation must be pursued in the context of geographic dispersion, resilience challenges, infrastructure costs, climate and disaster risk, capacity constraints and increasing dependence on secure and reliable connectivity. They also align closely with the national agenda of the Bahamian administration, in which technology, digital transformation, digital security and long-term national development are central priorities, as well as with my portfolio responsibilities for the electronic communications, digital innovation and infrastructure, artificial intelligence, the digital economy, future readiness and the emerging space industry.

These policy issues also extend well beyond SIDS. They reflect shared priorities for many developing countries and for the wider ITU membership, as governments seek practical ways to expand



meaningful connectivity, build resilient digital infrastructure and services, enable innovation, and ensure that emerging technologies support inclusive and sustainable development.

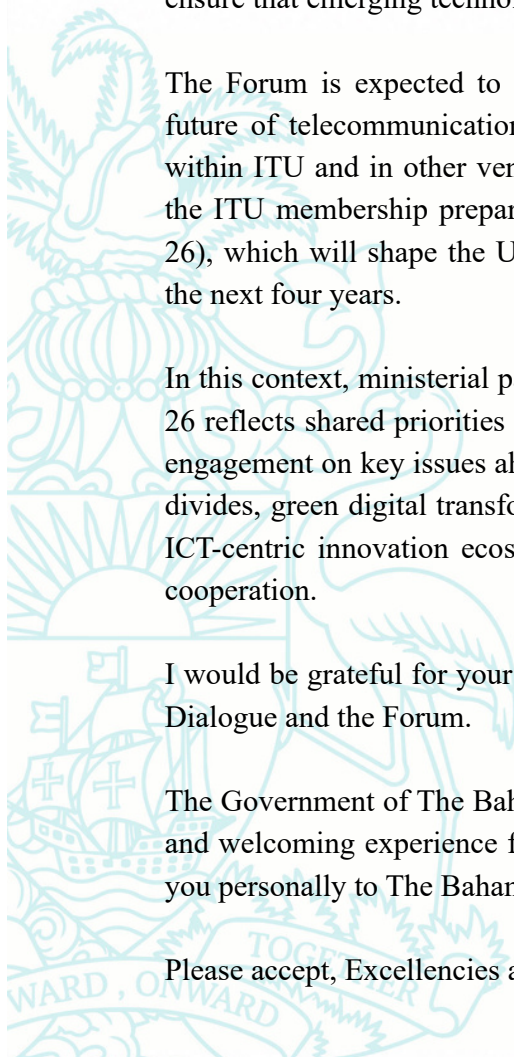
The Forum is expected to adopt Opinions reflecting a shared vision among policymakers on the future of telecommunications and ICTs, providing a basis for future resolutions and policies both within ITU and in other venues. WTPF-26 therefore comes at an important moment, particularly as the ITU membership prepares for the Plenipotentiary Conference in Doha in November 2026 (PP-26), which will shape the Union's strategic direction and the global digital development agenda for the next four years.

In this context, ministerial participation would add significant value by helping to ensure that WTPF-26 reflects shared priorities at the highest political level, supports common understanding and active engagement on key issues ahead of PP-26, and strengthens the policy foundations for bridging digital divides, green digital transformation, resilient telecommunications and ICTs, space connectivity, and ICT-centric innovation ecosystems and entrepreneurship, in this next phase of international digital cooperation.

I would be grateful for your favourable consideration of high-level participation in both the Strategic Dialogue and the Forum.

The Government of The Bahamas, working closely with ITU, looks forward to ensuring a productive and welcoming experience for all participants in Nassau. I hope to have the opportunity to welcome you personally to The Bahamas so that the Forum benefits from your contribution.

Please accept, Excellencies and distinguished colleagues, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Sebas Bastian

The Honourable Sebastian J.D. Bastian, M.P.
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