

## Annex

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### Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (CRO) meeting

#### Inclusive Connectivity & the Future of Regulation: an industry perspective

Tuesday, 9 July 2019 from 9:30 to 12:00,

Venue: Warwick Le Lagon Resort, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Meeting Room: Pacific Ballroom 2

#### Background

It is recognized that bringing the other half of the population to the connected world will require different approaches. It is also acknowledged that such approaches will not be 'business as usual' but rather call for collaboration and new business and investment models through strong partnerships where the public and the private sectors must work together to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

As investment, competition, innovation, consumer privacy and data protection remain growing key challenges for regulators, new technologies (such as 5G, IoT, AI, AR, VR, ML, fintech and others) will continue to press regulators and industry for change at a previously undreamed of pace. Regulation can catalyze or hamper technological developments, consumer trust, and investments. Regulation can also favor or delay the promise of bringing the other half of the population online.

While different technologies are available to drive connectivity, pushing connectivity to 100% requires the right support ecosystem for technology deployment and scaling. This, in turn, requires different policy and regulatory choices that strike the right balance between regulation, public sector involvement, and competitive market forces.

#### Expected Outcome

CRO will address critical questions and propose ways forward, from the industry's perspective, on the main business and regulatory challenges and opportunities towards creating digital strategies and an enabling ecosystem for inclusive connectivity in a digital economy. It is expected that **CRO participants will agree on an outcome statement which will be shared by the CRO Chair at GSR closure ceremony.**

## DRAFT AGENDA

- 9:30 – 9:45**      **Opening of the meeting**
- Opening remarks by the BDT Director**
  - Opening remarks by the Chairman**
  - Adoption of the agenda**

- 09:45 – 10:30**    **Setting the scene**

### **Business Solutions**

- What are the business solutions, best market approaches, concrete experiences and use of innovative connectivity partnerships to connect the remaining 49%?
- What different types of investment and business models can drive meaningful and inclusive connectivity to 100%?
- What partnership solutions can scale across different countries? What are the common elements and enablers?
- What are some of the regulatory and collaborative best practices the industry can share in a converged ecosystem?

- 10:30-11:15**    **Technological Solutions:**

- What are the solutions and concrete projects the industry proposes in working with ITU to drive innovative connectivity solutions and make ubiquitous different technology mix coverage solutions for remote areas or emergency relief situations and countries with special needs a reality in the shorter term?
- What experiences can be shared and learned from and inform solutions going forward?

- 11:15-11:45**    **CRO Outcome statement**

- 11:45-12:00**    **AOB and Closing of the meeting**

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Chair