



ITU Regional Development Forum of the Americas Region (RDF-AMS)

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This Regional Development Forum is an opportunity to promote a high-level dialogue between the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and governments, regulators, ITU Member States and Sector Members. It aims not only to present the work of the BDT for the period 2014-2017, based on the guidelines established during the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from March 30 to April 10, 2014, but also to expose faced challenges and opportunities to stakeholders to contribute effectively to the work being conducted by the BDT in the Americas region.

07:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Welcome Addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Ugaz, Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Resident Coordinator • Oscar León, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, CITEL • Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT), ITU • Teresita Palacios, President of the National Telecommunication Commission, CONATEL, Paraguay
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session 1: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</p> <p>The role of stakeholders in the promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and facing the challenges for SDGs' achievements through the use of ICTs.</p> <p>Moderation: Bernadette Lewis, General Secretary of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union, CTU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresita Palacios, President of CONATEL • Jorge Torres, Deputy Secretary of COMTELCA • Roberto Mitsuke Hirayama, Regulation Specialist, Anatel • Chiedozie Dickson Osuala, Manager Market Economics, TATT <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interactive time with participants for questions</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Group Photo and Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 2: The work of the BDT in the Americas</p> <p>A review of the implementation of the actions carried out by the BDT in the region, including Regional Initiatives adopted by WTDC-14.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interactive time with participants for questions</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch

14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session 3: Research and Innovation for the development of telecommunications/ICTs in the Americas</p> <p>ICT and telecommunications are cause and effect of the development of societies and their culture. The need to constantly improve broadband infrastructure pressing developing countries is a reflection of the accelerated technological change. Global connectivity raises new ways of life from childhood, influencing education, work, leisure and the quality of people’s lives. Rethinking the role of governments, enterprises and communities that are facing the new challenges - especially in the promotion of networks providing connectivity and integration to all - requires research, developments, innovations and reflections.</p> <p>Moderation: Sergio Scarabino, ITU Representative for Southamerica</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Otavio Luiz Rodrigues, Commissioner of the National Telecommunication Agency, Brazil, ANATEL ● Ericc Sánchez, Senior Project Manager, Information Technologies and Communications Research and Development Center, CINTEL ● Nelson Takayanagi, Independent Consultant <p>☐ Interactive time with participants for questions</p>
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Session 4: The Private Sector and the International Cooperation Institutions</p> <p>In this session the Panelists will discuss alternatives for and possibilities of joint cooperation and improvement of the broadband infrastructure for achieving the goals of universalization of telecommunication services and ICTs in the region.</p> <p>Moderation: Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sebastian Kaplan, Director, Regulatory Issues for Latin America, Millicom ● Juan Jung, Public Policies Director, Inter-American Association of Telecommunications Companies, ASIET ● Daniel Wada, Partner, ADVISIA Consulting ● Mauricio Agudelo, Latin America Development Bank, CAF <p>☐ Interactive time with participants for questions</p>
17:00 – 17:10	<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bruno Ramos, Director, ITU Regional Director for Americas, UIT ● Teresita Palacios, President, CONATEL