

2026 Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster (Telecoms) PLENARY MEETING – Agenda

From Reset to Readiness: Evolving Connectivity for Humanitarian Action

Tuesday, 19 May 2026

TIME	STRUCTURE	AGENDA ITEM	SESSION OUTLINE
08:30 – 09:00		Welcome and Registration <i>Event starts at 09:00</i>	
09:00 – 09:45 45 mins	Plenary	<p>Opening & Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by ITU and WFP • Agenda overview • Housekeeping • Group Photo <p><i>Opening remarks by ITU, WFP, and LTC (Telecoms)</i></p>	<p>ITU and the TEC Division Management plus LTC will kindly open the LTC (Telecoms) 2026 Plenary meeting and welcome partners and guests.</p> <p>The Global Coordinator (Telecoms) will invite all to briefly introduce themselves and review the agenda for the next two days.</p>
09:45 – 11:00 75 min	Panel Discussion	<p>Progress on Global UN Reforms and Impact on Emergency Telecoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN80 and Humanitarian Reset • Progress, Opportunities, and challenges • Considerations for the emergency telecommunications sector <p><i>Moderated Discussion between representatives from UN agencies, NGO, and the Red Cross</i></p>	<p>This panel will explore how the humanitarian landscape is changing under the UN80 reforms and the broader humanitarian reset. We will look at what these shifts mean for crisis response, collaboration, and telecoms preparedness and response.</p>
1100 – 11:30		Tea/Coffee Break	

11:30 – 12:15 45 min	Plenary	<p>Cluster Merge: Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster (LTC) – Humanitarian Reset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Humanitarian Reset on the role of clusters • Cluster merge and way forward • Future role of partnerships Local Partners and Operational Models <p><i>Moderated discussion with cluster coordinators</i></p>	<p>Cluster management will provide an update on the merger – plans and way forward</p> <p>There will be a moderated discussion around the evolving and integral role of clusters including partnerships, local partners and operational models.</p>
12:15 – 13:30		Lunch Break	
13:30 – 14:15 45 mins	Plenary	<p>LTC (Telecoms) updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the action points from the last plenary meeting • Relevant operational updates and activities • Update on capacity building activities + Future plans <p><i>Presentation by Global LTC (Telecoms)</i></p>	<p>Global LTC (Telecoms) team will present a summary of the key updates and achievements over the past year including operations and key activities under preparedness and capacity building. Some future plans in line with the new strategy and merger will be touched upon.</p> <p>Participants will also review the actions points from the last plenary meeting and their status.</p>
14:15– 14:45 30 mins	Plenary	<p>LTC (Telecoms) Strategy and Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Humanitarian Reset on the Strategy • Where we are and what’s next? • Our role in a localised response • Our approach to Connectivity <p><i>Presentation by Global LTC (Telecoms)</i></p>	<p>Cluster Coordinator will provide an update on the strategy in light of the humanitarian reset and the merger</p>
14:45– 15:00 15 mins	Plenary	<p>Cluster and {TESS+}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and synergies between LTC (Telecoms) and {TESS+} • Update from {TESS+} • Partner engagement <p><i>Short presentation by {TESS+}</i></p>	<p>This short presentation will look at synergies and opportunities for the collaboration between the cluster and {TESS+}, focusing on how both mechanisms align to support emergency telecommunications. It will explore opportunities to strengthen partner engagement and provide technical updates from {TESS+}</p>
15:00 – 15:30		Tea/Coffee Break	

<p>15:30 – 16:45 75 mins</p>	<p>Panel Discussion</p>	<p>Empowered communities: Achievements and Lessons Learned from the Sahel Project</p> <p>Moderated discussion with key stakeholders on the Sahel project and the resulting Connectivity as Aid (CAA) standards</p>	<p>This session will spotlight our work on empowering communities across the Sahel, starting with a brief overview of the Services Centres initiative in Niger, Burkina Faso, and Mauritania. It will highlight key achievements, including improved access to connectivity and digital inclusion, and reflect on lessons learned from implementation in complex contexts.</p> <p>Colleagues from Niger, Burkina Faso, and Mauritania will share first-hand perspectives, offering practical insights to inform future interventions.</p> <p>The session will also bring in discussion on CAA and how it is a consolidation of learnt experiences from Sahel Project Implementation.</p>
<p>16:45 – 17:00 15 mins</p>	<p>Plenary</p>	<p>Wrap up Day 1</p>	
<p>18:00 to 20:00 <i>Social Networking Event at ITU</i></p>			

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08:30 – 09:00		Welcome coffee <i>Event starts at 09:00</i>	
09:00 – 09:15 15 mins	Plenary	Opening & Welcome	All participants are welcomed back. A brief recap of Day 1 and outlook of Day 2 will be provided.
09:15 – 10:30 75 min	Plenary	Regional Preparedness – Deepening relationship with countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification used by the cluster (Caribbean, Pacific, SADC, ASEAN) • Overview of ASEAN– CPACPA/SROI Score, Engagements, activities, and main challenges • Overview of SADC – CPACPA/SROI Score; Engagements, activities, and main challenges • Overview of Pacific Islands: CPACPA/SROI Score; Engagements, activities, and main challenges • Overview of Caribbean – CPA/SROI Score; Engagements, activities, and main challenges. <p><i>Moderated discussion with key actors and regions</i></p>	<p>The session will invite updates from the cluster and members w.r.t delivery of activities by region. A regional walk-through, presenting country prioritization approach scores for 2026, followed by brief updates by the cluster, followed by partners update for that respective region, including what support they’ve delivered, and looking forward -countries in focus in the coming year.</p> <p>This session will close with cross-regional gaps and next-step actions for coordinated preparedness within partners.</p>
10:30 – 11:00		Tea/Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30 90 min	Panel Discussion	Connectivity: Evolving requirements and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future direction of telecoms in the humanitarian space • Some of the challenges, risks, obstructions (For example, electronic warfare) and their impact • Potential mitigation measures • Role of Capacity building <p><i>Keynote Remarks by ITU and WFP</i> <i>Moderated discussion with key humanitarian actors and private sector</i></p>	This session will examine how humanitarian connectivity needs are evolving in response to changing operational, technological, and security landscapes. We will explore the future direction of telecommunications in the humanitarian space, highlighting strategic challenges such as access constraints, cyber threats, and electronic warfare. The discussion will also consider practical mitigation measures and collective approaches to strengthening resilient, secure connectivity that enables effective coordination and response in complex emergencies.
12:30 – 14:00		Lunch Break	

14:00 – 15:00 60 mins	Plenary	Practical Innovations <i>3 presentations into 15 mins plus Q&A</i>	In this session, we will look at practical innovations in approaches, processes, or solutions, that may enable a more effective response
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>		
15:30 – 16:15 45 min	Plenary	Practical Innovations <i>2 presentations into 15 mins plus Q&A</i>	In this session, we will look at potential technologies, solutions, or processes that can enable a more effective response
16:15 – 16:45 30 mins	Plenary	Looking ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can we do better, more, different? • What constitutes a good partnership? • In light of the discussions and developments so far, how can we strengthen our engagement? 	In the closing session of the plenary, we hope to bring together the discussions and talk about how to move forward with strengthened engagement.
16:45 – 17:00 15 mins	Plenary	Wrap up Day 2 & closure	
17:00	<i>End of Event</i>		