

## Final Agenda

# INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE INITIATIVE ON REGULATING E-WASTE AND ENGAGING TECH COMPANIES

**Dates:** 9-13 February 2026

**Participating Countries:** India, Colombia, South Africa, Nigeria, Dominican Republic, Malaysia

**Organized by:** ITU, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications (India)

Monday, 09 February 2026		
Theme - Regulatory Frameworks, Governance and System Architecture		
Morning Session		
Time	Activity	Responsible
10:30 - 11:30	Participant registration	TEC
11:30 - 11:35	Lighting of the lamp	All dignitaries
11:35 - 11:45	Opening remarks - DoT	DDG, IR, DoT
11:45 - 11:55	Inaugural address - DoT	DoT
11:55 - 12:00	Welcome address - ITU	ITU
12:00 - 12:10	Special address - Embassy of Colombia	Embassy of Colombia to India
12:10 - 12:20	Special address - United Nations Resident Coordinator	UN Resident Coordinator in India
12:20 - 12:30	Special address - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)	MoEFCC
12:30 - 12:40	Keynote address - India	Digital Communications Commission, DoT
12:40 - 12:55	Round of introductions from the National Focal Points (NFPs)	Delegates
12:55 - 13:45	<b>Group Photograph and Lunch</b>	
Afternoon Session		
13:45 - 14:35	Detailed Presentation: <i>E-waste Regulatory Framework in India - E-Waste Rules 2022 and EPR regime</i> Q & A <i>Session description: Comprehensive analysis of India's regulatory journey in managing electronic e-waste - tracing the policy and legislative evolution from the first</i>	MoEFCC

	<p><i>national rules in 2011 through major revisions in 2016, the 2018 amendments and the transformative E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 now in force.</i></p>	
14:35 - 15:20	<p>The E-Waste EPR Portal - Tools and Data Platforms for E-waste Tracking  Q &amp; A  <i>Session description: Introduction to India's E-Waste EPR Portal, focusing on the data platform used to register stakeholders, track e-waste flows and monitor EPR certificate based compliance. Highlight of key implementation insights, data management practices, and challenges.</i></p>	CPCB
15:20 - 15:35	<p>Country presentation - South Africa  <i>EPR Compliance through Digitisation: Insights &amp; Challenges</i>  <i>Session description: Sharing of experiences in digitising EPR compliance processes and integrating digital platforms to streamline regulatory implementation - highlighting key initiatives, lessons learned, and challenges encountered during implementation.</i></p>	Delegates
15:35 - 15:50	<p>Country presentation - Colombia  <i>EPR Compliance through Digitisation: Insights &amp; Challenges</i>  <i>Session description: Sharing of experiences in digitising EPR compliance processes and integrating digital platforms to streamline regulatory implementation - highlighting key initiatives, lessons learned, and challenges encountered during implementation.</i></p>	Delegates
15:50 - 16:00	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>	
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Advancing Integrated Circular Economy Solutions for Sustainable E-Waste Management  Q &amp; A  <i>Session description: Highlighting India's efforts to advance integrated circular economy solutions, this session will illustrate how policy reform and circular business models are being leveraged to address informal recycling, recover valuable materials and enable a scalable transition to a circular electronics sector.</i></p>	UNDP
17:00 - 17:10	<b>Closure of Day 1</b>	

Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Theme - Circular Economy in Telecom Sector &amp; Integration of Informal Sector

Morning Session

Time	Activity	Responsible
08:30 - 9:00	Participant registration	TEC
09:00 - 10:50	<p>Panel Discussion: Implementing EPR - Coordination among Telecom Operators, Producers, and Recyclers</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p> <p><i>Session description: This panel discussion will explore the practical implementation of EPR in the e-waste sector, focusing on effective coordination among producers, recyclers, operators and industry associations. The session will highlight best practices, collaborative approaches and challenges in aligning stakeholders to achieve compliance, improve collection and recycling rates and advance circular economy goals.</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Blue Planet E-waste Solutions</p> <p>Greenscape Eco Management</p> <p>MAIT (Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology)</p> <p>Nokia India</p> <p>Ericsson India</p> <p>Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)</p> <p>Bharti Airtel Limited</p>
10:45 - 11:15	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>	
11:15 - 12:00	<p>Circular Economy program in Telecom Sector in India</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p> <p><i>Session description: Overview of Circular Economy initiatives in India's telecom sector, highlighting efforts to integrate sustainability, resource efficiency, and e-waste management across the value chain, while promoting an inclusive telecom ecosystem in line with India's Vision 2030 for circularity.</i></p>	DDG (Sat), DoT
12:00 - 13:00	<p>Enabling Material Circularity through EPR</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p> <p><i>Session description: Exploring how EPR can drive material circularity in the electronics sector, covering mechanisms for collecting, recycling, recovering valuable materials and closing resource use. The case study will illustrate practical implementation and lessons learned.</i></p>	Karo Sambhav
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
Afternoon Session		

14:00 - 14:30	Integration of Informal Sector - Success Stories and Challenges  <i>Session description: Highlighting successful approaches, practical lessons and the challenges faced in formalizing and empowering informal workers. Presenting strategies aligned with circular economy principles.</i>	GIZ India
14:30 - 14:45	Country presentation - Malaysia  <i>Informal sector landscape &amp; challenges</i>  <i>Session description: Sharing of experiences related to the country's informal e-waste sector, highlighting the current landscape, key challenges and programmes supporting their integration.</i>	Delegates
14:45 - 15:00	Country presentation - Nigeria  <i>Informal sector landscape &amp; challenges</i>  <i>Session description: Sharing of experiences related to the country's informal e-waste sector, highlighting the current landscape, key challenges and programmes supporting their integration.</i>	Delegates
15:00 - 15:15	Country presentation - Dominican Republic  <i>Informal sector landscape &amp; challenges</i>  <i>Session description: Sharing of experiences related to the country's informal e-waste sector, highlighting the current landscape, key challenges and programmes supporting their integration.</i>	Delegates
15:15 - 16:00	Group Work: Mapping Informal-Formal Linkages	GIZ India  Participants
16:00 - 16:15	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>	
16:15 - 17:00	Group work presentations	Participants
17:00 - 17:10	<b>Closure of Day 2</b>	

Wednesday, 11 February 2026		
Theme - Standardization & Operationalization		
Morning Session		
Time	Activity	Responsible
08:30 - 09:00	Participant registration	TEC
09:00 - 09:15	Overview of the Site Visit	DDG R, Punjab LSA

9:15 - 10:30	Global Best Practices and International Standards: Refurbishment and Recycling Q & A <i>Session description: Exploring best practices and international standards for e-waste refurbishment and recycling and examining how standards and guidelines are applied in practice and how they can support countries in strengthening regulatory frameworks and improving the performance of refurbishment and recycling systems.</i>	SERI
10:30 - 10:45	Role of International Standards in E-waste Management	ITU
10:45 - 11:15	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>	
11:15 - 13:00	Panel Discussion – Building Skills for Effective E-Waste Management Q & A <i>Session description: This panel discussion will explore strategies for building skills and capacity in the e-waste management sector. Experts will discuss training programs and workforce development, highlighting best practices, challenges, and opportunities for creating a safe, efficient, and circular e-waste recycling ecosystem.</i>	Toxics Link TEC Attero E[co]work Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) Material Recycling Association of India (MRAI)
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Afternoon Session</b>		
14:00 - 15:00	Overview of the E-waste Cluster Project Q & A <i>Session description: Overview of the e-waste cluster approach through the establishment of common facilities, as a mechanism to support the formalisation and upgrading of the informal e-waste sector.</i>	MeitY
15:00 - 15:40	Research & Development in E-waste Recycling Technologies in India Q & A <i>Session description: Overview of the R&amp;D efforts in e-waste recycling technologies in India, with a focus on the role of innovation in improving material recovery, and environmental performance. It will highlight how applied research and technology transfer can support the development of indigenous recycling solutions for priority e-waste streams.</i>	CMET Hyderabad
15:40 - 16:00	<b>Tea / Coffee Break</b>	

16:00 - 16:30	Closing remarks	ITU / TEC
16:30 - 16:40	<b>Closure of Day 3</b>	

Thursday, 12 February 2026		
Site Visit		
Time	Activity	Responsible
08:30 - 11:00	Travel to the facility	ITU
11:00 - 12:00	Welcome & facility overview	Greenscape Eco Management
12:00 - 13:30	Guided tour of the e-waste recycling facility	Greenscape Eco Management
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30 - 17:00	Travel back to the hotel	ITU
17:00 - 17:10	<b>Closure of Day 4</b>	

Friday, 13 February 2026		
Visit to ITU Area Office and Innovation Centre		
Time	Activity	Responsible
10:30 - 11:15	ITU Area Office and Innovation Centre overview  Global & ASP CE programme overview	ITU
11:15 - 12:15	<p>Innovation café on exploring strategic opportunities for collaboration with partners on e-waste.</p> <p>Partners: UNRC, Embassy of Colombia, Delegates, UNDP, UNEP, DoT, MoEFCC, MeitY, CGAPP, Industry</p> <p><i>Session description: ITU Innovation Café is a brainstorming platform to turn abstract ideas into actionable outcomes. The 1 hr session will be utilized to explore opportunities for collaboration with various partners on e-waste. The following guiding questions will be used to steer the discussion:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. What cross-sector collaborations (government-industry-recyclers-informal sector-academia) could most effectively accelerate a circular electronics ecosystem in participating countries? Which partnerships or shared platforms are</i></li> </ol>	ITU

	<p><i>currently missing, and how might we co-create them?</i></p> <p>2. <i>How can digital tools or other innovative solutions be leveraged to improve transparency, traceability and accountability across the e-waste value chain? What innovations could be piloted jointly across countries?</i></p> <p>3. <i>What specific areas of technology, standards, skills development or research offer the greatest opportunity for joint innovation among participating countries and tech companies? Which collaborative projects could realistically begin within the next 12-18 months?</i></p>	
12:30 - 13:30	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>	
<p><i>Afternoon - Free time in New Delhi</i></p>		