



Connect2Recover Research Competition
Best practices and recommendations for digital
inclusion through resilient infrastructure
28 November 2022
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

AGENDA

Opening	
10:00 - 10:30	<p>Welcome Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anne-Rachel Inne, Regional Director, Regional Office for Africa, ITU • Dr. René Arnold, Vice President Public Affairs Strategy, Huawei <p>Opening Remarks: H.E. Dr. Belete Molla, Minister of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopia</p> <p>Launch of the 15 Research Reports and ITU Publication “Build Back Better with Broadband: Research stories from the frontline</p>
10:30 - 10:45	Group Photo
10:45 - 11:15	Keynote: Mr. Wang Dong, Director North Africa, Public Affairs and Communications, Huawei
11:15 - 11:25	ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission Working Group on Smartphone Access
11:25 - 11:35	<p>ITU/World Bank Open Data Initiative</p> <p>Ms. Alice Munyua, Senior Director, Africa Innovation Strategy, Mozilla Corporation</p>
11:35 - 12:00	<p>Introduction to Connect2Recover and research competition</p> <p>Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, ITU</p>
Session 1: Digital Inclusion - Health	
12:00 - 12:15	<p>Research Paper 7: Network in a Box to Provide Health Services in Remote Areas</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Ki-Hong Park, Research Scientist, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:15 - 12:30	<p>Research Paper 10: Tele-medicine as a panacea to medical tourism in Africa exploiting communications satellite technologies</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Lasisi Salami Lawal, Senior Research Fellow, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:30 - 12:45	<p>Research Paper 13: The use of Telemedicine in the Management of Chronic Diseases in Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Cases Study – Dominica</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Benet Henry, Medical Practitioner, A-MEDIC Inc., Dominica; Ms. Taletha Laudat, Project Manager, A-MEDIC Inc., Dominica</p> <p>Q&A</p>
12:45 - 13:00	<p>Research Paper 15: Digital health through telemedicine ecosystem against pandemics, epidemics and natural disasters in Sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. David Botchie, Senior Lecturer, Brunel University, United Kingdom</p> <p>Q&A</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch

Session 2: Digital Inclusion - Education	
14:00 - 14:15	Research Paper 1: Inclusive higher education post-Covid-19 Presenter: Mr. Michael Canares, Advisor, Step Up Consulting, Philippines Q&A
14:15 - 14:30	Research Paper 6: Taking Action towards Digital Inclusion in African cities and regions: policy framework for digital resiliency in education for a better COVID-19 recovery Presenter: Mr. Hassan Mohammed Yakubu, Architect, School of Architecture, Planning & Design, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco Q&A
14:30 - 14:45	Research Paper 11: Determinants of Digital Inclusion in Higher Education: Exploring the Ethiopian Context Presenter: Dr. Wondwossen Muluaem Beyene, Freelance Researcher, Hawassa University, Ethiopia Q&A
Session 3: Digital Inclusion - Job Creation	
14:45 - 15:00	Research Paper 3: Building resilient micro-enterprises with digital transformation Presenter: Dr. Stan Karanasios, Associate Professor, University of Queensland, Australia Q&A
15:00 - 15:15	Research Paper 8: Advancing Smallholder Agribusiness in Botswana through Smart Digital Innovation Presenter: Dr. Thorsten Jelinek, Director and Senior Fellow, Taihe Institute, China Q&A
15:15 - 15:30	Research Paper 14: The digital financial inclusion of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) of the COMESA region into electronic business during and post the COVID 19 pandemic Presenter: Dr. Reason Masengu, Senior Lecturer (Marketing), Middle East College, Muscat, Oman Q&A
Session 4: Digital Inclusion - Vulnerable Persons	
15:30 - 15:45	Research Paper 9: An Assessment of Digital Inclusion among the Vulnerable Persons in Developing Economies Presenter: Dr. Fredrick Kanobe, Lecturer, Kyambogo University, Kampala, Uganda Q&A
15:45 - 16:00	Research Paper 12: Reinvigorating Elderly Population in Post-COVID 19 Pandemic Era through Digital Inclusion Strategies: A Malaysian Case Study Presenter: Mr. Ramachandran Ramasamy, Managing Director, Blue Tree Associates Sdn Bhd, Malaysia; Dr. Maniam Kaliannan, Associate Professor, School of Business, University of Nottingham Malaysia Q&A
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee break

Session 5: Digital Connectivity and Resilience	
16:15 - 16:30	<p>Research Paper 2: Market Resilience in Emerging Digital Economies: Case Study of Kenya During Covid-19 Pandemic Presenter: Mr. William Baraza, Director, African Advanced Level Telecommunications Institute (AFRALTI), Kenya</p> <p>Q&A</p>
16:30 - 16:45	<p>Research Paper 4: Covid-19 Recovery: Rebuilding Digital Inclusion for the Rural Counties of Kenya Presenter: Mr. Leonard Mabele, Research Fellow, Strathmore University, Kenya</p> <p>Q&A</p>
16:45 - 17:00	<p>Research Paper 5: CoLRN: A Community-based Vision for Local Resilient Networks Presenter: Ms. Ndinelaio litumba, Masters Student, Department of Computer Science, University of Cape Town, South Africa</p> <p>Q&A</p>
Breakout Sessions and Panel Discussion	
17:00 - 17:40	<p>Breakout session 1: Digital Inclusion: Health Breakout session 2: Digital Inclusion: Education Breakout session 3: Digital Inclusion: Job Creation Breakout Session 4: Digital Inclusion</p>
17:40 - 17:55	Panel Discussion
17:55 - 18:00	Closing Remarks: Ms. Anne-Rachel Inne , Regional Director, Regional Office for Africa, ITU