

ITU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM FOR THE AMERICAS – RDF-AMS

Peru Convention Center, Lima, Peru

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Main Outcomes



1. Introduction

The America's Regional Development Forum was organized on May 25th by BDT, in close cooperation with Inter-American Telecommunication Commission – CITELECOM and in sequence of the 32 CITELECOM PCC I meeting (thanks to CITELECOM for this opportunity) and at the kind invitation of the Ministry of Transport and Communication – MTC of Peru. This forum aims at reporting the Membership on a) the activities performed in the framework of Dubai Action Plan and b) the activities projected in reference with the Buenos Aires Action Plan, with particular emphasis on Americas Regional Initiatives.

2. Participation

165 registered participants representing 14 Member States, 10 Sector Members, 8 Academia Members, and 12 other institutions.

The list of participants is attached.

3. Opening Ceremony and Key Note speech

Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITELECOM, Rafael Muentes, President of OSIPTEL, the Director of ITU's Telecommunications Development Bureau and Virginia Nakagawa, Vice Minister of Communications of Perú spoke at the Opening Ceremony. Vice Minister Nakagawa presented the current state of ICT in Peru through a Key Note

Speech. She stressed the importance of promoting deployment of infrastructure and efficient spectrum use, competition, and content and applications development.

4. Sessions

Bruno Ramos introduced the activities performed in 2017, presented BaAP and draft projects to implement Regional Initiatives making reference to the Council decision on allocating seed funds with that purpose. The brochure "[Americas Regional Initiatives and WTDC-Objectives](#)" was introduced.

Representatives of the Latin American Development Bank, FIDEL (Perú), CTU, INTELSAT, Telefónica, ISOC and COMTELCA spoke at the Forum. Some of the key messages presented are:

- Broadband connectivity for all is still a challenge in the Americas and the Caribbean. Three targets identified: 1. last mile in broadband networks, 2. ultra-fast broadband networks, 3. 5G network deployment.
- Regional harmonization (Regulations, Spectrum, Tax, Security, etc) is a need for ICT development.
- Emergency plans must be in place already.
- Not a single technology can solve all challenges.
- To connect areas without service requires nontraditional approaches.
- It is essential to reduce regulatory barriers, tax barriers, and barriers beyond connectivity that slow down bridging the digital divide
- A safe and sound Internet is paramount for IoT