

# Regional Innovation Forum for the Americas

## Draft agenda

<b>Wednesday, 27 October 2020</b>	
Regional Innovation Forum - Americas Region	
<b>Ministerial Discusión</b>	
<b>11:00–12:00</b> (UTC-3)	<p><b>Regional good practices and collaboration insight for mainstreaming digital innovation ecosystems (Ministerial panel)</b></p> <p><b>Overview</b></p> <p>This session builds on insights from regional good practice reports to get high-level public and private sector stakeholders to discuss their practices in guiding innovation dynamics, building innovation capacity and integrating ICT innovation into national development agendas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the regional and national performance of the engines of economic growth?</li> <li>• What are the key challenges regarding the enablers for digital transformation in the region? Which are the opportunities within sectors more resistant to digital transformation?</li> <li>• What are lessons from good practices that can be amplified or twinned with other countries? Which are the "low hanging fruits" meaning the sectors that are closer to digital transformation?</li> </ul>
<b>Ecosystem champions track</b>	
<b>12:00-13:00</b> (UTC-3)	<p><b>REPORT LAUNCH: 1st edition of ITU's Regional Good Practices Report: Accelerating innovation, entrepreneurship and digital innovation — Americas region.</b></p> <p><b>Regional good practices in innovation, entrepreneurship and digital transformation: building the tech entrepreneurship and key sector in regional context during the pandemic (eg. innovation in health or education)</b></p> <p><i>Session type: Blueprint sharing</i></p> <p>This session will bring together high-level speakers from countries to provide insights about key sector development with technology through tech entrepreneurship. This session explores in-depth some of the blueprints fuelling digital transformation and how they affect the key enablers (such as infrastructure, talent, capital, market, culture and vision, and strategy) and the performance of the three engines of growth.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How is tech entrepreneurship fuelling competitiveness (or the lack thereof) in regional contexts for key sectors with potential?</li><li>• What are the challenges and opportunities for the digital ecosystem within this context? What are the key insights for the seven enablers of digital transformation?</li><li>• What new mechanisms or initiatives are needed to accelerate sectoral transformation using a whole-ecosystem approach?</li><li>• What is the blueprint of the practice and its success story?</li></ul>
<b>Young ICT leaders track</b>	
<b>13:00-14:00 (UTC-3)</b>	<p><b>An innovation journey: stories from the frontlines</b></p> <p>This is a moderated discussion by a mentor OR a presentation of a practice from the region. This session will invite ITU Innovation Challenges winners to share their stories from their regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does it feel like being an innovator in your ecosystem?</li><li>• What is missing to help innovators achieve their potential?</li><li>• What problems are innovators in your ecosystem trying to solve?</li></ul>