MINISTRY FOR DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC	**INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION**

ITU Digital Transformation Forum
28-30 August 2023, hotel Baytur "Resort & Spa",
Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan (GMT+6)

PROGRAMME
DAY 1. Monday (28 August 2023)

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09:00-10:00	**Registration** **Welcome coffee**
10:00-10:15	**OPENING REMARKS** **Mr. Zamirbek Kozhomuratov**, Deputy Minister for Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic **Ms. Natalia Mochu**, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for CIS **Mr. Nurudin Mukhitdinov**, General Director of the Executive Committee of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications
10:15-11:40	**Session 1: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION** *This session will discuss issues related to the development of national digital transformation strategies, institutional and regulatory frameworks, financing mechanisms and importance of ICT data availability for informed decision-making* **Moderator:** Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional Office for CIS
10:15-10:30	**Keynote presentation**: "Developing a national digital transformation strategy: what needs to be achieved, why is it important, how to do it", **Ms. Sofie Maddens**, Chief a.i., Digital Knowledge Hub, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

10:30-11:00	**Panel discussion: "Digital transformation management and digital regulation"**
	The Panel will focus on two topics: (1) Institutional framework: robust governance and coordination structure for the implementation of a national digital transformation agenda; (2) Regulatory flexibility: innovative regulatory approaches for rapid development and introduction of emerging technologies
	
	- "Highlights from the Global Symposium for Regulators: regulation for digital transformation", **Ms. Nancy Sundberg**, Senior Programme Officer, ITU BDT
	- **Experience from the Region:**
	    Ms. Nazgul Bazhaeva, Head of Department, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry, **Kazakhstan**
	    Mr. Dmitry Korzun, Head of Department, Ministry of Telecommunications and Infomatization, **Belarus**
	    Mr. Bakytbek Omurkulov, Head of Department, Ministry for Digital Development, **Kyrgyzstan**
	- Q&A

11:00-11:40	**Panel discussion: "Technical and regulatory solutions to ensure the connection of unconnected"** *The Panel will discuss two topics: (1) Infrastructure sharing for social and economic imperatives; (2) Connecting the unconnected: universal service financing and other approaches for universal and meaningful connectivity* - "Broadband mapping for universal and meaningful connectivity, relevant ITU tools", **Mr. Ihar Shchetko**, Giga Project Officer, ITU BDT - **Experience from the Region**: **Ms. Zaruhi Stepanyan**, Head of Division, Public Services Regulatory Commission, **Armenia**

	Ms. Elina Zhumanazarova, chief specialist, Service for Regulation and Supervision in the Communications Industry, **Kyrgyzstan** **Ms. Gulnara Bukeeva**, Vice-Chairman, Telecommunications Committee, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry, **Kazakhstan** **Mr. Yauheni Salauyou**, Head of Division, United Institute of Informatics Problems, National Academy of Science, **Belarus** - Q&A
11:40-12:00	**Group photo (offline and in Zoom)** **Coffee break**
12:00-13:00	**Training session: MEASURING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION (part 1)** *During the session, participants will be trained to complete ITU questionnaires, which form the basis of international digital transformation rankings.* **Moderator:** Ms. Irina Divakova, Digital Development Expert, ITU Regional Office for CIS - "ICT Tariff Policies Survey: timeline, methodology, tips", **Ms. Carmen Prado-Wagner,** Senior Programme Officer, ITU BDT - "ICT Regulatory Survey: timeline, methodology, tips", **Ms. Youlia Lozanova**, Senior Analysist, ITU BDT - "ITU Global Cybersecurity Index: timeline, methodology, tips", **Mr. Farid Nakhli**, Programme Coordinator, ITU RO CIS - Q&A
	Wrap-up of Day 1

DAY 2. Tuesday (29 August 2023)

14:30-15:50	**Session 2: UNIVERSAL AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTIVITY: MEASURING PROGRESS**
	The session will provide an overview of ITU's statistical program, tools, initiatives and innovations to track digital transformation. Participants are invited to share national experiences in the collection, analysis and use of ICT statistics.
	
	Moderator: Ms. Zhibek Abdullaeva, Chairman of the Service for Regulation and Supervision in the Communications Industry, Kyrgyzstan
	
	- "Introduction to ITU's statistical work and latest tools and initiatives", **Mr. Thierry Geiger**, Senior Economist, Head of Division, ITU BDT
	- "Measuring digital transformation using open and private sector Big Data", **Ms. Esperanza Magpantay**, Senior Statistician, ITU BDT, and **Mr. Fredrik Eriksson**, Data Scientist, ITU BDT
	- "ICT Data: overview, impact, gaps, view on the CIS region", **Ms. Irina Divakova**, ITU Regional Office for CIS
	- **Experience from the Region**:
	    Mr. Nikita Klimovich, specialist, Ministry of Telecommunications and Informatization, **Belarus**
	    Mr. Bakhodir Karshibaev, Head of the Division, Statistics Agency, **Uzbekistan**
	- Q&A

15:50-16:30	**Coffee break**
16:30-18:00	**Training session: MEASURING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION (part 2)** *During the session participants will be introduced to the approaches to collection and use of ICT Household indicators and ICT Admin indicators, as well as trained to use the collected data to assess the readiness for*

	digital transformation and to measure progress towards the achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals **Moderator:** Ms. Irina Divakova, ITU Regional Office for CIS - "ICT household indicators: approaches to collection, process and use. Training Opportunity", **Ms. Esperanza Magpantay**, ITU BDT - "ICT administrative indicators: approaches to collection, process and use. Training Opportunity", **Mr. Daniel Vertesy**, ITU BDT - "Digital economy indicators: approaches to collection, process and use. Training Opportunity**", Ms. Scarlett Fondeur Gil**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD - Q&A
	Wrap-up of Day 2

DAY 3. Wednesday (30 August 2023)

10:00-10:30	**Wrap-up of training sessions** **Survey of participants** **Additional presentations on the topics of the first two days of the Forum:** - "Development of the Digital Code of the Kyrgyz Republic", **Mr. Bayysh Nurmatov**, Head of Information Security Department, **Ms. Natalia Chernogubova**, GIIP expert, Public Foundation "Citizen Initiative of Internet Policy", Kyrgyzstan
10:30-11:00	**Session 3: ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF ITU MEMBERSHIP. KEY STUDY AREA, PREPARATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS** *This session will provide an overview of the key ITU study areas. The participants will acquire a detailed knowledge of Study Groups and Focal Groups of ITU Sectors and present their experience in collaboration with ITU. The invited speakers will provide guidelines on preparation of contributions to the statutory conferences and assemblies, such as WTSA, WTDC, WRC* **Moderator**: Mr. Yauheni Salauyou, Head, International Cooperation Division, United Institute of Informatics Problems, National Academy of Science, Belarus - "Experience in regional preparations for ITU plenipotentiary conferences and organization of work between them", **Mr. Alexei Borodin**, Chairman of the Working Group on Work with ITU at the Commission for Coordination of International Cooperation, **RCC** - "Perspective studies of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector", **Dr. Bilel Jamoussi**, Chief of Department, ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
11:00-11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30-12:50	**Session 3 (continued)** - "Ways to contribute to the work of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector to implement the WTDC-22 decisions", **Mr. Arseny Plossky**, ITU-D Study Group 1 Rapporteur - "Cooperation with ITU at the regional level: implementation of regional initiatives and other activities in the CIS countries", **Ms. Natalia Mochu**, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for CIS - **Experience from the Region**: **Mr. Tilek Taalajbekov**, Head of department, Service for Regulation and Supervision in the Communications Industry, **Kyrgyzstan**

	Ms. Zhanat Jabasova, Head of the Center for International Cooperation and Project Implementation, KEnEU University, **Kazakhstan** **Mr. Igor Desjukevich**, specialist, scientific and technical department, Belarusian State Communications Academy, **Belarus** **Ms. Nina Zhuravleva**, Vice-Rector for Youth Policy and International Cooperation, St. Petersburg State University of Telecommunications named after Prof. M.A. Bonch-Bruevich, **Russia** **Mr. Ammar Saleh Ali Muthanna**, Associate Professor, Department of Communication Networks and Data Transmission, St. Petersburg State University of Telecommunications named after Prof. M.A. Bonch-Bruevich, **Russia** - Q&A
12:50-13:00	**CONCLUDING REMARKS. CLOSING** **Ms. Zhibek Abdullaeva**, Chairman, Service for Regulation and Supervision in the Communications Industry, Kyrgyzstan **Ms. Natalia Mochu**, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for CIS