UNGIS Task Force on Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development

1st Open Consultation with Stakeholders[1]

DATE	29 October 2026
TIME	14:00–15:15 CET (13:00–14:15 UTC)
FORMAT / VENUE	Virtual / Zoom
PARTICIPANTS	Open to all stakeholders

AGENDA

1. **Welcoming remarks –** Ms Gitanjali Sah, Head of WSIS and Stakeholder Engagement Division, ITU

2. **WSIS+20 Implementation towards 2035:** Updates since the adoption of UNGA resolution A/RES/80/173 **–** Ms Gitanjali Sah, Head of WSIS and Stakeholder Engagement Division, ITU

3. **The UNGIS Task Force: Mandate, Work Plan and Call for Submissions –** Ms Mariia Shakura, ITU
   a. Overview: mandate (A/RES/80/173, para. 67) and expected outcomes for the CSTD at its 30th session in 2027
   b. Members of the UNGIS Task Force: ITC, ITU, ODET, OECD, OHCHR, UN DESA, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UN-OHRLLS, UNIDO, UNOPS, UNU, UPU, WFP, WHO, WMO, WTO, the World Bank Group, and the five United Nations regional commissions.
   c. Timeline of the UNGIS Task Force and updates on the implementation activities

4. **Strengthening Financial Mechanisms for Digital Development for Developing Countries: Gaps and Challenges and Concrete Recommendations**
   a. Keynote speakers for setting the scene:
      i. Mr Tomas Manuel Gonzalez Alvarez, Senior Programme Management Officer (LLDC Team Lead), United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
      ii. Multilateral finanical institution: Ms Stela Mocan, Acting Director, DPI & Services Department, Mr Ravi Chaturvedi, Global Practice Manager, Digital Economy & Society, World Bank Group
      iii. Private sector: Ms Akua Gyekye, Sr Director and Head of Government Affairs, Microsoft Africa
   b. Open floor for contributions and inputs/Q&A with all stakeholders

5. **Closing remarks –** Ms Nur Sulyna Abdullah, Chief of Strategic Planning and Membership, and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

[1] All WSIS stakeholders, including the UNGIS-MCG, multilateral financial institutions, development partners and other relevant stakeholders, such as the private sector and WSIS Action Line Facilitators