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## **Welcome to the Ambassadors' Briefing: 2025 series!**

The session will start soon.



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# WEF Global Risks Report 2025

## Current global risk landscape

FIGURE C

### Global risks ranked by severity over the short and long term

"Please estimate the likely impact (severity) of the following risks over a 2-year and 10-year period."

#### Risk categories

- Economic
- Environmental
- Geopolitical
- Societal
- Technological

#### 2 years

1 <sup>st</sup>	Misinformation and disinformation
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Extreme weather events
3 <sup>rd</sup>	State-based armed conflict
4 <sup>th</sup>	Societal polarization
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cyber espionage and warfare
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pollution
7 <sup>th</sup>	Inequality
8 <sup>th</sup>	Involuntary migration or displacement
9 <sup>th</sup>	Geoeconomic confrontation
10 <sup>th</sup>	Erosion of human rights and/or civic freedoms

#### 10 years

1 <sup>st</sup>	Extreme weather events
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Critical change to Earth systems
4 <sup>th</sup>	Natural resource shortages
5 <sup>th</sup>	Misinformation and disinformation
6 <sup>th</sup>	Adverse outcomes of AI technologies
7 <sup>th</sup>	Inequality
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#### Source

World Economic Forum Global Risks  
Perception Survey 2024-2025.

# OpenWallet Forum





**Democratize  
AI learning**



**Create global  
partnerships**



**Bridge the global  
AI skills gap**



**Foster  
inclusivity**



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ITU Year in Review 2024



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**Years of ITU**





# ITU 160

## What can you do?

## 2. ITU's 160th Anniversary





## ITU Trivia

Which city hosted the first International Telegraph Conference that led to the creation of the ITU?

**ITU - 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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# Connectivity & Resilience

# **International Advisory Body for Submarine Cable Resilience**





## Giga

ITU-UNICEF initiative to connect all schools to the Internet

Maps schools and connectivity levels in real time

Mobilizing funding to deliver infra & close digital divide

Helps governments design frameworks



## Digital Infrastructure Investment Initiative

Unlocking vital billions to ready the world for a sustainable digital future

Multistakeholder partnership, including investment & funding institutions

### Digital Infrastructure Investment Initiative

Closing the digital infrastructure investment gap by 2030



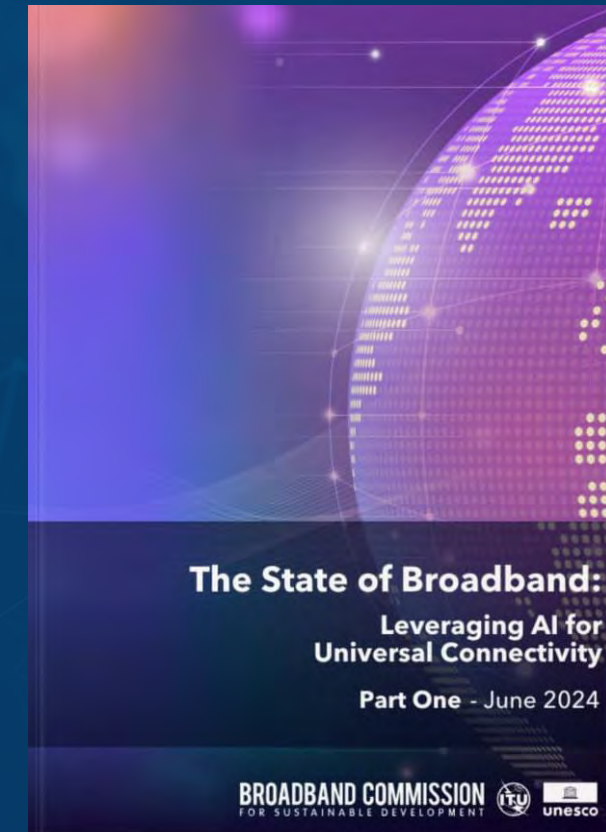


# Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development

Advocacy, think-tank

High-level public and private sector leaders

Focus on universal broadband connectivity





# Green Digital Action



## 3. Priorities for 2025



Reduce ICT Sector  
**GHG emissions**



Leverage **emergency telecommunication systems** for disaster alerts



Drive adoption of  
**green standards**



Advance climate solutions through **open environmental data and technologies**



Foster  
**circular economy**



Facilitate a **green transition across all industries**

## The Green Digital Action Declaration

Endorsed by  
**75** countries &  
**1170+** organizations

[Learn more](#)

In Solidarity for  
a Green World

COP29  
Baku,  
Azerbaijan

COP29  
Declarations and  
Pledges

Green  
Digital  
Action  
Declaration

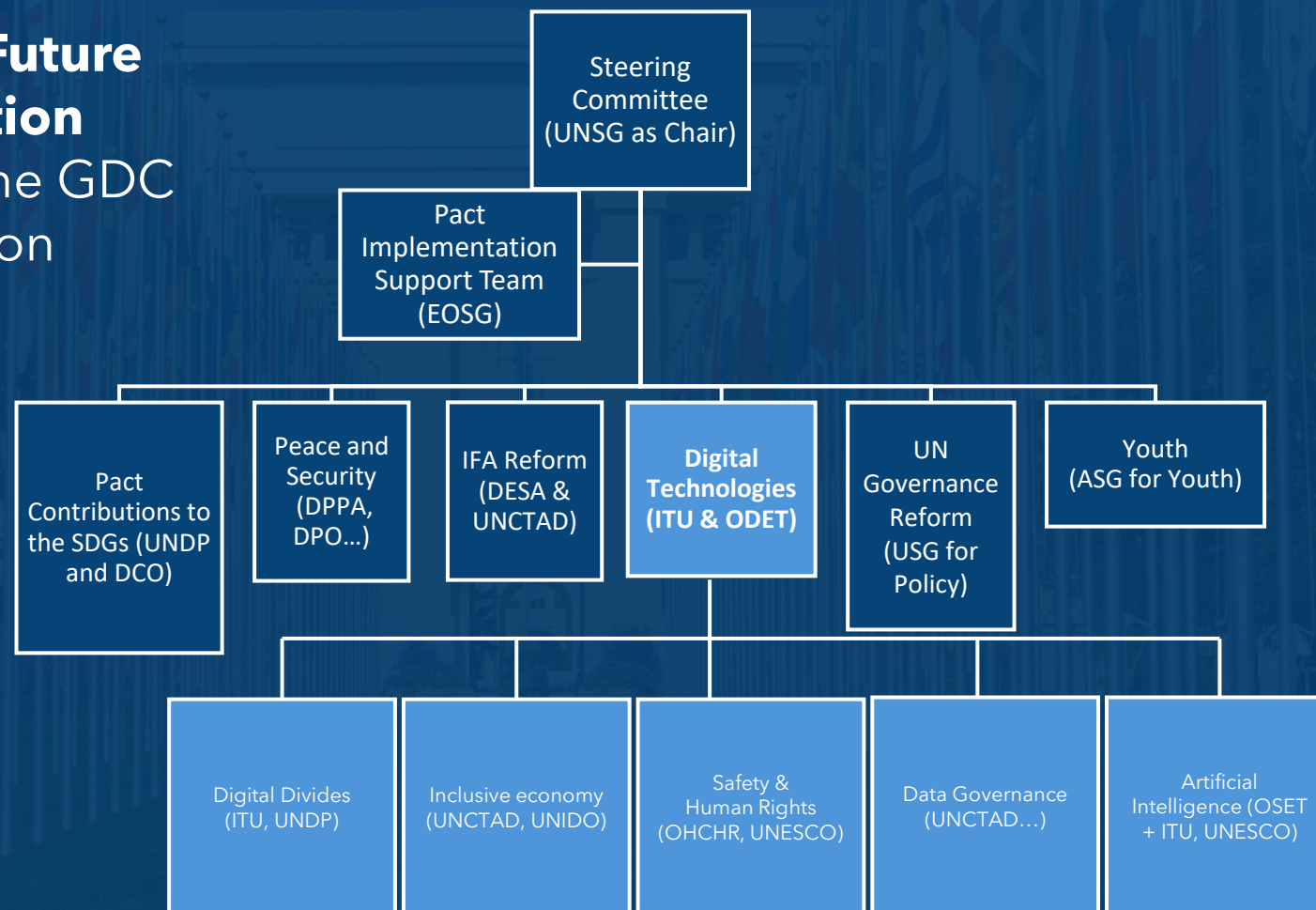
Embrace **green computing**

# UN Engagement and External Affairs



## Pact for the Future Implementation

ITU's role in the GDC  
implementation



## ITU and the GDC

### GDC Objectives

Closing digital divide

Expanding inclusion

Fostering open, safe digital space

Advancing responsible, interoperable data governance

Enhancing international governance of AI

### WSIS

Action Lines implementation addressing infrastructure, capacity building, cybersecurity, regulations, ICT apps, int. cooperation

WSIS annual Forum platform for progress, multi-stakeholder dialogue, and implementation updates

UNGIS, UN inter-agency mechanism on ICT-related policy issues and the implementation of WSIS

WSIS Stocktaking Database and WSIS Prizes collecting and recognizing impactful initiatives

### ITU Core Mandate

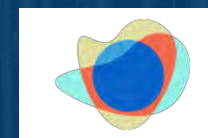
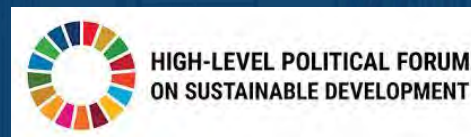
Radio spectrum management  
International Standards  
ICT Statistics  
Policy and regulatory guidance  
Project implementation  
Capacity building

### ITU-led Multi-stakeholder Partnerships

AI for Good Summit  
Broadband Commission  
Green Digital Action  
EQUALS: women & girls in ICT  
World Standards Collaboration  
Digital transformation centres  
Digital Infrastructure Investment Initiative  
Digital Public Infrastructure Initiative  
Child Online Protection



## UN Engagement and External Affairs 2025





# Space

## **Spectrum Management for space systems**

- Preparatory work for WRC-27
- Processing of requests stemming from the entry into force of new Radio Regulations provisions decided by WRC-23

## **Space Sustainability**

- 2nd Space Sustainability Forum, October 2025
- Use of Satellite technologies in Early Warnings for All Initiative
- Developing a tool to facilitate exchange of information about satellite operations

## **Space Connect**

- Bringing together industry leaders, regulators, and specialists from across the globe
- Monthly, dynamic virtual episodes exploring the rapidly evolving space sector.
- Covering current & diverse space topics



# Artificial Intelligence



**Technical standards**



**Capacity development**



**Policy & regulatory assistance**



**UN system-wide coordination**



**Multistakeholder dialogue platform**



# Quantum Information Technologies

## 2025, International Year of Quantum

*Quantum for Good* to be launched at  
*AI for Good Global Summit*

Year-long activities:

- Women in Quantum Webinar series
- Features on ITU-T quantum standards
- To find out more and to get involved ...  
contact [quantum@itu.int](mailto:quantum@itu.int)





# Standards



## 8 New WTSA-24 Resolutions



Artificial  
Intelligence



Digital public  
infrastructure



Strategic  
planning



Metaverse



Sustainable  
digital  
transformation



Youth &  
next Gen



Vehicle  
communication



Emergency  
location  
communications



# Digital Public Infrastructure

## WTSA-24 Resolution 103:

Enhancing standardization activities on digital public infrastructure



### ITU-T Study Groups:

Develop ITU-T Recommendations on digital public infrastructure



### TSB

Repository of use cases related to digital public infrastructure;  
Gap analysis for TSAG to consider areas of work;  
Promote the participation of the membership in ITU-T's activities on digital public infrastructure and dialogues to integrate lessons learned.



### Director of TSB in collaboration with SG and Director of BDT:

Multistakeholder collaborations to assist countries in implementing digital public infrastructure and share lessons learned.



### Director of TSB in collaboration with Director of BDT:

Capacity building for digital public infrastructure implementation.  
Organize workshops for the ITU membership.





Accelerate the development of **sustainable, citizen-centric, and reusable digital** government services creating the **global toolbox for e-government** uniting various stakeholders.



On behalf of



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for Economic Cooperation  
and Development



Republic of Estonia  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

digital  
impact  
alliance

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Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



## Open-Source Ecosystem Enabler (OSEE)

To enhance the **capacity** of local, regional public and private actors to **adopt open-source** for **digital government services**



# Capacity Development



### Capacity Development

Closing the Digital Skills Gap

- 1 Training to develop the capacity of ICT policy-makers and professionals across the globe
- 2 Boosting digital literacy and skills of citizens
- 3 Research and policy guidelines on capacity and digital skills development

**ITU Academy**



**Digital Transformation Centres**

**34'000+** participants trained to fully participate in, and contribute to, the digital transformation, since 2018.

**389,000+** (55% female) participants from underserved communities trained with basic and intermediate digital skills since 2020.

# Innovation

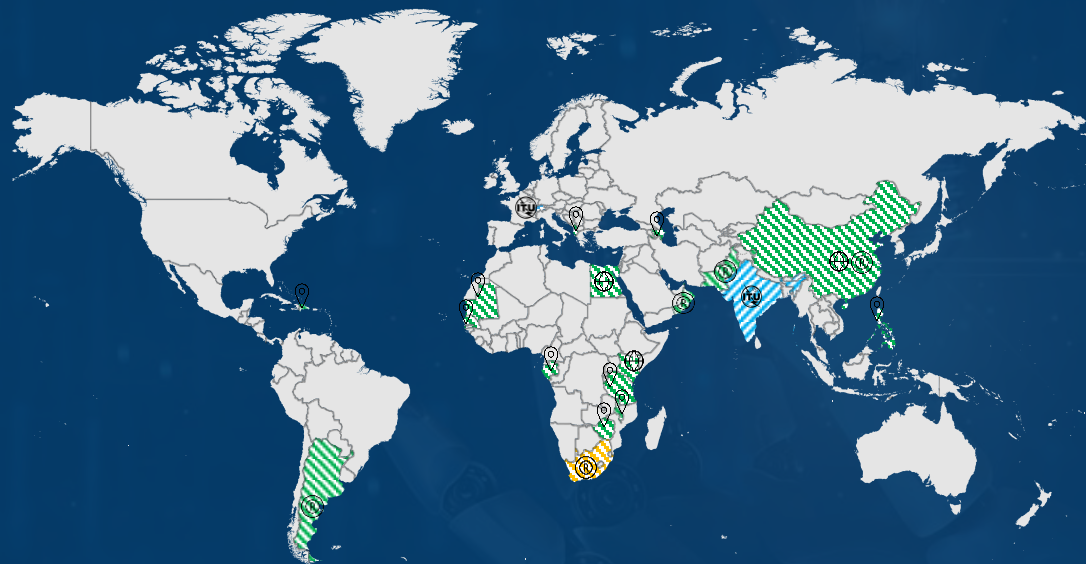




## Constellation of cooperating Centres

### Digital Innovation Profiles

Support countries with an accurate diagnosis of their digital innovation ecosystems' health and develop strategies to inform national policies.



### Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development

1. Digital Innovation Board
2. ITU Acceleration Centres
3. Digital Transformation Labs

# Policy & Regulation





Global Symposium for  
Regulators

Digital Regulation Network  
(DRN)

Digital Regulation Platform

ITU G5 Accelerator

Regulatory Guidelines

The logo for the ITU GSR Riyadh 2025 event. It features the text "ITU" in blue, "GSR" in black, and "RIYADH2025" in black with "2025" in blue. The logo is centered within a white rectangular box.

**ITU**GSR  
RIYADH2025

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# ITU Partner2Connect Digital Coalition

**Partner2Connect Annual Meeting**  
Popov Room, ITU HQ, Geneva, Switzerland  
**30 January 2025 14:00 - 17:30 CET**

## Where we are today



**956** Pledges

**452** Entities

**146** Countries

**USD 54.27bn**  
Estimated financial value





# AI for Good Global Summit

*Accelerating the United  
Nations Sustainable  
Development Goals*

8 — 11 July 2025  
Palexpo, Geneva

[aiforgood.itu.int/summit25](https://aiforgood.itu.int/summit25)



40+ UN PARTNERS



WORLD SUMMIT ON THE  
INFORMATION SOCIETY



**WSIS+20**  
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT 2025

7 — 11 July 2025  
Palexpo, Geneva

[WSIS.org/summit25](https://WSIS.org/summit25)



# ITU WTDC

## BAKU2025

17-28 November 2025  
Baku, Azerbaijan



**SDG  
Digital**

@ UN General Assembly,  
September 2025, NY



**Green  
Digital  
Action**

@ COP30,  
November 2025, Brazil





# Girls in ICT

International Girls in ICT Day  
24 April 2025



The ITU Global Youth Summit  
2025 (GYS-25)  
11-13 March 2025  
Varadero, Cuba

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- Tender for the new design ongoing
- Design planned for 2025 / 2026
- Sponsorship opportunities by end 2025

## ITU Strategic and Financial Plans

- Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial Plans (CWG-SFP) tasked to start drafting
- Next meeting is scheduled for **20-21 February 2025**; will include a Strategic Planning Workshop
- Virtual meeting on Contributory Unit held on 15 January 2025

## Gender & Youth

- Gender & Youth Office
- Girls in ICT Day
- CSW69 / Beijing+30 (2025)
- EQUALS
- Global Youth Summit

## Oversight Unit

- Completion full staffing of the Unit
- Finalizing evaluation guidelines
- Joining the United Nations Evaluation Group
- Outreach programme

## Ethics Office

- Code of Conduct at ITU events to be considered at February Council Working Group
- Development of an Ethics Charter



## Transformation

- Leadership development training at all levels & staff engagement survey
- Streamlining policies, processes and systems for financial management, recruitment, travel and performance management
- Launched the new website project
- Harnessing AI & Digital Transformation

## Contributory Unit

- Proposing an increase to ensure financial stability while pursuing efficiency savings and aligning with Member State priorities
- Based on needs, detailed rationale, financial scenarios and is in line with the fact that ITU has not had an increase since 2006
- Contributory Unit would increase by 6.41% from CHF 318,000 to CHF 338,387, if approved by 2025 Council and ITU PP-26
- It would take effect from January 2028

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## First Council Working Group and Expert Group Meetings in 2025

**Mon, 10 Feb**

Expert Group  
Decision 482

CWG WSIS &  
SDGs

**Tue, 11 Feb**

EG Decision  
482

CWG WSIS &  
SDGs

**Wed, 12 Feb**

CWG Languages

CWG Child  
Online  
Protection (COP)

**Thu, 13 Feb**

CWG COP

Informal Expert  
Group on WTPF

**Fri, 14 Feb**

IEG WTPF

**Mon, 17 Feb**

CWG Finance &  
Human  
Resource (FHR)

**Tue, 18 Feb**

CWG FHR

**Wed, 19 Feb**

CWG FHR

CWG Internet

**Thu, 20 Feb**

CWG Internet

EG International  
Telecom  
Regulations (ITRs)

CWG Strategic &  
Financial Plan

**Fri, 21 Feb**

EG ITRs

CWG Strategic &  
Financial Plan

## Demystifying Digital Series

Partnership between ITU and the diplomatic community in Geneva and New York to better understand emerging technology trends

**Hosted by Permanent Missions** upon their request.

Topics of interest are identified by the host.



## Which of the following topics would you be most interested in exploring in 2025?

1. Cybersecurity
2. 6G
3. Space
4. Technology and sustainability
5. AI
6. Quantum



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The logo features a large, stylized white number '150' on a blue gradient background. The '1' is a simple vertical bar, while the '5' and '0' are more complex, with the '5' having a diagonal top bar and the '0' being a solid circle. Below the '150' is the text 'Years of ITU' in a white, sans-serif font.

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Years of **ITU**