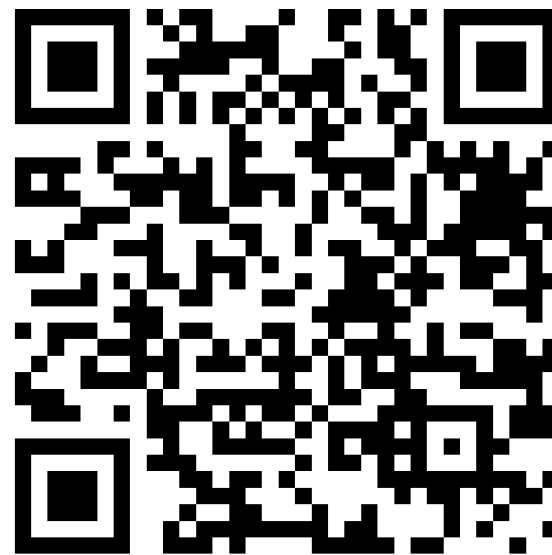


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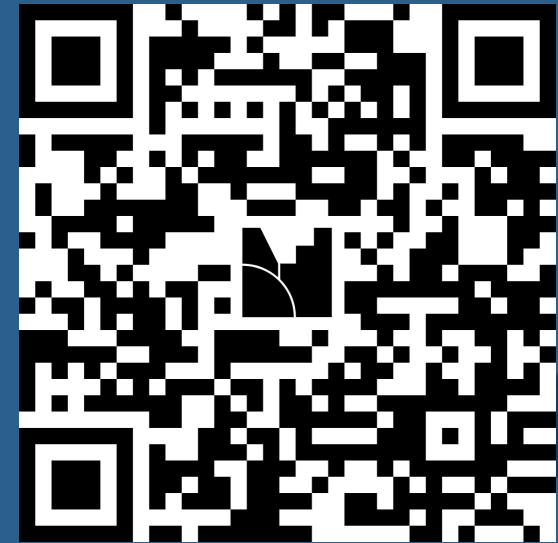




**Scannez-moi
pour la
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ITU Trivia

**What significant development
relevant to ITU's work took place
69 years ago on 25 September
1956?**



ITU Trivia

Correct Answer: b) The ITU oversaw the activation of the first transatlantic telephone cable. ✓



ITU Trivia

What is top on your agenda for the next few months?





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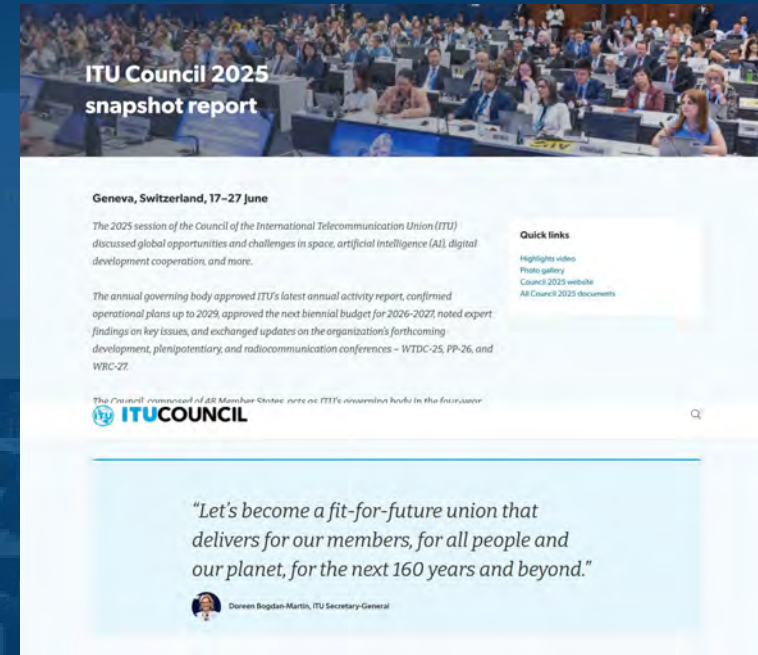
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ITU Council 2025 outcomes

- Consult the **Snapshot report** of ITU Council 2025 for a summary of the Outcomes
- Final outcomes and decisions of the plenary meetings of Council 2025 are now available in 6 languages



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Biennial budget for 2026-2027

Strengthening financial
governance while supporting
ITU's operational priorities



WRC-27 Consultation

- Consultation by Correspondence is now open
- Deadline for replies: **20 October 2025**
- Any questions : **consultation@itu.int**

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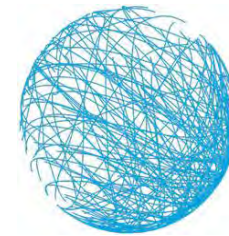
GENEVA2025

17-27 June 2025
Geneva, Switzerland

World Telecommunications/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-26)

Nassau, **Bahamas** from **9-11 June 2026**,
with a Strategic Dialogue **on 8 June**.

Theme: "Accelerating an inclusive,
sustainable, resilient, and innovative
digital future"



ITUWTPF

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ITU Meetings Hub during
the construction period of
the new ITU Headquarters
building (2028 -2029)

Strengthening ITU
regional presence

Technical support to
Palestine

Why ITU matters

Case for investment, 2028-2031

See [video introduction](#) (AI generated avatar presentation)

Also listen to the [podcast](#) (AI generated interview) based on this e-brochure



Global challenges, practical solutions

Now more than ever, the world needs ITU.

The accelerating pace of technological change brings both opportunities and risks for societies and economies worldwide.

Governments, industry and academia need to work together to ensure smooth global communications.

For 160 years, ITU has provided a neutral platform to ensure that the benefits of advancing technologies reach everyone. Today, we continue building on that tradition as the United Nations agency for digital technologies.

Investing in ITU means investing in our shared digital future.

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General
International Telecommunication Union



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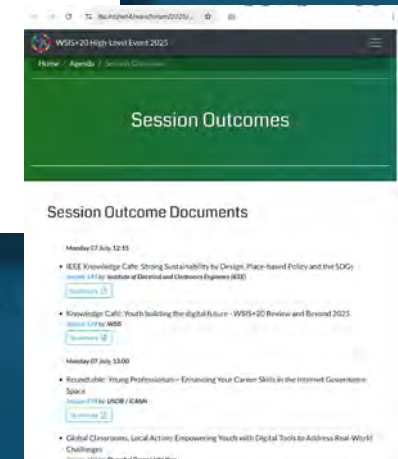
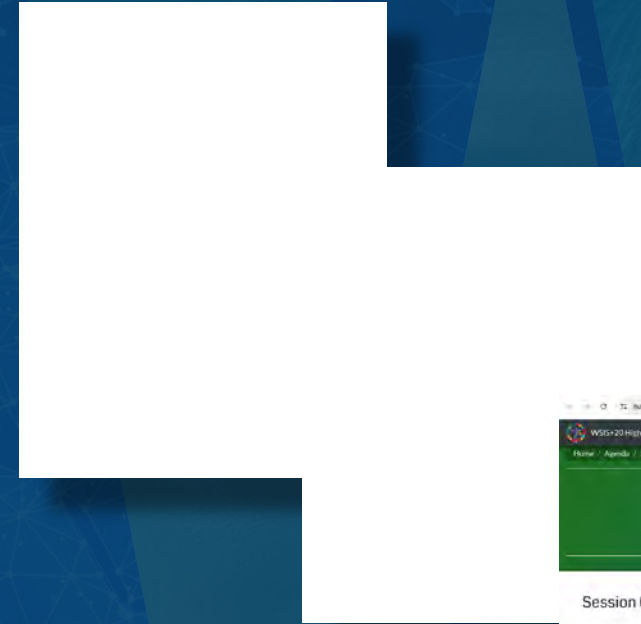
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INFORMATION SOCIETY



WSIS+20
HIGH-LEVEL EVENT 2025

7 — 11 July 2025
Palexpo, Geneva

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



Call for Action

Engaging Ambassadors
Key Contributions
and Actions

WSIS+20 Co-Facilitators Preparatory Process Roadmap 2025

<p>●</p> <p>29 August Release of Zero Draft</p>	<p>●</p> <p>9 - 10 September Council Working Group Zero Draft discussion</p>	<p>●</p> <p>By 26 September Written inputs to be sent to UN Secretariat on the Zero Draft</p>	<p>●</p> <p>13-14 October Consultations with Stakeholders, held virtually.</p>
<p>●</p> <p>15 October 2nd Prep Meeting ECOSOC Chamber, 10:00-13:00 UNHQ</p>	<p>●</p> <p>16-17/20-21 October Informal Negotiations at UNHQ</p>	<p>●</p> <p>November Draft Outcome Document.</p>	<p>●</p> <p>November Informal Negotiations at UNHQ.</p>
<p>●</p> <p>November Consultations with Stakeholders and Member States at UNHQ</p>	<p>●</p> <p>16-17 December High-level meeting of the General Assembly at UNHQ</p>		

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2025 Summit in numbers



11'000+

Participants



10'000+

Online



79% / 21%

Participants from developed
/ developing countries



800+

Speakers



51'000+

Neural Network users



41%

Women



169+

Countries



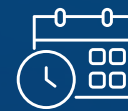
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100+

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AI for Good

Summit Outcomes



AI Governance day report

Expected publication time:
September 2025



AI for Good Impact report (2nd edition)

Expected publication time:
October 2025

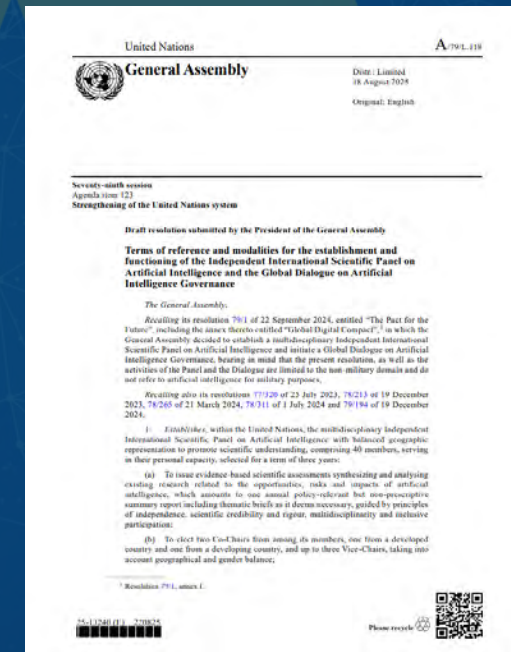


International AI Standards Summit report

Expected publication time:
October 2025

AI Modalities Resolution at UNGA

Terms of Reference and modalities for
the establishment and functioning of the
**Independent Scientific Panel on AI and
the Global Dialogue on AI Governance**

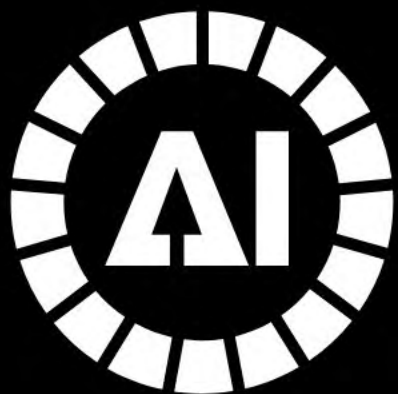


Global Dialogue on AI Governance

“The Global Dialogue on AI Governance will provide an inclusive platform within the United Nations for states and stakeholders to discuss the critical issues concerning AI facing humanity today.” - UN Secretary General

AI Panel and Dialogue





AI for Good

Global Summit

*Identifying innovative AI
applications to solve global
challenges*

7 – 10 July 2026
Geneva, Switzerland



ITU GSR

RIYADH 2025

GSR-25 Best Practice Guidelines on “What does it take for regulators to become digital ecosystem builders?”



Academic Advisory Body on Emerging Technologies

Brings together **leading experts** from different world regions to examine how **emerging technologies** can best serve society.





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Goal: More efficient, agile, and impactful UN

UN 80 Task Force

3 workstreams

7 thematic clusters

Chaired by
UNSG Guy
Ryder

Includes 15
Principals from
across the UN

Workstream 1:
efficiencies

Workstream 2:
mandate
implementation

Workstream 3:
Structural
changes

ITU co-leads
Specialized
Agency cluster
with **ILO**



UN General Assembly 2025

- **Theme:** Better together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights
- **President of the UNGA80:** H.E. Ms Annalena Baerbock of Germany.

Key Dates

- Opening Day 9 September and General Debate 23 September to 8 October
- 80th Anniversary of the United Nations (22 September)
- SDG Moment (22 September)
- PGA's launch event of the Global Dialogue on AI Governance (25 September)



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Digital@UNGA is a week-long programme convened by ITU and UNDP during the 2025 United Nations General Assembly.

Digital
@UNGA



Affiliate Sessions are independently organized, partner-led events held as part of the ITU-UNDP **Digital@UNGA** programme during UN High Level Week 2025

Digital@UNGA 2025

Affiliate Sessions Overview

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Space Sustainability Forum 2025

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CICG, Geneva, Switzerland



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ITU WTDC

BAKU2025

17-28 November 2025
Baku, Azerbaijan



G20 Engagement

1. Sherpa Track on AI
2. Digital Economy Working Group
3. Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction
4. Space Economic Leaders Meeting



11 November 2025: Infrastructure, Tech
and AI Day

10 to 21 November 2025: **COP30**, high-
level roundtable



**Green
Digital
Action**

International Advisory Body on Submarine Cable Resilience

(42 members)
Secretariat: ITU and ICPC

H.E. Bosun Tijani
(Nigeria)
IAB Co-Chair

Prof. Sandra Maximiano
(Portugal)
IAB Co-Chair

Timely Deployment & Repair

Working Group 1 (53
members)

Zhiguo Zhao,
China

WG1 Co-Facilitator

Kevin Adams,
**United
Kingdom**

WG1 Co-Facilitator

**Nonkqubela Thathakahle
Jordan-Dyani, South
Africa**

WG2 Co-Facilitator

Risk Identification, Monitoring & Mitigation

Working Group 2 (61 members)

Andy Palmer-Felgate,
**North American
Submarine Cable
Association**

WG2 Co-Facilitator

Fostering Connectivity & Geographic Diversity

Working Group 3 (61
members)

Sangbu Kim,
World Bank

WG3 Co-Facilitator

Rodney Taylor,
**Caribbean
Telecom. Union**

WG3 Co-
Facilitator

Submarine Cable Resilience

- 3 Working Groups tasked with producing action-oriented reports or deliverables by early 2026.
- ITU will continue to engage with other UN agencies (IMO, ISA, UNDOALOS, etc.)
- International Advisory Body meeting on 27 October 2025 (virtual)
- International Submarine Cable Resilience Summit is planned for **first quarter of 2026 in Lisbon, Portugal**





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Demystifying Digital Series

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

CERN and the Permanent Mission of **Belgium** for a session on **"Quantum for Diplomats."**

We are partnering with **Micronesia** for a session focused on **"Digital Development for Small Island Nations."**

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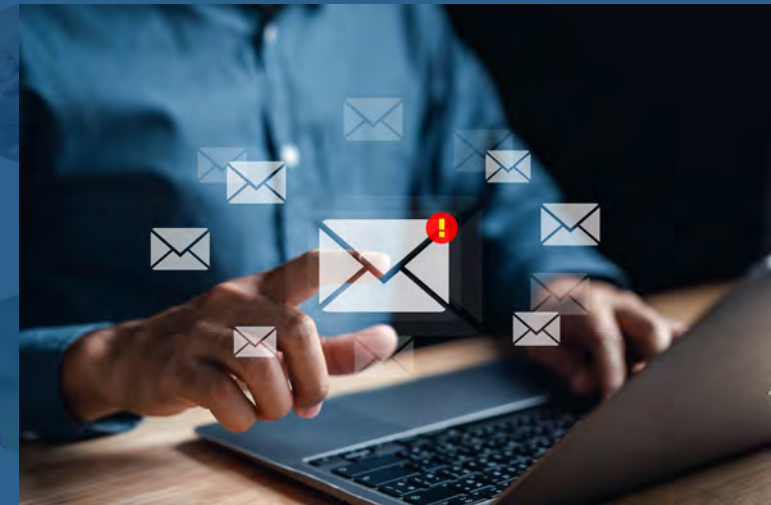
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ITU Trivia

Why was ITU's standardization work important for email?

Correct Answer: b) It ensured email could work across different networks worldwide. ✓



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Years of **ITU**