

ITU Regional Development Forum for Americas (RDF-AMS) 2025

*Information and Communication Technologies for accelerating the attainment
of the Sustainable Development Goals*

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RDF-AMS 2025 is held back-to-back with the ITU Regional Preparatory Meeting for
Americas and PCC.I of CITEI (01-04 April 2025)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 31 March 2025

8:00 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:40	OPENING CEREMONY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Juan Carlos Duarte Duré, President of CONATEL - Mr Oscar León, Executive Secretary of CITEI - Mr José Galeano, Head of UN Resident Coordinator Office in Paraguay - Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU - H.E Gustavo Villate, Minister of ICT of Paraguay <p>Appointment of the Chair of the ITU Regional Development Forum for Americas</p>
9:40 - 10:00	Official Photo Coffee Break
10:00- 11:00	ROUNDTABLE ONE: State of Digital Development and Trends - Challenges and opportunities. This is a high-level roundtable, with the objective to discuss regional and country specific challenges and opportunities arising from digital development and transformation. The focus will be on the Americas Region and how the region could accelerate the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in the Americas Region through digital.



Setting the stage: Presentation by ITU

Moderator: Ms Julissa Cruz, Executive Director INDOTEL
Dominican Republic

- **H.E. Gustavo Villate**, Minister of ICT of Paraguay
- **Dr Kim Mallalieu**, Deputy Chair of Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Mr Gustavo Larrabure**, Director of ASIET Andean Region
- **Ms Natalia Vicente** Vice-president Public Affairs- GSOA

11:00- 11:50

ROUNDTABLE TWO: Matchmaking Roundtable on Fostering partnerships on infrastructure development for universal connectivity

This roundtable will explore strategies to accelerate digital infrastructure development, leveraging the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition (P2C) to advance universal and meaningful connectivity. Speakers will share insights on innovative solutions, financing models, and policy frameworks, highlighting progress on P2C pledges and their role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through inclusive digital transformation

Moderation and setting the context: **Mr Alejandro Herrera**, Deputy Director of Telecommunications ASEP Panamá.

Setting the context: presentation by ITU

- **Mr Pablo Siris**, National Director of Telecommunication Uruguay DINATEL- MIEM
- **Ms Brenda Molida Medal**, Delegate from Costa Rica, Telecommunications Network Department, Vice Ministry of Telecommunications
- **Mr Cristian Mesa**, International Coordinator at Directorate of Policy and Regulation, Ministry of Transportation and Communications of Peru
- **Mr Miguel Ángel Munoz Petrichole**, CITEL OAS
- **Ms Nicole Watkins**, Director of Electronic Communications, URCA Bahamas

12:00- 14:00

Lunch
(Press Conference)



14:00- 14:50

ROUNDTABLE THREE: P2C Matchmaking Roundtable on fostering partnerships for development

This roundtable will serve as a dynamic platform to facilitate meaningful collaboration and strategic partnerships aimed at skills development across the Americas Region. By aligning resources with real-world needs, the session will highlight innovative approaches to building sustainable, high-value partnerships that unlock transformative opportunities. It will focus on catalyzing impactful initiatives to accelerate the region's skills development agenda, driving inclusive and impactful capacity-building efforts to support digital transformation and regional growth.

Moderation and setting the context: **Ms Amparo Arango, Director International Office of Indotel Dominican Republic**

- **Mr Willy Carvajal**, - Delegate of European Union Delegation for Central America
- **Ms Silvia Morimoto**, Representative UNDP, Paraguay
- **Mr Atilio Rulli**, Vice President of Public Relations in Huawei Latam
- **Ms Amy Alvarez**, AVP - International External & Regulatory Affairs AT&T
- **Mr Roberto Laratro**, CEO Millicom Paraguay
- **Mr Christian Oflaherty**, Vice President Internet Society

14:50- 15:00

Special Announcement: Project on Regional Regulatory Innovation for Central America- Sandbox
Dr Cosmas Zavazava , BDT Director
H.E Ambassador Francois Rudie, Representative European Union for Central America, Remote

15:00- 15:30

NoW EVENT: Network of Women for Americas: Building connections, empowering futures

The Network of Women in ITU-D will delve into the profound impact of fostering strong professional networks among women in the telecommunications and information technology sectors. Discussions will focus on strategies to create inclusive environments that support women's growth and leadership, the significance of mentorship and sponsorship in empowering female professionals, and the ways in which collaborative efforts can drive innovation and transform the industry. Attendees will share experiences, best practices, and actionable insights to build connections that not only empower individual careers but also shape a more equitable future for all.



Opening Remarks: Dr Cosmas Zavazava, BDT Director

Moderation:

-Ms Edith Villalba, Chief Projects Department CONATEL,
Representative Network of Women of Conatel

- **Dr Kim Mallalieu**, Deputy Chair of Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Ms Lady Velasquez**, Regulatory Affairs Fortinet
- **Mr Victor Martinez**, CEO Welchman Keen, LATAM
- **H.E. Cynthia Figueredo** Minister of Woman of Paraguay.

15:30- 16:30

ROUNDTABLE FOUR: Roundtable on the implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives (RIs) for the Americas

In WTDC-22 held in Kigali Rwanda, four Regional Initiatives were adopted on themes relevant to connectivity and Infrastructure, Digital Transformation, Capacity Building and Digital Inclusion, innovation and policy and regulation. Over the past three years the ITU Americas Regional Office collaborated with a spectrum of stakeholders on projects and activities across the region in implementation of these regional initiatives. This session will shed light on some of the key achievements in implementing these regional initiatives. Moreover, as we prepare for the upcoming WTDC-25, the Americas Region has already started shaping the new Americas Regional Initiatives. This session will also discuss regional priorities that could contribute to the new Regional Initiatives.

Presentation on the implementation of RIs by **Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for the Americas Region**

Moderation and setting the context: **Mr Oscar Leon**, Secretary General CITEL

- **Mr Nigel Cassimire**, Deputy Secretary General CTU
- **Mr Victor Martinez**, Representative Directorate of CONATEL Paraguay
- **Mr Carlos Baigorri**, President ANATEL Brazil
- **Ms Isabel Greenup**, International Affairs Director, Ministry of Communications of Cuba

16:30- 16:45

Coffee Break

16:45 - 17:15

Generation Connect Youth Session: Intergenerational dialogue on challenges and opportunities in the field of digital development for the youth in Americas



The Generation Connect Event: Intergenerational Dialogue on Challenges and Opportunities in the Field of Digital Development in the Americas Region will serve as a pivotal event for Americas youth in the lead-up to the Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) for the Americas Region as part of the preparations for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25). This event will focus on fostering dialogue between youth, ministries, ITU leadership, and other key stakeholders to reflect on regional priorities and initiatives.

Opening remarks: Dr Cosmas Zavazava, BDT Director

Moderation: Juan Martin Alonso, GC Representative Paraguay

- **H.E. Salma Aguero**, Minister of Youth
- **Ms Bernardina Coronel Pessoa**, Youth leader of the Qom people, an indigenous community of Santa Rosa. Member of the Chaco Network of Digital Content Creators. She belongs to the CONAMURI organization.
- **Ms Lorena Gimenez Dávalos**, Generation Connect Representative, University Paraguaya-Alemana

17:30- 17:40

Highlights Chairman of RDF

17:40- 18:00

CLOSING CEREMONY

- **Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau
- **Mr Juan Carlos Duarte Duré**, President of CONATEL Paraguay

Acknowledgement to the Chair of the RDF

18:10- 18:40

Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM) Informal Heads of Delegation (By invitation)

