



ITU REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM FOR THE AMERICAS (RDF-AMS-26)

**Universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for
an inclusive and sustainable digital future**

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CONTRIBUTION FORM

This form is intended to collect inputs from stakeholders contributing to the implementation of the Baku Action Plan and the ITU Regional Initiatives for the Americas (2026-2029).

ORGANIZATION: Regional Technical Telecommunications Commission (COMTELCA)

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TITLE: Strategic Plan 2026-2029 for the Regional Technical Telecommunications Commission (COMTELCA)

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: The Strategic Plan 2026-2029 of the Regional Technical Telecommunications Commission (COMTELCA) presents the organization's vision, priorities, and strategic actions aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and accelerating digital transformation across Central America, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. The document outlines COMTELCA's commitment to promoting inclusive connectivity, technological innovation, sustainable digital development, and harmonized telecommunications and ICT policies in alignment with regional and global agendas, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ITU Regional Initiatives 2026-2029.

The presentation highlights the importance of advancing digital transformation through five strategic pillars: promoting meaningful connectivity, digital inclusion, and digital skills development; strengthening resilient digital infrastructure; fostering public policies that support digital transformation; improving the efficient management and optimization of the radio-frequency spectrum; and enhancing regulatory frameworks to create a modern, agile, and enabling environment for the development of the telecommunications and ICT sector, particularly through the establishment of the Ad Hoc Group on Regulatory Improvement and Innovation in COMTELCA Member Countries, in collaboration with the ITU Regional Office and the European Union-supported project.

Through this Strategic Plan, COMTELCA reaffirms its role as a regional platform for coordination, dialogue, and technical cooperation, while strengthening its commitment to collaborate and join efforts with key stakeholders across the telecommunications and digital ecosystem in order to

avoid duplication of initiatives and contribute in a meaningful and coordinated manner to regional development objectives.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic.

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ☒ 2026
- ☒ 2027
- ☒ 2028
- ☒ 2029

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ☒ AMS1: Facilitating resilient infrastructure to enable deployment of universal and meaningful connectivity
- ☒ AMS2: Digital inclusion, digital skills/competencies
- ☒ AMS3: Support for innovative digital ecosystems and the adoption and use of emerging technologies
- ☒ AMS4: Promoting cyber resilience and capacity building in cybersecurity and cyber resilience
- ☒ AMS5: Governance and enabling regulatory frameworks for sustainable digital transformation

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2025

- ☒ Affordable connectivity
- ☒ Digital Transformation
- ☒ Enabling policy and regulatory environment
- ☒ Resource mobilization and international cooperation
- ☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

RELATED PARTNERS2CONNECT FOCUS AREAS

- ☒ Focus Area 1 – ACCESS: Connecting people everywhere
- ☒ Focus Area 2 – ADOPTION: Empowering communities
- ☒ Focus Area 3 – VALUE CREATION: Building digital ecosystems
- ☒ Focus Area 4 – ACCELERATE: Incentivizing investments

RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE:

- ☒ C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
- ☒ C2: Information and communication infrastructure

- ☒ C3: Access to information and knowledge
- ☒ C4: Capacity building
- ☒ C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- ☒ C6: Enabling environment
- ☒ C7: ICT applications
- ☒ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- ☒ C11: International and regional cooperation

RELATED GLOBAL DIGITAL COMPACT:

- ☒ 1: Close all digital divides and accelerate progress across the Sustainable Development Goals
- ☒ 2: Expand inclusion in and benefits from the digital economy for all
- ☒ 3: Foster an inclusive, open, safe and secure digital space that respects, protects and promote human rights
- ☒ 4: Advance responsible, equitable and interoperable data governance approaches
- ☒ 5: Enhance international governance of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity

RELATED SDG:

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| ☒ SDG 4: Quality Education | ☒ SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| ☒ SDG 5: Gender Equality | |
| ☒ SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | ☒ SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions |
| | ☒ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs |