

ITU Regional Development Forum for CIS (RDF-CIS) 2026

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

29-30 September 2026 | Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Meeting organized by the International Telecommunication Union in cooperation with the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communication (RCC) and hosted by the Communication Service of the Republic of Tajikistan.

RDF-CIS is held back-to-back with RCC Board meeting | 29 September 2026

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 1 Tuesday, 29 September	
9:00-10:00	Registration & networking
10:00-10:30	OPENING CEREMONY • H.E. Mr. Isfandiyori Sadullo, Chairman, Communication Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan • Ms. Parvathy Ramaswami, UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan • Mr. Alexey Borodin, Director General, RCC • H.E. Mr. Mirzo Khurshed Fayzullozoda, Director, Agency of Innovation and Digital Technologies under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan • Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau
10:30-11:30	SESSION ONE: State of digital development and trends: Challenges and opportunities Setting the context: Ms. Natalia Mochu , Regional Director for CIS, ITU Speakers: • H.E. Mr. Isfandiyori Sadullo, Chairman, Communication Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan • Ministers/Deputy Ministers present • Mr. Alexey Borodin, Director General, RCC
11:30-12:00	Group photo and coffee break
12:00-13:00	SESSION TWO: Building upon the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) in the CIS Region Setting the context and presentation on ongoing projects and initiatives in the CIS Region: Ms. Natalia Mochu , Regional Director for CIS, ITU Speakers: • ITU Regional Office for CIS • Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan
13:00	Lunch break
14:00-18:00	RDF-CIS is followed by the RCC Ministerial Board meeting.



DAY 2 Wednesday, 30 September	
09:00-10:00	Special event on LLDC The session will build on the discussions and recommendations of the at WSIS Forum 2026 dedicated High-level dialogue for landlocked countries “Connectivity as Catalyst: Delivering the Awaza Programme through Digital Transformation”
10:00-10:15	INTRODUCTION OF DAY 2: Partner2Connect (P2C) matchmaking to advance digital transformation and support implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for CIS Setting the context and moderation: Ms. Natalia Mochu , Regional Director for CIS, ITU Speaker: • Mr. Paul Kasera Demba, Portfolio Manager, Special Initiatives, ITU
10:15-11:30	SESSION THREE: Next-generation ICT infrastructure and emerging technologies (RI CIS1) Setting the context and moderation: Mr. Farid Nakhli , Programme Coordinator, Regional Office for CIS, ITU Speakers: • Communication Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan • Mr. Tair Ismailov, Director of Strategic Cooperation in Russia and the CIS, GSMA • Ms. Kristine Gyonjyan, Director, Union of Telecom Operators, Armenia • Ms. Luda Bujoreanu, Senior Digital Specialist, World Bank Group • Mr. Maksim Pylinskii, Dean, Belarusian State Academy of Telecommunications, Belarus • Kazakhtelecom representative • Mr. Dmitry Konarev, Senior Solution Architect, Huawei
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:30	SESSION FOUR: Capacity building and human-centric digital development (RI CIS2 and CIS3) Setting the context and moderation: Ms. Irina Divakova , Project Officer, Regional Office for CIS, ITU Speakers: • Mr. Moe Ba, Head of Digital Innovation Service, ITU • Ms. Elina Sakkarava, Digital Transformation and Public Sector, Digital Competencies Expert, Kyrgyzstan • Innovation and Digital Development Agency, Azerbaijan, representative • GIZ representative • Mr. Nazarbek Zhunusaliev, Head of Projects Implementation Department, Kyrgyz State Technical University named after I. Razzakov, Kyrgyzstan • Mr. Andrei Kirillovich, Director of the Department of Strategy, Marketing and Business Development, Intersputnik • Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics, Belarus • Mr. Yerbol Absalyamov, Executive Director, Institute of Smart Systems and Artificial Intelligence, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan
13:30-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-16:00	SESSION FIVE: Measures to enable digital transformation: policy and regulatory environment and cybersecurity (RI CIS3 and CIS4) Setting the context and moderation: Ms. Kristine Gyonjyan , Director, Union of Telecom Operators, Armenia



	Speakers: • Eurasian Development Bank representative • Mr. Adilet Aisautov, JSC National Information Technologies, Kazakhstan • Ms. Irina Divakova, Project Officer, Regional Office for CIS, ITU • Mr. Arseny Plossky, Vice Chairman of TDAG, Rapporteur on ITU D SG 1 Question 4/1 and Ms. Uliana Stoliarova, Vice Chairman ITU-D SG2, Vice-Rapporteur Q 1/1 and 5/2, youth envoy for cis, Member of ITU Secretary General Youth Advisory Board, Russia • Mr. Valeriy Zubanov, Managing Director of Regional Office in Kazakhstan, Central Asia and Mongolia, Kaspersky • Information Systems Agency of Armenia representative
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:30	SESSION SIX: Artificial Intelligence for digital development and innovation (RI CIS5) Setting the context and moderation: Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, Regional Office for CIS, ITU Speakers: • Policy makers and regulators representatives
17:30-18:00	CLOSING CEREMONY • Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau • H.E. Mr. Isfandiyori Sadullo, Chairman, Communication Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan