

U.S. Policy Statement: WTDC-25 High-Level Segment
FCC Commissioner Olivia Trusty
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Chair,
ITU elected officials,
Ministers, dignitaries, and distinguished colleagues,

On behalf of the United States, I thank the Government of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport for their warm hospitality in hosting us here in Baku.

The United States believes that open, secure, reliable, and interoperable communications are the foundation of shared prosperity and long-term economic growth.

As a Commissioner at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission, I have spoken about building a *golden age of communications* – an era where American investment, innovation, and ingenuity converge to deliver both unprecedented opportunity and unmatched security. U.S. technological leadership benefits more than just the U.S.; our leadership will help any part of the world using our technology to harness the full power of innovation, infrastructure, and international engagement.

It is in this spirit that the United States is here today – to explore how we can work together to turn this age of opportunity, innovation, and ingenuity into benefits that improve lives and shape a brighter future. The ITU's Development Sector has long advanced innovation and market-driven approaches to telecommunications and ICT deployment, empowering people worldwide to thrive in the digital economy and shape their own economic futures.

WTDC is a pivotal moment to reaffirm the ITU's core mission: connecting the unconnected and promoting digital transformation. Together, we can maximize the ITU's strengths, optimize resources, and empower nations to harness the transformational power of connectivity – building stronger economies, creating jobs, and fostering prosperous and secure societies.

Connectivity flourishes under pro-market policies that foster mutually beneficial innovation. In the United States, we are modernizing infrastructure rules to

streamline deployment and ensure that we remain the world's preeminent digital innovator. The FCC is building on reforms launched during the first Trump Administration – continuing to reduce barriers and accelerate broadband and network buildout across our country.

Through its capacity-building work and facilitation of information exchange, the ITU-D can empower developing countries to adopt flexible, forward-leaning policy frameworks that keep pace with technological change while reflecting national priorities. By deepening partnerships with the private sector – including many U.S. companies represented here today – we can work together to drive digital transformation, foster innovation, and close connectivity gaps around the world.

The ITU's work on spectrum management and international standards remains an important enabler of telecommunications development. The United States remains committed to ensuring that the ITU focuses on delivering results on its clearly defined core mandates for all its members.

And as digital issues increasingly shape the global economy, the ITU's work has never been more essential – and strong, visionary leadership will be key to our shared success.

In that spirit, I am pleased to reaffirm U.S. support for Doreen Bogdan-Martin's re-election as Secretary-General. The ITU needs forward-looking, transparent leadership to navigate the immense changes and challenges ahead, and Ms. Bogdan-Martin is the right leader for this moment.

Her results-driven, and reform-minded leadership continue to inspire us all. The United States looks forward to your support for her re-election– and for the United States re-election to the ITU Council and election to the Radio Regulations Board.

We look forward to engaging constructively with all of you on issues that reflect our shared values and drive real progress.

Thank you and best wishes for a successful conference.