

Policy Statement by H.E. Mr. Puthyvuth Sok Secretary of State

Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Cambodia at World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 High-Level Segment Session 4

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- H.E. Mr. Samaddin Asadov, Chair of the Conference,
- Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General of ITU,
- Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of ITU-D,
- Ministers, Heads of Delegations,
- Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,
- 1. It is my great honor to be here and represent the Royal Government of Cambodia at WTDC-25. I extend our sincere appreciation to the Government of Azerbaijan, the ITU, and the Secretariat for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements.
- 2. This conference is more than a review of progress—it is a chance to reconnect and reaffirm our shared commitment to building a stronger, inclusive digital future. The ITU's vision of an information society where ICTs empower everyone is vital as the world faces uncertainty and rising tensions. Technology has to be used and shared in a good way for the benefit of humanity. We all know that technology cannot solve every problem, but it can help us communicate better, understand each other faster, and collaborate to solve problems at a global scale. Cambodia has enjoyed over 40 years of peace, and we hope this will continues. But we must discourage unnecessary conflicts, especially the one that is driven by one country's internal political conflict on other smaller countries, because they can, and it's a convenient scapegoat. We must work toward cooperation!

3. We stand at a pivotal moment. Digital transformation—powered by AI, blockchain,

cloud computing, and big data—offers immense promise. Our responsibility is to

ensure these Digital Public Good and Infrastructure benefits every community and

nation.

4. For Cambodia, this is not just economic policy—it is also a moral commitment to

inclusivity and resilience to empowering SMEs, MSMEs and startups with

infrastructure and market access. Investing in people through digital literacy, ICT

training, and scholarships for youth and underserved communities.

5. Aligning education with emerging technologies via our Digital Skills Development

Roadmap. Developing a National AI Strategy through a multi-stakeholder approach

for responsible innovation.

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

6. WTDC-25 is our opportunity to shape the next four years of global digital

development. Cambodia reaffirms its commitment to work with all ITU Member

States to advance a shared digital future that is good, equitable, and people

centered.

Thank you.

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