



## **Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and the Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers (IAGDI-CRO) meeting**

**Tuesday, 2 July 2024**

**Room: C**

**9:00-10:30 (GMT+3)**

### **Background:**

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector is largely shaped by innovation in the private sector. In a time of increasing challenges around the world, the goal to connect the remaining 2.6 billion people can only be achieved by leveraging this innovation to the fullest degree possible. The regulatory frameworks that guide development in the world play a major role and strongly impact the work of the industry and the private sector.

To leverage industry expertise and innovation capabilities, the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and the Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers (IAGDI-CRO) provides a platform for exchange, collaboration and contribution to the Kigali Action Plan adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22).

In the context of ITU's GSR 2024, the IAGDI-CRO meeting will play a pivotal role in shaping the digital future. It aims to bring industry perspectives to the forefront, addressing the complexities of the evolving regulatory and business landscape in the digital realm. The meeting will facilitate the exchange of expert insights, raising awareness of regulators about current digital developments from the industry and private sector perspectives. This meeting is integral to driving digital transformation in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and contributes to establishing effective regulatory frameworks that respond to new developments in the ICT sector.

**Objective:**

The session will navigate through the intricate regulatory and business terrain that is currently shaping our digital era. This exploration is set against a backdrop of extraordinary innovation contrasted with the fact that 2.6 billion people worldwide are still not connected to the internet.

The meeting will focus on dissecting the key regulatory challenges and opportunities of this decade that are influencing how industry operates, such as, but not limited the following areas:

- **Digital Infrastructure Development**, with a focus on financing and fair share, digital public infrastructure and digital inclusion, security, and privacy, as well as ESG readiness
- **Regulation of the future**, including reforms required to achieve an equal playing field, and new domains such as AI.
- **Technologies for the Future:**
  - Non-Terrestrial Networks & Terrestrial Networks complementarity to deliver connectivity everywhere.
  - IoT, Advanced 5G & the future 6G technology.
  - Policy, Standards, Technology & Spectrum considerations.

The meeting will hear from a panel of thought leaders who will share experiences, best practices and concrete proposals followed by discussions which will be compiled in the Industry Outcome Statement.

**Industry Outcome Statement:**

IAGDI-CRO will address critical questions and propose ways forward, from the industry's perspective, on concrete business and regulatory issues and digital strategies that foster digital transformation and an enabling ecosystem for inclusive, relevant, and sustainable connectivity in a digital economy. **IAGDI-CRO participants will agree on an Outcome Statement** which will be shared by the IAGDI-CRO Chair at GSR's Closing Ceremony.