

## Forum Session

### **Ministerial Roundtable: the role of government in 5G and high-capacity network deployment**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM, Room 1 - Dynamo

The first session of the Ministerial Roundtable explores the policy and regulatory frameworks required – or desired – to stimulate the deployment of 5G and high-capacity networks. Operators may be discouraged from investing in 5G-capable networks due to the high cost of infrastructure development and the lack of clarity on 5G applications or demand for 5G services. Given the potential socio-economic value of 5G networks, to what extent should policymakers intervene in creating an environment to encourage investment and deployment? What policy or regulatory incentives are likely to prove most effective? How are governments currently working with industry sectors to assess the benefits of “the industrial internet”? Is potential government support for a specific technology effective – or detrimental?

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#### Moderator

Mr. MARIO MANIEWICZ, Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, International Telecommunication Union, United Nations

#### Opening Remarks

Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union, United Nations

Mr. Edward Mingcheng Zhou, Vice President of Global Public Affairs, Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., China

#### Speakers

H. E. Mr. Ashoke Kumar Biswas, Secretary, Posts and Telecommunications Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology, Bangladesh

H. E. Mr. László Palkovics, Minister, Ministry for Innovation and Technology, Hungary

H. E. Mr. Rossen Jeliakov, Minister, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, Bulgaria

H. E. Mr. Silvio Schembri, Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services, Digital Economy and Innovation, Office of the Prime Minister, Malta

Mr. Hoang Minh Cuong, Director General, Viet Nam Telecommunications Authority (VNTA), -

Ms. Lise Fuhr, Director General, European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO), Belgium

Mr. Serge Abiteboul, Executive Board Member, Autorité de Régulation des Communications

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Mr. Enrique Medina Malo, Chief Policy Officer, Telefónica S.A., Spain

Mr. Saleem Alblooshi, Chief Technology Officer, Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC, United Arab Emirates

Dr. Américo Muchanga, Chairman of the Board, Autoridade Reguladora das Comunicações de Moçambique, Mozambique

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