

Messages

- * **Dr Hamadoun I. Touré**, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union, ITU
- * **Mr Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid**, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), International Telecommunication Union, ITU

Participant(s)

- * **Mr Valery Timofeev**, Director, Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), International Telecommunication Union, Switzerland
- * **Mr Malcolm Johnson**, Director, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), International Telecommunication Union, ITU

Presentations

- * **Youth Forum Declaration**, Ms Maria Casey, Ireland, Mr Ahmed Rashad Riad, Egypt

Closing Remarks

- * **Mr Houlin Zhao**, Deputy Secretary-General and Acting Executive Manager, ITU TELECOM, International Telecommunication Union, ITU

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Summary

In his closing speech, Dr Touré drew attention to how, even in a number of different sessions, the ICT industry was positioned to be the leading industry that will solve global problems. In the financial crisis, it can be the one that will trigger the first wave of new jobs. It is an industry based on innovation. In the field of climate change, everyone now understands the importance of ICT across a number of areas, from observation of the planet to monitoring and to finding solutions as alternatives to high energy consuming and high green gas emission.

New elements

In his closing words, Mr Zhao highlighted how ITU TELECOM WORLD 2009 has introduced many new elements. This is the first time the a Head of State programme was included, and it was attended by 7 Heads of State and heads