



Introduction

The Forum at ITU Telecom World 2009 was where leading names from the world of ICT came together to discuss critical issues facing the industry. This document provides a snapshot of the types of discussions held and the areas that were addressed during Forum sessions. The debates summarized below show the depth and character of the discussions and underline why the Forum retains its position as the pre-eminent industry gathering.

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OPENING SESSIONS

Opening 1: OFFICIAL JOINT OPENING FORUM

Summary of moderator's statement

Launching the first of the week's Forum debates, to a packed auditorium which included government and industry leaders, Moderator Dr. Reza Jafari spoke of the critical role that the ICT industry has played in helping support global economic recovery, adding that the sector is well positioned to support future sustainable growth.

Summary of debate

Having weathered the storms of 2 crises over a decade, the ICT sector has more than demonstrated its resilience, indeed it has been a major contributor to jobs across all sectors. One of the main reasons for this is the ability of the ICT sector to support innovation across all sectors through, for example, information creation and sharing. Examples of this were available directly on-site, where thematic pavilions organized in association with other UN agencies showed how knowledge could be exchanged, for the benefit of all. A good regulatory framework is of course critically important – this topic that was explored by a number of panel sessions throughout the Forum.