



**Connect2Recover Research Competition**  
**Best practices and recommendations for digital**  
**inclusion through resilient infrastructure**  
**28 November 2022**  
**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

## AGENDA

Opening	
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	<p><b>Moderator: Ms. Anne-Rachel Inne</b>, Regional Director, Regional Office for Africa, ITU</p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Anne-Rachel Inne</b>, Regional Director, Regional Office for Africa, ITU</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Julia Niblett</b>, Australian Ambassador to Ethiopia, Non-resident Ambassador to Djibouti, Non-resident Ambassador-designate to Central African Republic, South Sudan, and Representative to the African Union, UNECA and IGAD</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Karl Song</b>, Vice President, Corporate Communications Department, Huawei</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Remarks: H.E. Dr. Belete Molla</b>, Minister of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopia</p> <p><b>Launch of the 15 Research Reports and ITU Publication “Build Back Better with Broadband: Research stories from the frontline”</b></p>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	<b>Group Photo</b>
<b>10:45 - 11:00</b>	<b>Keynote: Mr. Cowin Cao</b> , Deputy CEO of Huawei Ethiopia
<b>11:00 - 11:10</b>	<p><b>ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission Working Group on Smartphone Access</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Matthew Harrison-Harvey</b>, Chief External Affairs and Regulatory Officer, Safaricom</p>
<b>11:10 - 11:30</b>	<p><b>ITU/World Bank Open Data Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sameer Sharma</b>, Senior Advisor, ITU</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Alice Munyua</b>, Senior Director, Africa Mradi, Mozilla Corporation</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 – 11:55</b>	<p><b>Introduction to Connect2Recover and research competition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Ahmad Reza Sharafat</b>, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Tarbiat Modares University, I. R Iran</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sameer Sharma</b>, Senior Advisor, ITU</li> </ul>

<b>Session 1: Digital Inclusion - Health</b>	
<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> This session assesses the challenges in providing health services, and propose solutions to ensure digital inclusion in health, particularly those in rural and remote areas.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Caroline Gaju, Programme Officer, ITU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Network in a Box to Provide Health Services in Remote Areas</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Ki-Hong Park, Research Scientist, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li> <li>• <b>Tele-medicine as a panacea to medical tourism in Africa exploiting communications satellite technologies</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Lasisi Salami Lawal, Senior Research Fellow, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria</li> <li>• <b>The use of Telemedicine in the Management of Chronic Diseases in Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Cases Study – Dominica</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Benet Henry, Medical Practitioner, A-MEDIC Inc., Dominica; Ms. Taletha Laudat, Project Manager, A-MEDIC Inc., Dominica</li> <li>• <b>Digital health through telemedicine ecosystem against pandemics, epidemics and natural disasters in Sub-Saharan Africa</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. David Botchie, Senior Lecturer, Brunel University, United Kingdom</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00 – 14:05</b>	<b>Remarks:</b> Dr. Cosmas Zavazava, Chief Partnerships for Digital Development and (Director Telecommunication Development Bureau-Elect)
<b>Session 2: Digital Inclusion - Education</b>	
<b>14:05 - 14:45</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> This session concentrates on challenges in online learning faced during the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations to ensure greater access to education in the recovery phase.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. René Arnold, Vice President Public Affairs Strategy, Huawei</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inclusive higher education post-Covid-19</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Mr. Michael Canares, Strategy Advisor, Step Up Consulting, Philippines</li> <li>• <b>Taking Action towards Digital Inclusion in African cities and regions: policy framework for digital resiliency in education for a better COVID-19 recovery</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Mr. Hassan Mohammed Yakubu, Architect, School of Architecture, Planning &amp; Design, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco</li> <li>• <b>Determinants of Digital Inclusion in Higher Education: Exploring the Ethiopian Context</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Wondwossen Mulualem Beyene, Freelance Researcher, Hawassa University, Ethiopia</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>

<b>Session 3: Digital Inclusion - Job Creation</b>	
<b>14:45 - 15:30</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> This session focuses on opportunities in leveraging digital technology, digital financial inclusion to transform smaller enterprise and advance agricultural sector, and effectively improve jobs and livelihoods.</p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Karen Woo</b>, Project Officer, ITU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Building resilient micro-enterprises with digital transformation</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Mr. PK Senyo, Associate Professor, FinTech &amp; Information Systems, University of Southampton, UK</li> <li>• <b>Advancing Smallholder Agribusiness in Botswana through Smart Digital Innovation</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Thorsten Jelinek, Director and Senior Fellow, Taihe Institute, China</li> <li>• <b>The digital financial inclusion of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) of the COMESA region into electronic business during and post the COVID 19 pandemic</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Reason Masengu, Senior Lecturer, Department of Management Studies, Middle East College, Muscat, Oman</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>Session 4: Digital Inclusion - Vulnerable Persons</b>	
<b>15:30 - 16:00</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> This session focuses on challenges faced by vulnerable persons, and the opportunity available to society by empowering them with digital services.</p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Sameer Sharma</b>, Senior Advisor, ITU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An Assessment of Digital Inclusion among the Vulnerable Persons in Developing Economies</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Fredrick Kanobe, Lecturer, Kyambogo University, Kampala, Uganda</li> <li>• <b>Reinvigorating Elderly Population in Post-COVID 19 Pandemic Era through Digital Inclusion Strategies: A Malaysian Case Study</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Dr. Maniam Kaliannan, Associate Professor, School of Business, University of Nottingham Malaysia</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>16:00 - 16:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Session 5: Digital Connectivity and Resilience</b>	
<b>16:15 – 16:55</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> This session focuses on the importance of digital connectivity and resilience, and the need to ensure ubiquitous, reliable, and affordable services to support digital inclusion.</p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr. Andy Hu</b>, Director of Corporate Communications, Huawei</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Market Resilience in Emerging Digital Economies: Case Study of Kenya During Covid-19 Pandemic</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Mr. William Baraza, Director and CEO, African Advanced Level Telecommunications Institute (AFRALTI), Kenya</li> <li>• <b>Covid-19 Recovery: Rebuilding Digital Inclusion for the Rural Counties of Kenya</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Mr. Leonard Mabele, Research Fellow, Telecommunications &amp; Manager, Internet of Things (IoT) Research, Strathmore University, Kenya</li> <li>• <b>CoLRN: A Community-based Vision for Local Resilient Networks</b> <b>Presenter:</b> Ms. Ndinelaio litumba, Masters Student, Department of Computer Science, University of Cape Town, South Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>16:55 – 17:00</b>	<b>Remarks: Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin</b> , Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, and ITU Secretary-General elect

Panel Discussion	
<b>17:00 - 17:55</b>	<p><b>Moderator: Ms. Anne-Rachel Inne</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Digital Inclusion in Health:</b> Dr. David Botchie, Senior Lecturer, Brunel University, United Kingdom</li> <li>• <b>Digital Inclusion in Education:</b> Mr. Michael Canares, Strategy Advisor, Step Up Consulting, Philippines</li> <li>• <b>Digital Inclusion in Job Creation:</b> Dr. Thorsten Jelinek, Director and Senior Fellow, Taihe Institute, China</li> <li>• <b>Digital Inclusion for Vulnerable Persons:</b> Dr. Maniam Kaliannan, Associate Professor, School of Business, University of Nottingham Malaysia</li> <li>• <b>Digital Connectivity and Resilience:</b> Ms. Ndinelao litumba, Masters Student, Department of Computer Science, University of Cape Town, South Africa</li> </ul>
<b>17:55 - 18:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks: Ms. Anne-Rachel Inne</b> , Regional Director, Regional Office for Africa, ITU