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AGENDA

26 March 2024, Tuesday (time GMT+5)

08:30-09:15	Badging of participants
09:15-10:00	Opening ceremony Welcome remarks and moderation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Natalia Mochu, Regional Director for the CIS Region, ITU Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Bagdat Mussin, Minister of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan• Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)• Ms. Michaela Friberg-Storey, UN Resident Coordinator for Kazakhstan• Mr. Alexey Borodin, Director General, Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) Appointment of the RDF-CIS Chairperson
10:00-10:30	Group photo and coffee break
10:30-11:20	Executive panel: Digital development in the CIS region: trends, opportunities and challenges <i>This is a high-level executive panel, with the objective to discuss regional and country specific challenges and opportunities arising from digital development and transformation. The focus will be on the CIS countries and how the region could accelerate the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in the CIS region through digital.</i> Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Konstantin Shulgan, Minister of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus• H.E. Mr. Askhat Orazbek, Vice-Minister of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan• H.E. Ms. Bella Cherkesova, Deputy Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation• Mr. Alexey Borodin, Director General, RCC



11:20-11:30	Signing ceremony – framework cooperation agreement between ITU and RCC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU• Mr. Alexey Borodin, Director General, RCC
11:30-12:30	Multistakeholder cooperation for digital development <p><i>The session will feature a report from ITU BDT on progress in the implementation of the Kigali Action Plan and the Regional Initiatives for the CIS region approved during the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022 (WTDC-22). RDF-CIS participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the report.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, Regional Office for CIS, ITU</p> <p>WTDC-22 Kigali Action Plan (KAP) implementation in the CIS Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Natalia Mochu, Regional Director for the CIS Region, ITU <p>Q&A</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Transforming Partner2Connect pledges into commitments for impact <p><i>This session will also introduce to ITU Member States, UN and development community the Partner2Connect initiative and its expected impacts in achieving the universal meaningful connectivity and sustainable digital transformation within the broader Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Partners will be invited to share progress on the pledges made under the P2C platform and in particular:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>To elaborate on the progress made towards implementing their pledge(s); highlight opportunities available and or partnerships required to advance their commitment.</i>• <i>Invite Members/ panelists who have not made any pledges to do so and make use of the P2C platform to mobilize resources needed.</i>• <i>Emphasize on the need for public-private collaboration to accelerate digital development among others.</i>• <i>Share their ideas/views on how platforms such as P2C can be used to accelerate digital developments in the CIS Region.</i> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, ITU</p> <p>P2C presentation and overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, ITU <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Ekaterina Smyshlyaeva, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan• Mr. Tair Ismailov, Strategic Engagement Director, GSMA• Mr. Ahmed Riad, Senior Director, Strategy and Industry Development, Huawei• Mr. Rostislav Konyashkin, CEO, NITEC, Kazakhstan• Ms. Tatiana Aderkhina, Head of Programs on Education and Skills in Kazakhstan, UNICEF• Mr. Dao Tian, Senior Director, Industry Relations and Standard, ZTE



15:30-16:00 Day 1 wrap-up and coffee break

27 March 2024, Wednesday (time GMT+5)

PARTNER 2 CONNECT (P2C) ROUNDTABLES:

The Partner2Connect regional matchmaking roundtable is a multistakeholder platform for matchmaking between regional and country needs and existing pledges that were announced as well as new pledges. The matchmaking is aligned with the WTDC-22 adopted Regional Initiatives for the CIS region. Through engagement among pledging partners and the Member States, the roundtables aims at transforming pledges into concrete commitments ready for implementation for concrete results and impact.

10:00-11:00 P2C matchmaking roundtable one – RI CIS1

RI CIS1: Developing infrastructure to promote innovation and partnerships in the introduction of new technologies – the Internet of Things, including the industrial Internet, smart cities and communities, 5G/IMT-2020 and next-generation NET-2030 communication networks, quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, digital health, digital skills and environmental protection.

Objective: To provide assistance to the Member States and ITU Sector Members in States members of the CIS in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region in the process of telecom operators pioneering innovative technologies (as they are introduced in the form of new services), while ensuring the sustainability and improving the functioning of telecommunication networks, including 4G and 5G/IMT-2020 networks, and next-generation NET-2030 networks, in the context of the widespread adoption of the concept and technologies of the Internet of Things (IoT), the industrial Internet, smart cities and communities, quantum technologies, artificial intelligence (AI), digital health, digital skills and environmental protection.

Moderator: Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, Regional Office for CIS, ITU

Speakers:

- **Mr. Dmitry Korzun**, Head of the Telecommunications and Radio Frequency Spectrum Regulation Department, Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the **Republic of Belarus**
- **Mr. Askhat Rakhmatullin**, Director of the State Radio Frequency Service, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the **Republic of Kazakhstan**
- **Ms. Kristine Gyonjyan**, Director, Union of Operators, **Armenia**
- **Mr. Wei Wei**, General Manager in Kazakhstan, **ZTE**
- **Mr. Konstantin Savin**, Business Partner, IXP Consulting, **Russia**
- **Mr. Vahan Hovsepyan**, Senior Community and Public Policy Officer, **RIPE NCC**
- **Mr. Yerbol Absalyamov**, Deputy director for operations, Institute of Smart systems and Artificial intelligence (ISSAI), Nazarbayev University, **Kazakhstan**

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 P2C matchmaking roundtable two – RI CIS2

RI CIS2: Cybersecurity and personal data protection.



Objective: To provide assistance to ITU Member States of the region in developing and maintaining secure, reliable and robust digital networks and services and in solving problems related to the protection of personal data.

Moderator: Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, Regional Office for CIS, ITU

Speakers:

- **Mr. Ruslan Abdikalikov**, Chairman, Information Security Committee, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the **Republic of Kazakhstan**
- **Mr. Timur Derbshaliev**, Cybersecurity Technical Consultant, the Ministry of Digital Development of the **Kyrgyz Republic**
- **Mr. Kairzhan Abdrakhmanov**, Government Relations Manager, **Kaspersky Lab** – Kazakhstan, Central Asia & Mongolia
- **Ms. Aislu Bekmussa**, Head of Programs on Social Policy and Protection of Children's Rights, **UNICEF**
- **Mr. Dauren Salipov**, CEO, MSSP.GLOBAL, **Kazakhstan**

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-14:30 P2C matchmaking roundtable three – RI CIS3

RI CIS3: Creating an enabling legal and regulatory environment to accelerate digital transformation.

Objective: To provide assistance to ITU Member States of the region in developing related laws and regulations and digital services in various economic sectors, fostering innovation, increasing information sharing and strengthening cooperation in regulation, thereby contributing to the creation of an enabling regulatory environment for all stakeholders.

Moderator: Ms. Natalia Mochu, Regional Director for the CIS Region, **ITU**

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jeyhun Huseynzade**, Head of Strategy, Innovation and Digitalization at the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the **Republic of Azerbaijan**
- **Ms. Irina Baikulova**, Deputy Director, Public Foundation "Civil Initiative Internet Policy", **Kyrgyzstan**
- **Ms. Nancy Sundberg**, Senior Programme Officer, Regulatory and Market Environment Division, Telecommunication Development Bureau, **ITU**
- **Ms. Bayan Khassenova**, Acting Head of International Cooperation Office, NITEC, **Kazakhstan**
- **Mr. Dauren Rahimzhanov**, Managing Director, Digital Initiatives Directorate, **Eurasian Development Bank**
- **Mr. Saleem Zoughbi**, Senior Research Consultant, **UN University**

14:30-15:30 P2C matchmaking roundtable four – RI CIS4

RI CIS4: Digital skills and information and communication technology accessibility for the public, in particular for persons with disabilities.

Objective: To provide assistance to ITU Member States of the region in formulating recommendations for the development of the public's digital skills, paying particular attention to persons with disabilities.



	<p>Moderator: Ms. Daria Kursa, Regional Coordinator on Digital Accessibility, Regional Office for CIS, ITU</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Madiyar Yunussov, President, Kostanay Engineering and Economics University named after M.Dulatov (KEEU), Kazakhstan • Mr. Vladimir Ivashko, Head of Scientific Technical Department, Belarusian State Academy of Communication, Belarus • Mr. Shakhmaran Seilov, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan • Ms. Wang Li, Deputy Director of Digital Management Research Department, Industry and Planning Research Institute, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT), China • Mr. Talant Sultanov, Chairman and Co-Founder, Internet Society Kyrgyz Chapter, Kyrgyzstan • Mr. Shakhzod Narzullaev, Project Manager, IT Academy of Uzbekistan
15:30-15:40	<p>Signing ceremony – declaration of intent between ITU and KEEU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU • Mr. Madiyar Yunussov, President, Kostanay Engineering and Economics University named after M.Dulatov (KEEU), Kazakhstan
15:40-16:00	<p>Coffee break</p>
16:00-17:00	<p>P2C matchmaking roundtable five – RI CIS5</p> <p><i>RI CIS5: Development of smart cities and communities.</i></p> <p><i>Objective: To provide assistance to ITU Member States of the region in developing legal and regulatory frameworks, creating necessary infrastructure, introducing modern services and applications in different aspects of smart cities and communities (education, healthcare, tourism, transport, energy, security, the environment, etc.) and raising the digital literacy of the public, business and authorities.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, Regional Office for CIS, ITU</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cristina Bueti, Counsellor, ITU-T Study Group 20, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, ITU • Mr. Mars Sydykov, Director, Center of Digital Technologies, Bishkek Municipality, Kyrgyzstan • Mr. Gulam Abdullayev, Head of Department, Ministry of Digital Development and Transportation of the Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr. Vladimir Ivashko, Head of Scientific Technical Department, Belarusian State Academy of Communication, Belarus • Ms. Tea Aulavuo, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, UNECE
17:00-17:15	<p>Announcement of cooperation between ITU, EDB and NITEC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dauren Rahimzhanov, Managing Director, Digital Initiatives Directorate, EurAsian Development Bank• Mr. Rostislav Konyashkin, CEO, NITEC, Kazakhstan
17:15-17:30	Summary report and outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Natalia Mochu, Regional Director, Regional Office for CIS, ITU• RDF-CIS Chairperson
17:30-18:00	Closing ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Askhat Orazbek, Vice-Minister of Digital Development, Innovation, and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan• Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU