



ITU Regional Development Forum for Americas (RDF-AMS) 2026

*Universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for an
inclusive and sustainable digital future*

16-17 June 2026
Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Meeting organized by the International Telecommunication Union in cooperation with and hosted by the Communications Regulation Commission of Colombia.

RDF-AMS 2026 is held back-to-back with the ITU Regional Workshop on Regulatory Innovation and Sandbox.

PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Tuesday, 16 June 2026

8:00 - 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 10:00

OPENING CEREMONY

- **Mr Felipe Diaz**, Commissioner and Executive Director at Communications Regulation Commission (CRC)
- **Ms Maria José Torres**, UN Resident Coordinator
- **Mr Oscar Leon**, Secretary General of CITEL
- **H.E. Ms Patricia Perdomo**, Vice Minister of ICT of Colombia
- **Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau

Appointment of the Chair of the ITU Regional Development Forum for Americas: Mr Felipe Diaz, Commissioner and Director of CRC



10:00 - 10:45

Official Photo
Networking Coffee

10:45- 12:00

ROUNDTABLE ONE: State of Digital Development and Trends - Challenges and opportunities.

Setting the stage and Moderation: Mr. Bruno Ramos, Regional Director of the ITU Regional Office for Americas

- **Mr Javier Gutierrez**, Communications Commissioner, CRC, Colombia
- **H.E Mr Andrés Ehrlér**, Minister of Tourism, Honduras
- **Mr Dean Molina**, Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of Belize
- **Ms Maryleana Mendez**, Secretary General of ASIET
- **Mr Alkin Saucedo**, National Director of Telecommunications of ASEP, Panama
- **Mr Sergio Sotomayor**, General Director National Agency of Spectrum ANE, Colombia

12:00 - 14:00**Lunch****14:00- 15:30**

ROUNDTABLE TWO: Building upon the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) in Americas Region

Setting the stage and Moderation: Mr Miguel Alcaine, ITU Representative for Central America

- **Mr Nicolás Silva Cortés**, Deputy Director National Agency of Spectrum Colombia (TBC)
- **Mr Luis Soto**, Coordinator National Plan of Connectivity of Guatemala
- **Mr Cesar Caceres**, Commissioner, National Commission of Telecommunication, Honduras (CONATEL)
- **Mr Edwin Castillo**, Deputy National Director of Telecommunication, ASEP, Panama
- **H.E Mr Dominic Smith**, Minister of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Ms Ledenika Mendez**, Commissioner of the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (CRT) of Mexico



**15:30- 16:00****Networking Coffee****16:00-17:15****ROUNDTABLE THREE: Roundtable on the implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives (RIs) for the Americas**

Moderation and setting the context: Mr Sergio Scarabino, ITU Representative for South America

Presentation on the implementation of RIs

- **Mr Oscar Leon**, Secretary General of CITEL
- **Mr Rodney Taylor**, Secretary General of CTU
- **Ms Angeles Ayala**, Executive Secretary of COMTELCA
- **Ms Julissa Cruz**, Director of Digital Infrastructure / Latin America Development Bank CAF
- **Mr Christian Oflaherty**, Vice-president, ISOC
- **Mr Mark Reynolds**, Board of Directors Member of CANTO

17:15- 17:30**Special Presentation: Results on the E-WASTE project with the Government of Colombia.**

Note: The programme will be updated as additional contributions and confirmations are received.

DAY 2**Wednesday 17 June 2026****ROUNDTABLE FOUR: P2C Matchmaking/ Regional Initiative contributions****9:00- 10:30**

This round table will continue the presentation of the countries' contributions to the fulfilment of the ITU's regional initiatives in the Americas.

Presentation: **Smart Villages, ITU Asia Pacific**



Moderation: Ms Angeles Ayala, Executive Secretary
COMTELCA, introducing the contributions by Member States.

- **Ms Maria José Franco**, Head of International Affairs
DINATEL MIEM, Uruguay;
- **Mr Mateo Banti**, Head of Cooperation of European
Union Delegation for Costa Rica, Panama, and Central
America
- **Mr Daniel Araujo**, Chief of Cabinet ANATEL Brasil
- **Ms Christa Medford**, Universal Service Fund
Administrator, NTRC Grenada
- **Ms Leidy Guillen Cordero**, Public Policy Manager
MICITT Costa Rica
- **Manuel Reyes Valdez**, Chief of Spectrum SIT Guatemala

10:30- 11:00

Networking Coffee

ROUNDTABLE FIVE: P2C Matching the countries and regional needs with the stakeholders' interests to support digital development across the Americas

This roundtable will serve as a dynamic platform to facilitate meaningful collaboration and strategic partnerships aimed at skills development across the Americas Region.

Presentation: **Partner2Connect, ITU**

Moderation and setting the context: Mr Cleveland Thomas,
ITU Representative for the Caribbean

11:00- 12:30

- **Mr German Dario Arias**, Senior Director Regulation and
Government SBA
- **Mr Cesar Diaz**, Telecommunications Affairs Lead of
LACNIC
- **Ms Mercedes Aramendia**, Executive Director, Dig.ia-lac
- **Mr Alberto Menguini**, Head of Cooperation European
Union in Colombia
- **Ms Cristina Cardenas**, Director of Government Affairs,
Coursera/Udemy
- **Mr Antonio Pulido**, Head of Social Advocacy and Public
Policy, Fundación Cibervoluntarios

12:30- 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 14:45

Special Session: Regulatory Experimentation Pilots:



This interactive and dynamic session will present the proposals for the Regulatory Experimentation Pilot Project in Central America and the Dominican Republic within the framework of the Project implemented by the ITU and supported by the European Union (5 minutes per intervention).

Opening remarks: Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau

Moderation: Carlos Lugo Silva, ITU Regional Office for Americas

Roundtable 1:

- **Mr Luis Scheker**, Regulation Director, INDOTEL, Dominican Republic
- **Mr Leo Van Troi Mercedes**, Director of Institutional Relations OGTIC Dominican Republic
- **Mr Alkin Saucedo**, Telecommunication Director of ASEP, Panama
- **Ms Sofia Harris**, Legal Director of SENACYT, Panama
- **Mr Carlos Victor Hugo Maldonado**, Advisor, Superintendency of Telecommunications (SIT), Guatemala
- **Mr Cesar Caceres**, Commissioner of CONATEL, Honduras

Roundtable 2: Moderator, Willy Carvajal, Regional Officer European Union Delegation, Costa Rica

- **Mr Abraham Teck**, Director of Regulation at PUC, Belize
- **Ms Deryahn Munoz**, Representative, SUTEL Costa Rica
- **Mr Alvaro Calderon**, Chief of Engineering and Management of Spectrum, SIGET, El Salvador
- **Ms Mariana Gomez**, Executive Director OMR, El Salvador
- **H.E. Mr Andrés Ehrler**, Minister of Tourism, Honduras

ROUNDTABLE SIX: Governance and enabling regulatory frameworks for sustainable digital transformation

14:45 - 15:30

Moderation and setting the context: Mr Jorge Fernando Negrete, President of DPL Group, Mexico





- **Ms Mariana Gomez**, Executive Director of OMR (Regulatory Improvement Organization of El Salvador).
- **Mr Alfredo Lopez**, Director Office of Presidency INDOTEL, Dominican Republic
- **Ms Sofia Harris**, Legal Director of SENACYT, Panama
- **Mr Dustin Santos**, Director of Regulation CONATEL, Honduras
- **Mr Jose Gutierrez Salazar**, Senior Director of Legal and Regulatory, Liberty
- **Ms Claudia Bustamante** Commissioner, Communication Regulation Commission of Colombia

CLOSING CEREMONY

15:30 - 16:00

- **Mr. Felipe Diaz**, Commissioner and Director of CRC (Chairman of RDF)
- **Ms Patricia Perdomo**, Vice Minister ICT of Colombia
- **Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava**, Director of the ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau

18:00 - 20:00

Cocktail offered by Government of Colombia

Thursday, 18 June 2026

- **REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON REGULATORY INNOVATION**
 - **SANDBOX**
- *Advisory Committee Project on Regulatory Innovation for Central America and Dominican Republic*

8:00 - 9:00

Registration

9:00 - 9:30

OPENING CEREMONY

9:30- 15:00

- **Mr Felipe Diaz**, Commissioner and Director of CRC
- **H.E. Mr Francois Roudié**, Ambassador of the European Union to Colombia
- **Dr Bruno Ramos**, Regional Director ITU for The Americas

15:30- 16:30

Moderator: Mr Carlos Lugo Silva, ITU Regional Office for The Americas

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Central America and DR Advisory Group meeting Project on Regulatory Innovation

TRAINERS:

- **Mr Carlos Lugo**
- **Mr Armando Guio**
- **Mr Christian Fieseler**

Panellists:

- **Mr Oscar Leon**, Executive Secretary CITEL
- **Ms Angeles Ayala**, Executive Secretary COMTELCA
- **Ms Claudia Bustamante**, Communications Commissioner, CRC, Colombia
- **Mr Carlos Tellez**, Regulatory Director of TIGO
- **Ms Maryleana Mendez**, Secretary General ASIET
- **Ms Julissa Cruz**, Director of Digital Infrastructure

Open mic Session. 3 Minutes (by registration).

