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To :

- Administrations of ITU Members States
- ITU-D Sector Members
- ITU affiliated academic and research institutes

**Subject: Implementation of Resolution 71, WTDC 17: Strengthening cooperation between Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia of the ITU-D**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Recognizing the value of enhancing cooperation amongst ITU-D membership including industry in particular on development issues for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the [World Telecommunication Development Conference](#) held in 2017, Buenos Aires, Argentina, approved the revised Resolution 71 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) on *“Strengthening cooperation between Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector and the evolving role of the private sector in the Development sector”*.

Amongst others, Resolution 71 instructed the creation of the Industry Advisory Group for Development Issues (IAGDI) to foster exchange of information and assist in the identification of development priorities, barriers and enablers to an enabling environment. This partnership platform for industry leaders was set out to identify, from the industry’s perspective, development issues of ICTs for which collective actions and partnerships from multi-stakeholders including governments, the private sector, and research community or academia are essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

I have thus the pleasure to bring to your attention that the [9th Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers’ \(CRO\) and the 1st Industry Advisory Group for Development Issues \(IAGDI\) meeting](#), was held on 10 July 2018, at the International Conference Centre (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, as part of the 18th Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-18).

Attended by over 100 high-level industry executives as well as members from the public sector and academia representatives, [CRO/IAGDI Outcome](#) calls for action on ***the facilitation of access to connectivity for everyone in a sustainable manner*** to foster inclusiveness and sustainability towards the achievement of the SDGs.

To achieve connectivity for everyone, the group has put forward **the adoption of a multi-stakeholder engagement approach, the harnessing of the power of new technologies, and the establishment of an effective cross-sector collaboration and cooperation framework to enable new business models**, as fundamental to addressing the following areas: e.g.

- ubiquitous infrastructure **deployment**;
- broadband **adoption** and usage rates; and
- creation of an environment where **innovation** can flourish.

The group will further develop each area of action, seeking synergies and leveraging existing platforms including ITU Telecom World, ITU-D Study Groups, TDAG, GSR19 and others, as appropriate.

The CRO/IAGDI Outcome can be found [here](#), whilst ITU-D Membership is invited to engage and contribute to the work of CRO/IAGDI for which collaborative tool for interaction is available in the link <http://itu.int/go/private-sector-IAGDI> (restricted to TIES Users).

Looking forward to your active engagement and leadership at the CRO/IAGDI, our ITU-D Membership Team at [MembershipITUD@itu.int](mailto:MembershipITUD@itu.int) will be at your disposal should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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