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- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators, ITU Sector Members and Academia
- Regional and International Organizations
- Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Advisory Groups (TSAG, TDAG, RAG) and Study Groups

**Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF-CIS), 1-2 October 2019, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Regional Development Forum for the Commonwealth of Independent States (RDF-CIS), which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and will be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, from 1 to 2 October 2019 at the kind invitation of the State Committee of Information Technologies and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Regional development forums provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between BDT and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members as well as other stakeholders. They serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on BDT's regional work plan in between world telecommunication development conferences (WTDCs).

In this context, RDF-CIS will report on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan. Particular emphasis will be placed on the regional initiatives approved by WTDC-17, providing all stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss implementation plans, announce commitments and exchange experiences and best practices. The RDF-CIS will also address, from a regional perspective, the activities related to the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), ITU-D Study Groups, Membership, Partnerships and ITU Centres of Excellence. The draft agenda of the Forum is attached as Annex 1.

RDFs are open to all stakeholders willing to strengthen cooperation and partnerships among telecommunication/ICT policy-makers, regulators, industry, academia, regional and international development agencies and organizations on specific regional telecommunication and ICT matters.

The Forum will be paperless. Documents related to this event, including practical information, agenda and presentations, will be available on the ITU website at [www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2019/10\\_Bishkek/10\\_Bishkek.aspx](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2019/10_Bishkek/10_Bishkek.aspx)

There is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel and accommodation of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization. Registration will be carried out

exclusively online at the following link: <http://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp> Participants are requested to register by **24 September 2019**.

The Forum will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

In accordance with Resolutions 25 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) and 213 (Dubai, 2018) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, and in order to promote the participation of developing countries in ITU activities, ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS region, subject to the availability of funds. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the Fellowship Form (Annex 2) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by e-mail: [fellowships@itu.int](mailto:fellowships@itu.int) or by fax: +4122 730 57 78 **not later than 3 September 2019**.

Those participants requiring an entry visa to the Kyrgyz Republic are requested to contact the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic in their country for information well in advance.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Mr Myrzakmat Begmatov, Chief Specialist, Department of External Affairs, State Committee of Information Technologies and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic (e-mail: [mbegmatov@gmail.com](mailto:mbegmatov@gmail.com); phone: +996 312 605 030); and Ms Ainura Sadyrbaeva, Chief Expert, Professional Training Faculty, Institute of Electronics and Telecommunication (e-mail: [sad.ainura@gmail.ru](mailto:sad.ainura@gmail.ru); phone: +996 770 87 85 11). For any other questions concerning this event, please contact Mr Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office for CIS Region (e-mail: [farid.nakhli@itu.int](mailto:farid.nakhli@itu.int); phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization/Company.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Doreen Bogdan-Martin  
Director

**Annexes:**

1. Draft agenda



## ITU Regional Development Forum for CIS

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 1-2 October 2019



### DRAFT AGENDA

1 October 2019, Tuesday

09:30-10:00	<b>Participant registration</b>
10:00-10:10	Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Committee of Information Technologies and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• International Telecommunication Union (ITU)</li> </ul>
10:10-11:30	<b>WTDC-17 outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ICT development in the Kyrgyz Republic.</b> Speaker: State Committee of Information Technologies and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• <b>ITU-D Objectives, Outputs. Buenos Aires Action Plan.</b> Speaker: ITU</li> <li>• <b>WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives.</b> Speaker: ITU</li> <li>• <b>Dedicated web-portal to promote and track implementation of the WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives.</b> Speaker: Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus</li> </ul>
11:30-11:45	<b>Coffee break: Group photo</b>
11:45-13:00	<b>Implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for CIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RI1. Specialized multimedia training courses on e-health.</b> Speaker: Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications</li> <li>• <b>RI1. Development of technical requirements for e-health systems.</b> Speaker: Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• <b>RI1. Recommendations on the application of modern technical solutions in the design of e-health systems, including telemedicine networks.</b> Speaker: Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications</li> </ul>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00-15:30	<b>Implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for CIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RI2. Development of multimedia online course for women and girls.</b> Speaker: Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan</li> <li>• <b>RI2. Creation of information and training centre on IP-telephony.</b> Speaker: Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus</li> <li>• <b>RI2. Creation of digital skills centre for women and youth.</b> Speaker: Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• <b>RI3. Case study: Implementing ITU-T International Standards to Shape Smart Sustainable Cities: The Case of Moscow.</b> Speaker: ITU</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:00-17:30	<b>Implementation of the ITU Regional Initiatives for CIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RI4. Development of spatial data infrastructure for analysing and monitoring ecological condition in region.</b> Speaker: State Committee of Information Technologies and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• <b>Development of regional telecommunication infrastructure.</b> Speaker: Executive Director, Association of telecom operators</li> </ul>

- **RI4. E-waste monitor.** Speaker: UN University
- **RI4. Forest Berg project.** Speaker: Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies of the Republic of Armenia
- **RI5. International Research, Development and Testing Centre for new equipment, technologies, and services.** Speaker: Rostelecom

### 2 October 2019, Wednesday

09:30-11:00	<p><b>Activities related to the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), ITU-D Study Groups, ITU Centres of Excellence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overview of TDAG activities.</b> Speaker: TDAG Vice-Chairman</li> <li>• <b>Overview of ITU-D Study Group activities.</b> Speaker: ITU-D Study Group 1 Vice-Chairman</li> <li>• <b>ITU Centres of Excellence in the new cycle.</b> Speaker: Institute of Electronics and Telecommunications (IET) under Kyrgyz State Technical University (KSTU)</li> </ul>
11:00-11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30-13:00	<p><b>Achieving the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Partnership and Resource Mobilization in CIS region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> UN Resident Coordinator in the Kyrgyz Republic</li> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Uzbekistan</li> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> UNESCAP</li> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> FAO</li> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> WHO</li> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> IITE UNESCO</li> </ul>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00-15:30	<b>Round table “Mobilizing partners to foster implementation of the WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives in the CIS”</b>
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:00-17:00	<b>Wrap-up. Forum closure</b>