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Development Bureau (BDT)



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To:

- Recognized Operating Agencies from
ITU D Sector Members

Subject: TECH TALKS: Interactive Information sharing session with Recognized Operating Agencies of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector Members (Virtual), 18 February 2021, 13h00-15h00 CET

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in our **TECH TALKS Series** – a engagement dialogue platform for ITU-D Sector Members to build closer relationships with the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and with respective industry peers by sharing your current and planned digital development initiatives for digital connectivity for all. The first TECH TALK will focus on the **Recognized Operating Agencies (ROA) community** within our Sector Membership. It will be held virtually (English only) on **18 February 2021 from 13:00 to 15:00 CET**.

The TECH TALKS series, run by industry, private sector entities and other entities among our ITU-D Membership, aims to give ITU-D members, based on manifestation of interest, opportunities to present technological trends in their areas and their work in the space of ICT development, as well as the chance to partner in ITU projects. BDT staff at headquarters and in our field offices across all the regions will participate. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) will, in turn, share opportunities for partnerships and participation in our projects and other activities based on current and future activities, projects, and initiatives.

This is a unique time for us to strengthen dialogue, information sharing and partnerships with ITU-D Membership and its communities. Your innovative approaches and new models of collaboration for connectivity and digital solutions can help shape the agenda of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21, 8-19 November 2021, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). Please indicate **by 8 February 2021** your interest to be among the six members who would like to speak. You may express such interest by writing to: membershipitud@itu.int.

Each speaker will have up to 15 minutes to share technological trends, best practices and innovative approaches they have used in their work in the space of telecommunication/ICT development. It will also be an opportunity to network and exchange with BDT staff at headquarters and in our field offices across all the regions and with respective industry and private sector members and prospect partnership opportunities in existing and new ITU projects on digital connectivity.

If your organization is not able to speak on this occasion, there will be many other occasions to do so in the future. Participation in this first Tech Talk is open to all ROAs as an ITU-D community of members. Detailed information on the structure, nature, and content of the session will be shared with the Speakers.

I look forward to welcoming you to the first of a series of TECH TALKS and to share experiences and innovative ideas on how we could address the connectivity challenge together. The concept note of this event is attached.

This session does not require registration. The event link will be sent to you prior to the date of the event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Director



TECH TALKS SERIES

Interactive Information sharing session with ITU-D Sector Members: **Recognized Operating Agencies (ROA)**

18 February 2021, Virtual, 13h00-15h00 CET

Background:

As part of our efforts to constantly build value and opportunities for our Sector Members, the Telecommunication Development Bureau is launching the **TECH TALKS Series** which is a new initiative that provides industry, private sector and other entities among our ITU-D Membership with an opportunity to share information with the staff of the Telecommunication Development Bureau at headquarters and in the field.

Objective:

The **TECH TALKS Series** was conceptualized as an engagement dialogue platform for ITU-D Sector Membership to:

- provide ITU-D members an opportunity to present technological trends in their areas.
- share best practices and innovative approaches they have used in their work in the space of telecommunication/ICT development.
- explore partnership opportunities in existing and new ITU projects on digital connectivity.
- network with BDT staff at headquarters and in our field offices across all the regions and with respective industry and private sector members.

In turn, ITU will share current and future partnership opportunities in our projects, activities, and initiatives.

These sessions will be open to all ITU-D Members, who will be openly or individually invited to express interest to share their offerings and ongoing or planned projects in telecommunication/ICT development. ITU-D Members will have an opportunity to interact with staff and have a better understanding of what ITU-D is doing and planning and how they could contribute through impactful partnerships.

Session Format:

This 1st TECH TALK will focus on **Recognized Operating Agencies (ROA)** within our Sector Membership. It will be held virtually (**English only**) on 18 February 2021 from 13:00 to 15:00 CET. The session will run as follows:

- BDT Director welcoming remarks outlining key ongoing initiatives and planned initiatives.
- Presentations by a panel drawn from the selected ITU-D Sector community participating in a particular TECH Talk series which in this case is the ROA members.
- Question and answer session.
- Closing of the session.