



Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)



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- To Recognized Operating Agencies from
ITU D Sector Members

Subject: Know Your Members: Consultative session with Recognized Operating Agencies of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector Members (Virtual), 14 October 2021, 13h00-14h00 CEST

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in our **Know Your Members** series – a dialogue building platform for the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) Members to interact and exchange views with the leadership of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT). This includes getting an update on ongoing and planned work with the Sector provided by the BDT, and views from Members on how we could strengthen our relationship and engagement in order to enrich your membership.

This Know Your Members session will focus on the **Recognized Operating Agencies (ROA)** community of ITU-D Sector Members. It will be held virtually (English only) on **14 October 2021 from 13:00 to 14:00 CEST**. In order to get the best out of this upcoming consultative meeting, discussions will be under the Chatham House Rule.

Registration to participate is required. Please register [here](#).

As well as providing a unique opportunity to update you on ongoing and future work of BDT and partnership opportunities, I look forward to benefiting from your suggestions on how we could bring more value to the ROA community and strengthen your participation in the work of ITU-D. Further, this initiative comes at an opportune time as we prepare for the upcoming [World Telecommunication Development Conference \(WTDC\)](#) to be held from 6 to 15 June 2022, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, so that your views could contribute to the inputs to the Conference.

I look forward to your participation and attach the concept note for this event for your information.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Director



Know Your Members

Consultative session with ITU-D Sector Members: Recognized Operating Agencies (ROA)

14 October 2021, Virtual, 13h00-14h00 CEST

Background:

Since 2019, the BDT has been carrying out a series of consultative sessions with ITU Development Sector (ITU-D) Members with the aim of increasing participation in the work of the Sector.

To strengthen engagement and build strong relations between the BDT and the Recognized Operating Agencies (ROA) community of ITU-D Sector Members, the Director of BDT has decided to launch the **Know Your Members** Series, by holding one-on-one sessions with each of ITU-D Member communities. The sessions will be informal, two-way, and provide an opportunity for an exchange of information and strengthening relations with the Membership.

Objective:

The **Know Your Members** Series was conceptualised to provide personalized and targeted opportunities for membership to share views openly and freely with the BDT Director on their participation in the work of the ITU-D and make suggestions, as necessary:

- ✓ Provide the Director of BDT with an opportunity to update the ROA community on ongoing and future work, and partnership opportunities.
- ✓ Gather suggestions on how to strengthen participation in ITU-D's work which could include Study Groups, Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), and the World Telecommunication Development Conference preparations.
- ✓ Get to know partners at a more personal level and the specificity of their community and address their needs.
- ✓ Use this platform to ensure retention of current members and encourage them in the recruitment of new members.

Session Format:

This Know Your Members session will focus on the ROA community. It will be held virtually (English only) **14 October 2021, Virtual, 13h00-14h00 CEST**. The session will run as follows:

- BDT Director's welcoming remarks.
- Update by BDT Director on ongoing work in the BDT and opportunities which are of interest to the ROA Members.
- Updates by ROA community of ITU-D Sector Members on ongoing initiatives of interest to BDT and expressions of interests on the ongoing and planned BDT work.
- Open conversation on how to strengthen collaboration.
- Concluding remarks.