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Launch of GSR-20 Celebrations!
Leadership Debate
30 June 2020 | 13:30 - 16:00, CEST

20TH GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM FOR REGULATORS

Ursula G. Owusu Ekuful, Minister of Communications Ghana

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Moderator:

Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, BDT Director

Panelists:

- **H.E. Ms Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, Minister, Ministry of Communications, Ghana**

- **Mr Michel van Bellinghen, Chairman Council BIPT, Belgium, incoming Chairman BEREC 2021/GSR Regulatory Associations Meeting Chairman**

- **Mr Flavien Bachabi, President, ARCEP, Benin**

- **Dr. R. S. Sharma, Chairman, TRAI, India**

- **Mr Bocar Ba, CEO, SAMENA Council, Chairman CRO**

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Interveners:

- **Mr Mats Granryd, Director General and Member of the GSMA Board, GSMA**

- **Mr Lacina Koné, Director-General, Smart Africa**

GSR-20 Best Practice Guidelines Consultation "The gold standard for digital regulation"

- Coordinated by Mr Dan Sjöblom, Director-General, Swedish Post and Telecom Authority (PTS), Sweden and GSR-20 Chair

- Adoption of the *Guidelines* by regulators on 1 September 2020 during the Heads of Regulators Executive Roundtable

- Deadline for contributions (extended!) 25 July 2020

- Since 2003, the *Guidelines* have featured established regulatory mechanisms as well as tried and tested practices

- We encourage regulators to focus your 2020 contribution exclusively on novel, bold, innovative and ground-breaking approaches and tools for digital regulation, especially now while we are thinking of building back better

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Provide your *ideas, views and experiences* on:

- Demonstrating regulatory thought leadership for digital transformation

- Vectors of regulatory action: Inclusiveness, agility, and resilience

- Collaboration across sectors, cooperation across borders, and engagement across the boards

Contributions received to date:

- ATU
- ARCTEL-CPLP
- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Chile
- Colombia
- Mexico
- Saudi Arabia
- UK

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GSR-20 Celebration and upcoming events

From **5 July to 20 August 2020**, a series of Special Regulatory Roundtable discussions will be held online, working with our regional colleagues, regional regulatory associations, and partners, and addressing:

- On **7 July 2020**: GSR 2020 Regional Regulatory Roundtable Discussion for Europe and CIS: The Regulatory Wheel of Change: Regulation for Digital Transformation
- On **30 July 2020**: Digital Transformation for Digital Economies @COVID-19 South-Asia
- On **20 August 2020**: ITU Inter-regional Webinar on Competition Policy and Analysis in Digital Apps Environment for Arab and Africa Regions

On **31 August 2020**, we will hold the Regional Regulatory Associations meeting and the Industry Advisory Group for Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officer's meeting (IAGDI-CRO) meeting at the same time in different virtual rooms.

On **1 September 2020**, we will hold the Heads of Regulators Executive Roundtable (upon invitation only), just before the main sessions of GSR.

The core sessions of GSR will be held from **1 to 3 September 2020** in short sessions over 3 hours each day.

COVID-19: TELECOMMUNICATION/ICT SECTOR RESPONSES

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NETWORK RESPONSES

EXISTING TELECOMS NETWORKS
- manage demand/allow shaping
- expand/flexible IMT spectrum available
- increase broadband speeds
- facilitate digital telco payments/ mobile money

NEW CAPACITY & NETWORKS
- increase transmission/backhaul
- optimize network capacity
- new 4G/5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) deployments

TECHNOLOGY SECTOR
- big data - disease management
- tracking, tracing outbreaks
- productivity & remote education /working tools – video communication platforms

BANDWIDTH DEMAND

Massive growth in overall demand for bandwidth

Increased demand for bandwidth for emergency and health care

ECONOMIC IMPACTS
- lockdowns
- business failures
- unemployment
- debt
- additional operational costs

GOVERNMENT/CONSUMERS

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES
- facilitate increase broadband speeds
- relief from licence fees/regulation
- increase transmission/backhaul
- direct subsidies
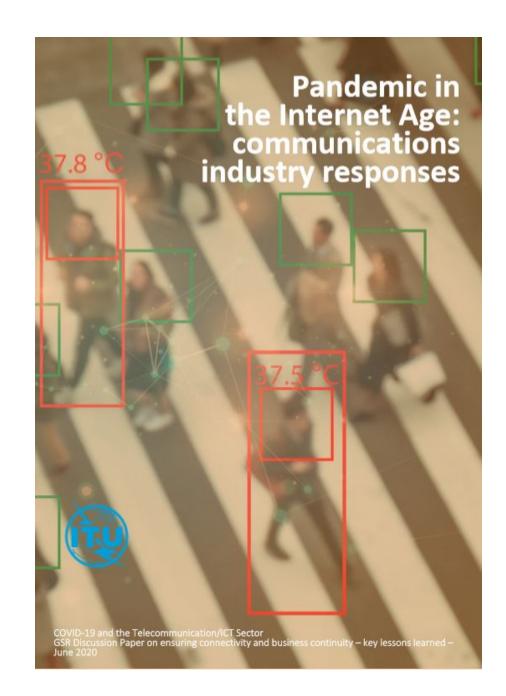- address COVID-19 'fake news'

CONSUMERS
- free access/ health information
- discounts/extra GB limits
- extra time to pay
- facilitate electronic payment/ commerce

BUSINESS/WORKERS/STUDENTS
- work from home
- education from home
- better remote working tools
- assistance from governments

Source: ITU - WPC, May 2020

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https://reg4covid.itu.int/