



NoW4WTDC Fireside Discussion

“Discussion on the importance of professional networking and gaining outside perspectives – a delegate’s view”

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9:00-10:30 Central European Time CET, 11:00-12:30 East African Time EAT (GMT+3)

Website:

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9:00 – 9:10 OPENING

- Welcome remarks
 - Caecilia Nyamutsa, Convener of Africa NoW4WTDC; Director, Legal Services, Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ) and Vice-Chair for Africa, Inter-regional Meetings to prepare for WTDC-21, and Rapporteur, ITU-D Study Group 1 Question 5/1
 - Doreen Bogdan Martin, Director, ITU Development Bureau

9:10 – 9:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:15 – 9:20 GROUP PHOTO

9:20 – 9:50 WHAT’S NEW AND WHO IS INVOLVED - NEW PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES TOWARDS WTDC

- What is new at WTDC-22?
- Who are new WTDC stakeholders, including in the preparatory process?
 - Partner2Connect Digital Coalition – By Partner2Connect focus area lead
 - New aspects of the regional preparatory work – By member state representatives

Moderator: Anne-Rachel Inné, Director, ITU Regional Office for Africa

Speakers:

- Sophiyat Sadiq, Generation Connect Africa Youth Group Envoy
- Samar Halawa, Lead for Arab States, Microsoft Philanthropies, and with insights on Partner2Connect focus area 2 on Empowering communities
- Roubée Gadevadoo, Senior Engineer/Licensing Officer, Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA), Mauritius, and Chair of ATU adhoc group for WTDC dedicated to WTDC structure and stakeholder engagement

Open discussion



9:50 – 10:20 DISCUSSION AROUND NETWORKING AND SHARING FOR ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT

- Discussion around:
 - What are the benefits of professional networking and gaining outside perspectives?
 - What targeted efforts and innovative activities and outreach can be undertaken to increase participation of women in tech in Africa and globally?
 - What existing gaps can be addressed by NoW4WTDC in Africa and globally?

Moderator: Dunola Oladapo, Generation Connect Lead, ITU

Speakers:

- Irene Kagwa Sewankambo, Acting Executive Director, Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)
- Sibonginkosi Muteyiwa, Head of Marketing and International Relations, Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ), Zimbabwe
- Nonkqubela Jordan-Dyani, Acting Director General, Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT), South Africa

Open discussion

10:20 – 10:30 WRAP UP WITH TAKEAWAYS AND NEXT STEPS

- Caecilia Nyamutswa, Convener of Africa NoW4WTDC
- John Omo, Secretary General, African Telecommunications Union (ATU)

