# ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF-AMS)
## ICT ④ SDGs: Towards the implementation of WTDC17 outcomes
Lima, Peru - 25 May 2018

The Regional Development Forum is an opportunity to promote a high-level dialogue between the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and governments, regulators, ITU Member States and Sector Members.

It aims to present the BDT's work, as well as to expose new challenges and opportunities to stakeholders in order to contribute effectively to the work being conducted by the ITU in the Americas region.

As we start the ITU Development Sector (ITU-D) Operational Cycle 2018-2021, the Forum will focus on the strategic context for the ITU Members in the Americas region provided by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017. RDF-AMS 2018 will report on the Buenos Aires Action Plan (BaAP), with particular emphasis on the five Americas Regional Initiatives (AMS-RI) 2018-2021 that have been decided by the Members during WTDC-17

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| **AMS 1:** Disaster risk reduction and management communications | **AMS 2:** Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting | **AMS 3:** Deployment of broadband infrastructure, especially in rural and neglected areas, and strengthening of broadband access to services and applications |
| **AMS 4:** Accessibility and affordability for an inclusive and sustainable Americas region | **AMS 5:** Development of the digital economy, smart cities and communities and the Internet of Things, promoting innovation | |

*RDF-AMS 2018 will strongly encourage Memberships' feedback, partnership opportunities, proposals and recommendations to contribute to as well as guide BDT's work in the Americas region*

| 08:00 – 09:00 | **Registration** |
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| 09:00 – 09:30 | **Welcome Addresses**<br>• **Oscar León,** Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission, CITEL<br>• **Rafael Muente Schwartz,** President, OSIPTEL<br>• **Brahima Sanou, Director,** Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT), ITU<br>• **Rosa Virginia Nakagawa Morales,** Vice minister, Ministry of Transport and Communications |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Key Note Speech: Rosa Virginia Nakagawa Morales,** Vice minister, Ministry of Transport and Communications. |

| 10:00 – 10:15 | **Group Photo** |
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| 10:15 – 11:00 | **Session 1: Presentation by Bruno Ramos, AMS Regional Director: The BDT's work in the Americas and introduction to BaAP**<br>During this session participants will discuss the Action Plan activities (Dubai Action Plan-WTDC-14) in particular the results achieved with the Implementation of the Americas Regional Initiatives in 2014-2017 and lessons learned in the areas of Emergency Communications; Digital Broadcasting; Broadband in Urban and Rural Areas; Internet Access Cost Reduction; and Capacity Building with emphasis in persons with disabilities<br><br>• Review of Implementation of the Americas Regional Initiatives 2014-2017 and lessons learned<br>• Presentation of BaAP Action Plan (WTDC-17)<br>• Council decision on seed funds for Regional Initiatives and activities foreseen<br><br>❖ Open discussions and feedback |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | **Session 2: ICT investments in Latin America and the Caribbean**<br><br>**Invited speakers:**<br>• **Mauricio Agudelo,** Latin-American Development Bank, CAF.<br>• **José Aguilar Reátegui,** Ministerio de Transportes y Comunicaciones, Peru<br><br>**Some of the questions that will be tackled in this session are:**<br>• **Which are the most urgent investments identified in the region in terms of infrastructure?**<br>• **How would you improve the role of the ITU as a Development agency in terms of project implementation?** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Lunch** |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Session 3: This session will discuss "Disaster management communications", "Spectrum management and deployment of broadband infrastructure, especially in rural and neglected areas"**<br><br>Three presentations will offer different views aiming to identify opportunities for regional cooperation.<br><br>**Moderator: Oscar León,** Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission of the OAS.<br><br>**Invited Speakers:**<br>• **Bernadette Lewis,** General Secretariat, CTU<br>• **Annette Purves,** Principal, Regulatory Affairs, INTELSAT<br>• **Mario Coronado,** Regulatory Director, Telefónica Perú<br><br>**Panel and Q&A:**<br><br>**Some of the questions that will be tackled in this session are:**<br>• **Are there spectrum management policies/decisions that help emergency** |

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| | communications? Any proven best practice in the region?<br>• **How should Governments intervene for broadband to be provided to unattended areas when the market is not responding?** |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | **Coffee Break** |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | **Session 4: "Accessibility and affordability for an inclusive and sustainable Americas region" & "Development of the digital economy, smart cities and communities and the Internet of things, promoting innovation"**<br><br>**Moderator: Sergio Scarabino,** ITU Representative for South America<br><br>**Invited speakers:**<br>• **Allan Ruiz,** Executive Secretary, COMTELCA<br>• **Sebastian Bellagamba,** Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean - Internet Society (ISOC)<br><br>**Q&A:**<br><br>**Some of the questions that will be tackled in this session are:**<br>• **How to develop partnerships between the private and public sectors on improving accessibility and affordability of services?**<br>• **How the Internet is shaping cities and communities and favoring affordability?**<br>• **Which are the main obstacles that innovation faces in the region?** |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | **Closure**<br><br>• **Bruno Ramos,** Director, ITU Regional Office for Americas<br><br>• **Rosa Virginia Nakagawa Morales,** Vice minister, Ministry of Transport and Communications |