

Session Outcome Document

Summary of Session: Interactive Session: Action Line C6 - Enabling Environment under the theme Collaboration for Impact with the active participation of Regional Regulatory

Associations (RAs)

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Key Issues discussed.

- The primary objective of this session was to discuss with Regional Regulatory Associations and their members the critical questions that ICT stakeholders encounter while embracing transformative technologies for greater impact.
- Some of the critical questions that were addressed included the significance of collaboration in advancing the national and regional transformation agenda, defining success criteria, sharing examples and experiences of innovative collaborative regulatory projects.
- Regulators are required to serve as enablers and facilitators, and it is imperative that they share their experiences and innovations with other regulatory bodies.
- Collaboration among various national regulators is crucial for successful digital transformation. This includes cooperation and partnerships between consumer protection authorities, competition authorities, and other regulators.
- International cooperation with international organizations, knowledge exchange with other regulators, and partnerships and collaboration with Regional Regulatory Associations (RAs) are essential for achieving digital transformation.

Towards WSIS+20 and WSIS beyond 2025, please share your views on the emerging trends, challenges, achievements, and opportunities in the implementation of the WSIS Action Lines to date

- In the framework of the work done in the Telecommunication Development Sector, ITU is the lead facilitator of WSIS Action Line C6 on Enabling Environment.
- Over the years, ITU has been providing convening and knowledge exchange platforms to discuss measures and solutions such as fostering open access to international fiber, affordable



access for sustainable development, connectivity during and in the post COVID digital world, and more.

- The work done by ITU on collaborative regulation focuses on the interplay between ICT markets and regulation and the innovative regulatory tools and processes at hand to support Membership and stakeholders to further enable digital transformation.
- ITU remains committed to fostering a regulatory environment that promotes innovation while safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders.
- In terms of key opportunities, challenges and emerging trends, based on the outputs from the
 Action Line C6 facilitation meetings, one of the main challenges of collaborative regulation at
 national and regional level is to break silos, and bring together the expertise to foster
 collaboration across sectors and borders.
- Our collective strength lies in exchanging knowledge, harmonizing regulatory approaches, and coordinating actions for maximum impact.

Tangible outcomes (such as key achievements, announcements, launches, agreements, commitments, figures, and success stories)

- The session was conducted under the framework of the <u>Digital Regulation Network (DRN)</u> Initiative. The DRN launched last year to accelerate sustainable digital transformation through common approaches to collaborative digital policy, regulation and governance across economic sectors and borders working directly with Regional Regulatory Associations (RAs) and their members at the regional and global level.
- The Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-24), which will be held in Kampala, Uganda, from 1 to 4 July 2024, under the theme 'Regulation for impact', was mentioned, and the participants were invited to register.