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WTIS-25 & EGTI EGH Meetings!



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ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-25)

DATE & VENUE

The 20th edition of the ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-25) will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 22nd to 23rd September 2025. Under the theme “WTIS@20: **The past, present and future of digital development statistics**”.

Agenda and registration can be accessed at:
<https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/wtis25/>

What is WTIS?

- The World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS) is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- The Symposium takes place annually and is targeted at those responsible for ICT statistics in relevant ministries, regulatory agencies, national statistical offices, telecommunication operating companies, as well as experts in the subject of information society measurement.
- First held in 1996, and annually since 2005, WTIS has evolved to become the key global forum to discuss telecommunication/ICT measurement issues.

Key Objectives of WTIS:

- The objective of the Symposium is to **debate new and emerging issues on ICT data and statistics** and their role in policy making.
- To **provide strategic guidance** to the international community on information society trends and future monitoring.
- It also **develops standards and methodologies** for producing high-quality data and statistical indicators.
- It provides the forum for **coordination of the global ICT statistics agenda for the collecting and disseminating vital information** and conducting world-class research, supporting evidence-based decision making towards universal and meaningful connectivity and sustained digital transformation.
- **Persistent & New Challenges:**
 - Ongoing difficulty in measuring universal and meaningful connectivity due to the rapid evolution of digital technologies.
 - Resource mobilization, overcoming infrastructure gaps, and developing innovative financing models
 - A persistent lack of data availability and quality.
 - the complex governance of emerging risks like AI misuse and market concentration.

ITU 16th Meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication & ICT Indicators (EGTI) and 13th Meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH)

DATE & VENUE

- The 16th EGTI will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 24 to 26 September 2025.
- This year the meeting is held back-to-back with the 13th EGH and the 20th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-25).
- For the first time, the third day will feature a dedicated in-person workshop for practitioners. This hands-on session will offer EGTI and EGH members a unique opportunity to exchange experiences and share good practices in data collection,



Importance of EGTI & EGH

- ITU develops international standards on ICT statistics through its Expert Groups which are open to the ITU membership and to experts in the field of ICT statistics.
- The outcomes of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) are submitted to WTIS for adoption.
- EGTI & EGH develop and update statistical indicators and standards for Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to ensure international consistency (standardization), comparability, and relevance in the field of ICT statistics – **Globally shared and reliable understanding of digital trends**
- **Comprehensive Data:** EGTI and EGH cover both the supply-side (telecommunications) and demand-side (household use) aspects of ICTs, providing a complete picture of digital development.
- **EGTI & EGH defines what to measure & how to measure it.**



Why Your Attendance Matters?

- **Strategic Guidance:** Guidance on information society trends, measurements and future monitoring. , helping shape international priorities for ICT measurement.
- **Influence Policy and Strategy:** The outcomes of discussions at WTIS provide strategic guidance to the international community, helping to define future work priorities for ICT measurement. This is particularly important for SIDs with our own idiosyncrasies.
- **Access to Latest Data:** The WTIS is the launch event for the annual "Measuring the Information Society Report - provides the latest ICT Development Index (IDI) results and benchmarks ICT development globally.
- **Networking Opportunities:** You will have the opportunity to connect with government ministers, business leaders, regulators, national statisticians, academics, and ICT data experts from around the world.
- **Develop Standards and Methodologies:** Participant contribute to the process of developing standards and methodologies for producing high-quality ICT data and statistical indicators.
- **WTIS offers a unique platform:** to access and contribute to international standards, debate emerging issues like AI and Big Data. Sessions often feature high-level discussions on emerging ICT trends like Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Cloud Computing, and the Internet of Things.



REGISTRATION: WTIS, EGTI & EGH

- Registration to the event is mandatory and must be completed exclusively online via this registration link: <https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp>
- Participants are required to fill out the online registration form and subsequently obtain approval from the corresponding Designated Focal Points (DFPs) for ITU-D event registration.
- An ITU user account is required to complete this process – TIES Account.
- Remote participation will be available to participants who are duly registered for the event.
- All participants are encouraged to register early and to indicate whether they intend to attend in person or remotely.
- For any enquiries about the symposium, please write to wtis@itu.int

ITU 2nd Inter-Regional Meeting (IRM-2)

DATE & VENUE

- This Virtual Forum is convened to prepare for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC).
- The IRM-2 will give ITU-D membership the opportunity to engage and exchange views on key issues ahead of WTDC-25 as we work toward consensus building pertaining to the Conference outputs.
- IRMs are open to all ITU-D membership. Member States are therefore encouraged to include in their delegations, representatives from regulators, non-ICT policymakers, academia, Internet technical community, youth, and others as they deem necessary.
- 29th September 2025 (virtually)



ITU 2nd Inter-Regional Meeting (IRM-2)

REGISTRATION & ACCESS

- <https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp>
- Delegates can register for the meeting using their ITU user account credentials(i.e. username and password).
- In case they do not have an ITU user account, they can create one by following the steps available [HERE](#).
- A User account with TIES access allows delegates to access ITU information resources including contributions and other working documents.
- All registration requests for participation in IRM-2 must be validated by the Designated Focal Points (DFPs) of administrations and entities entitled to participate. The list of Designated Focal Points is available [HERE](#).

KEY ASPECTS OF AN ITU IRM-2

- **WTDC Preparation:** The primary goal is to advance preparations for the WTDC – a major event for the ITU's telecommunication development sector.
- **Regional Updates and Coordination:** Expect updates on the progress of regional preparatory meetings (RPMs) and telecommunication development working groups.
- **Identification of Regional Priorities:** A key outcome is to identify and agree on common regional priorities and initiatives to advocate for during the main WTDC conference.
- **Input on Study Groups and Resolutions:** The meeting involves reviewing and providing input on study group questions, regional initiatives, and the drafting of resolutions that will be considered at the WTDC.

KEY ASPECTS OF AN ITU IRM-2

- **Review of Working Methods:** The meetings may also review and propose changes to the working methods of ITU-D study groups and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG).
- **Participation and Influence:** IRMs are designed to facilitate member participation, ensure transparency, and build consensus for effective contributions to the WTDC.
- **Virtual Participation:** Access to the meeting may be virtual, with information provided to registered participants via email.

Why Your Attendance Matters at ITU IRM-2

According to CTU - CTU 2nd Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 and its objectives (8th August 2025)

- Ensure sufficiently influential Caribbean input to Americas region preparations and IAPs to WTDC-25, in order to:
- Enable common briefing of CTU Member States and relevant stakeholders on all matters related to WTDC-25
- Identify and agree on common Caribbean priorities and/or initiatives to be advocated at the Americas regional level and at WTDC-25
- Facilitate substantial and effective Caribbean contribution, participation and influence at the Regional Development Forum for the Americas (RDF-AMS), the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Americas (RPM-AMS) and at WTDC-25. *(....in synergy with Key Aspects of ITU IRM-2 above)*



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According to ITU

- **Shape regional priorities:** IRM-2s are a primary forum for developing and aligning regional priorities and initiatives before the larger WTDC. Your input helps ensure your region's concerns are represented.
- **Influence resolutions:** You can actively participate in revising or drafting resolutions that will be considered at the WTDC, ensuring they reflect your region's needs and perspectives.
- **Address key issues:** The meetings provide a platform to discuss and find common positions on critical issues in telecommunications development, leading to stronger, more unified approaches across regions.



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- **Strengthen the preparatory process:** By attending, you contribute to the overall effectiveness of the preparatory process for the WTDC, which is vital for its success.
- **Contribute to the [ITU Declaration](#):** Your participation helps in developing guidelines and texts that form part of the final Declaration, which sets the agenda for future work.
- **Professional Growth:** Attending these meetings offers an excellent opportunity for networking with a diverse group of professionals, fostering relationships that extend far beyond the event itself, contributing to your personal and professional growth.

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Accessible Americas 2025

ICT For ALL

Guatemala City, Guatemala
28-30 October 2025

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ITU Accessible Americas REGISTRATION

- <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00015610>
- The Accessible Americas: ICTs for ALL event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones (SIT), the national regulatory authority of Guatemala.

Why ITU Accessible Americas?

- Out of 7 billion people in the world, 1 billion people live with some form of disability.
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are tools that can help to improve the quality of life for all.
- In this context, accessibility means that the user requires to win functional access to ICTs and ensure that such functionality is provided:
 - If you cannot see a typical screen, you need a way of understanding what is displayed on the screen;
 - If you cannot hear the information, you need a way to obtain that information;
 - If you cannot interact with an appliance, you need a way to do it.

Inclusion, equity and sustainable development are the legs of the table on which any society rests. **This led to the genesis of Accessible Americas!!**

ITU Accessible Americas – its genesis.

- In November 2014, a magical moment took place in Sao Paolo, Brazil when these urgent needs coincided with a proposed solution “**Accessible America Event**”.
- In the Americas, participants from governments, academia, the private sector, NGOs and other international agencies meet, discuss the issue, raise awareness and find solutions as they build a community in the Americas to improve the accessibility conditions in the region.
- Since then, the Accessible America Event takes place every year in the month of November. This year it is in October due to WTDC-25 in November.

ITU Accessible Americas – what it is.

- Accessible Americas is ITU's leading regional platform dedicated to promoting ICT accessibility and digital inclusion.
- This initiative supports ITU's broader mission to ensure that everyone, everywhere, can access, use, and benefit from digital technologies—regardless of age, gender, ability, or location.
- It emphasizes ICT accessibility for all, especially Persons with disabilities, women, girls, indigenous people, youth, and older persons.
- Our work is grounded in a holistic and intersectional approach that recognizes the diversity of needs and challenges faced by various groups in the digital age.

ITU Accessible Americas – Objectives.

- The primary objective of Accessible Americas are:
 - To enhance stakeholders' knowledge of digital inclusion policies and strategies,
 - foster the sharing of best practices in ICT accessibility, and
 - create valuable networking opportunities.

ITU Accessible Americas – some of its products

- [Guidelines for Promoting ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities in the Americas Region](#) [\[EN\]](#)[\[ES\]](#)[\[PO\]](#)
- [2015 Regional Event Results](#) [\[EN\]](#)
- [2016 Regional Questionnaire for the Consultation and Inputs for Preparatory Work for the Meeting Accessible Americas III: Information and Communication for ALL](#) [\[EN\]](#)[\[ES\]](#)
- [2016 - Good practices and achievements in ICT Accessibility in the Americas Region- Guidelines and recommendations](#) [\[EN\]](#)[\[ES\]](#)
- [2017 – Regional Assessment Report on ICT Accessibility](#) [\[EN\]](#)[\[ES\]](#)
- [2017 – Good Practices and achievements in ICT accessibility in the Americas Region](#) [\[EN\]](#)[\[ES\]](#)

Why Your Attendance Matters

- The event will:
 - enhance stakeholder knowledge on ICT accessibility policies and strategies,
 - provide a space to exchange good practices,
 - strengthen regional collaboration.
 - present opportunity for participants to explore practical solutions to address the digital divide, including challenges related to affordable access to ICT equipment and services, and the usage gap in areas with existing Internet coverage.

Why Your Attendance Matters

- **Promoting Digital Inclusion for All**
- **Empowering Individuals with Disabilities:** By ensuring their voices are heard, Caribbean representatives can help ensure that ICTs and assistive technologies are available to empower persons with disabilities and allow them to exercise their rights.
- **Addressing Regional Needs:** The event allows you to highlight and address their specific challenges and needs related to digital accessibility
- **Policy and Strategy Development:** how to develop and implement policies that ensure the widespread adoption of accessible ICTs and the inclusion of people with disabilities.
- **Strategic Partnerships and Collaboration:** The event fosters a multistakeholder environment, bringing together the public and private sectors, academia, and civil society to build networks and promote cooperation on digital inclusion initiatives.
- **Regional Capacity Building:** Accessible Americas serves as a platform to leverage and develop the Caribbean's own expertise in ICT accessibility.



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