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ITU Events Overview

January 2025

SMART SEAS TOOLKIT for DISASTER RESILIENCE

ITU/CTU/TATT Project

CANTO Connect and 41st AGM | Curacao

25 Jan 2025

Cleveland Thomas | ITU Area Representative for the Caribbean Region

Strengthening Enabling Env: Smart Seas Project

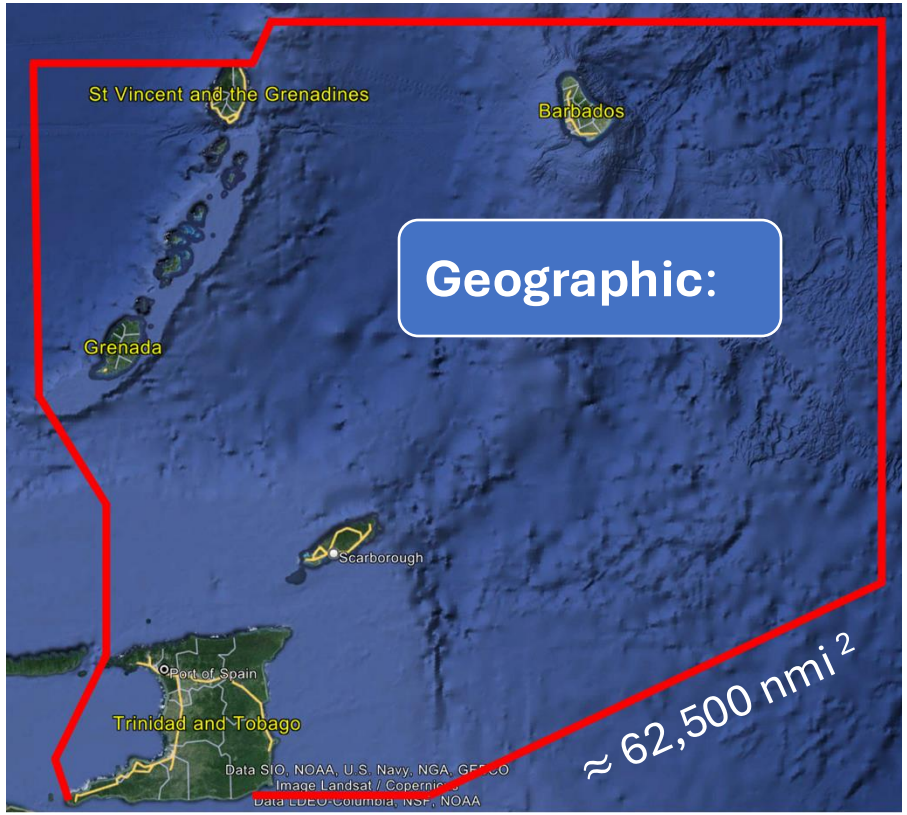
- Smart Seas Toolkit for Disaster Resilience (Smart Seas) Project: joint initiative supported by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago

- Aim: to increase the resilience & preserve the lives of SSF through ICTs with emphasis on the **enabling environment** [1]
- Enabling environment *essential* for affordable & accessible ICTs

[1] the set of actors, policies, regulations, frameworks, capacity, operations and associated engagements among actors and agencies which facilitate maritime communications to increase the resilience of small-scale fishers

Scope & Dimensions

Scope:



Geographic:

Beneficiary Sector: Fisheries

Dimensions:

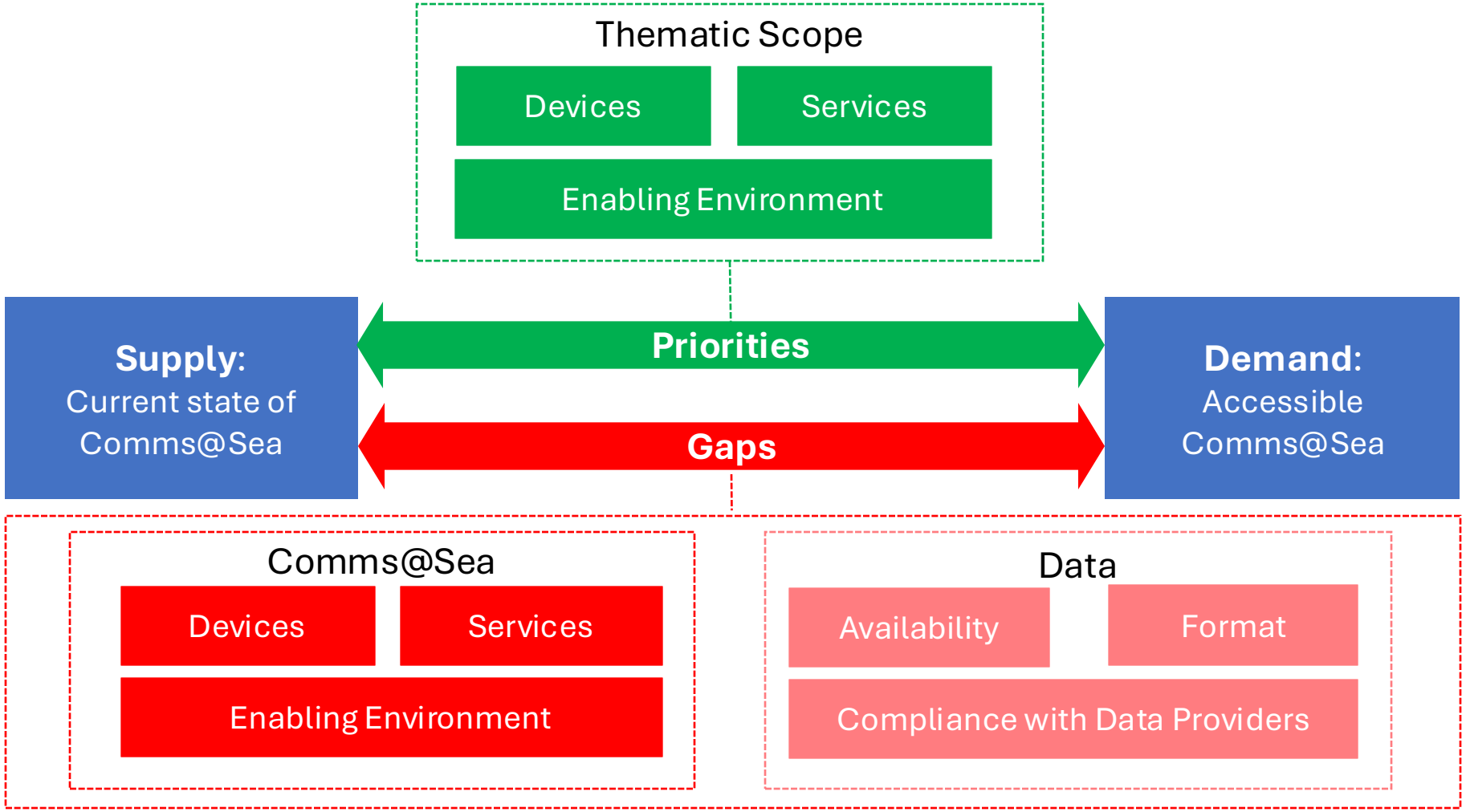
- Policy & Regulation
- Operations
- Capacity
- Technology

Transferable: other sectors & underserved or vulnerable communities
Extensible: regionally & globally

SSF Week 2025 Programme at a Glance

Day			
Agenda Validation Workshop	**VHF-DSC Radio Training**		
Mon 3 Feb 2025	Tue 4 Feb 2025	Wed 5 Feb 2025	Thu 6 Feb 2025
Workshop Opening	Registration	Day 2 opening	Day 3 opening
Welcome Remarks: ITU, CTU, TATT	Opening Ceremony	Recap: voice technique & procedure; voice calls	
Agenda Report Overview			Recap: DSC alerts
Feature Address		DSC alerts: distress	
Group Photo			
Validation: Chapters 1 & 2 *1: Introduction* *2: Comms@Sea*			
Break	Break	Break	Break
Validation: Chapters 3 - 7 *3: Gaps in Accessible Comms@Sea* *4: Priorities for Accessible Comms@Sea* *5: Forward Looking* *6: Channels for Action* *7: Conclusion*	Maritime Radio Theory	DSC alerts: urgency, safety & test	Rules of the road
	Radio Walkthrough		Licensing
	Voice Technique & Procedures		Open mic
	Voice calls: Distress		Workshop recap & closure
	Recap & Day 1 Closure	Recap & Day 2 closure	
	Lunch		
Overall Feedback & Open Mic	*Optional: Trainers avail for 1 hour for additional support*	*Optional: Trainers avail for 1 hour for additional support*	*Optional: Networking & licensing opportunity*
Closing Remarks & Next Steps			

Agenda Validation Workshop



Register here

Workshop Particulars:

Date: Mon 3 Feb 2025

Time: 09:00 – 12:30 (AST)

Venue: Zoom

Relevant Agencies:

- Research institutions
- Standards bodies
- Manufacturers
- Service providers
- Policy makers & regulators
- Fisheries agencies
- Coast stations
- Entrepreneurs
- Etc.

VHF-DSC Radio Training Workshop

Aim:

To strength the capacity of SSF and other key maritime comms agencies with respect to VHF-DSC radios

Outcomes:

Capacity building

Multistakeholder Collaboration

Enabling environment

Nominal Schedule:

Day 1 (4 Feb 2025)	Day 2 (5 Feb 2025)	Day 3 (6 Feb 2025)
Intro to Radio	Voice & DSC	Radio in Practice

Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify causes of **service loss** at sea
2. Identify **safety at sea scenarios** & their **priorities**
3. Operate basic device **controls**
4. Demonstrate proper voice **technique**
5. Demonstrate proper **voice & DSC procedures** for *distress*, *urgency*, *safety*, & *routine* communications
6. Identify key local **licensing** requirements

Relevant Stakeholder Groups:

- Fisherfolk
- Coast stations
- DMAs
- Regulators
- Service providers
- Etc.

Venue:

Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) - Barataria, Trinidad and Tobago

Register Here:

Share with your networks!

Where and When

The Global Youth Summit 2025 (GYS-25) takes place from 11 to 13 March 2025 in Varadero, Cuba. The GYS-25 and related meetings will be held at the Hotel Meliá International

The ITU Global Youth Summit 2025 (GYS-25)
Varadero, Cuba, 11-13 March 2025
https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/global-youth-summit-25/

Objectives of the GYS-25:

To harness the potential of young minds in the **digital transformation** of societies, economies and environments.

To provide a platform for **intersectoral and intergenerational dialogues** to exchange expertise, good practices and views through plenary sessions, hands-on workshops, and networking spaces.

To identify specific ICT needs aimed at fostering educational and **socio-economic development of young people and thus ensure their active participation in the digital ecosystem**.

To empower all youth, regardless of their gender, ability, socio-economic background or geographical location by ensuring their **equal and equitable access to, use and knowledge of ICTs.**

Outcome of the GYS-25:

The Summit will produce an outcome report capturing youth perspectives, innovative ideas, and the challenges they face across different regions. This report will be a valuable resource for policymakers, ITU Members, and stakeholders who may wish to align their national, regional, and global digital agendas, including using the report as input to the Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) and the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25).

Why should you participate?

Amplify Youth Voices

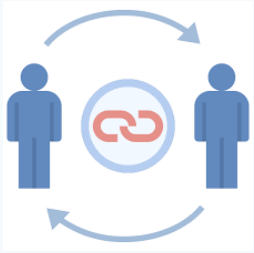
Intergenerational Dialogue

Shape Policies

Empowerment

Networking

Outcome Report



Interactive Format

Who can attend

All ITU Members

Generation Connect Youth Envoys

The UN and related organizations

Registration for the GYS-25 is available here.

Regional Development Forum (RDF) and the Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 for Americas (RPM-AMS)

Where and When

The Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 for Americas (RPM-AMS) will take place from 1 to 2 April 2025 in Asunción, Paraguay. It is preceded, on 31 March, by the Regional Development Forum.

Who can attend

All ITU Members

Regional Telecommunication Organizations from the Americas

Funds, Programs and Specialized agencies of the United Nations

Registrations for the RDF and RPM are available here.

Why should you participate?

- The Regional Preparatory Meeting aims at:
  - engaging the Membership in the WTDC-25 process in order to achieve regional coordination before the Conference.
  - It also seeks to identify issues at the regional level, that need to be addressed to foster the development of telecommunications/ICTs, taking into account the most pressing needs faced by the Member States and Sector Members of the region.
  - RPM-AMS will provide a platform for identifying priority areas which are essential for the telecommunication/ICT development of the countries of the region.

Why should you participate?

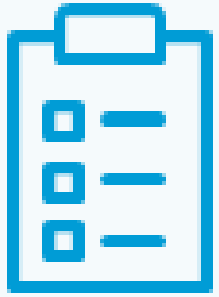
Members participating in this **Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Americas region** will also be able to review and provide input on:

- ❑ *the preliminary draft ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2028-2031,*
- ❑ *the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan 2026- 2030, and*
- ❑ *the preliminary draft WTDC-25 Declaration ahead of WTDC-25.*

These documents, which will be available on the RPM-AMS website (https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/wtdc25/rpm/ams/) are intended to assist in the written formulation of the issues and priorities for each of the regions

Why should you participate?

Networking



Progress Updates

Collaboration

ITUWTDC BAKU2025

WTDC-25 Preparation

Strengthened