

IX Assembly of CITEL & Preparation of CITEL for PP-26

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IX REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF CITEL

Cordial invitation to the **IX Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL**
to be held in Costa Rica from March 16 to 19, 2026



- **March 16: High-Level Dialogues – Ministerial Event – *Digital Americas 2030: Inclusion, Innovation, and Connectivity***
- **March 17 – 19: IX Assembly of CITEL**
- **March 19:** 34th. Meeting of COMCITEL (Constitution Session of the new period) & 2nd. CITEL Preparatory Meeting for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26)

AGENDA – HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUES



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Inter-American Telecommunication Commission

IX REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ASSEMBLY OF CITEL
March 16 to 19, 2026
San Jose, Costa Rica

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DRAFT AGENDA
HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUES – MINISTERIAL EVENT
Digital Americas 2030: Inclusion, Innovation, and Connectivity
Monday, March 16, 2026
(Item on the Agenda: 17)

(Document submitted by the administration of Costa Rica)



IX ASAMBLEA CITEL

Comisión Interamericana de Telecomunicaciones | 2026

HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUES

Ministerial Event | March 16, 2026

Digital Americas 2030: Inclusion, Innovation and Connectivity

Objective:

Engage in dialogue with high-level representatives from international organizations, the technical community, the private sector, and governments of the region, about the challenges and opportunities of the digital ecosystem—including universal connectivity, infrastructure, cybersecurity, satellite regulation, artificial intelligence, and inclusive leadership—and explore how, through spaces such as CITEL, coordinated strategies, cooperation, and commitments can be fostered to address these challenges.

Schedule	Activities
9:00-9:30 Duration: 0:30min	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Albert Ramdin, Secretary General, OASDoreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary General, ITUPaula Bogantes, Minister, MICITT, Costa RicaRodrigo Chaves Robles, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
9:30-10:00 Duration: 0:30min	Keynote: AI and ICTs as Catalysts of Digital Transformation in the Americas <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marco Rubio, U.S. Secretary of State (to be confirmed)
10:00-10:15 Duration: 0:15 min	Coffee break
10:15-10:45 Duration: 0:30 min	Keynote: Technology with Purpose—How to Govern Innovation for the Common Good <ul style="list-style-type: none">Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary General, ITU
10:45- 11:30 Duration: 0:45min	Panel: Strategies and Regulation for Connectivity Beyond Terrestrial Infrastructure Moderator: Oscar León, Executive Secretary, CITEL (to be defined) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vivek Badrinath, President GSMA (to be confirmed)Isabelle Mauro, President GSOAMichele Lawrie-Munro, Executive Director, MSSA (to be confirmed)

KEY DATES – IX CITEL ASSEMBLY



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- **4 December** – Deadline for Member States to submit comments on the preliminary agenda
- **15 January** – Deadline for **Observers** to submit written requests for participation to the Chair of COM/CITEL
(Associate Members, regional/subregional organizations, OAS agencies, intergovernmental and inter-American entities)
- **30 January** – Deadline for **Guests** to submit written participation requests to the Chair of COM/CITEL
Subject to approval by the Chair of COM/CITEL and the Host Country
- **1 March (11:59 p.m. EST)** – Deadline for submissions, reports, and proposals via the [**CITEL platform**](#)
Late documents will be forwarded to the Meeting of Heads of Delegation
- **11 March (12:00 p.m. EST)** – Online registration closes for participants
Requires an active platform profile and approval by the designated focal point
- **16 March – High-Level Forum on the Digital Future**
Ministers, Deputy Ministers, senior regulatory authorities, Associate Members, private sector, regional and international organizations, academia, and civil society



PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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Requirements for Participation – Member States

- Official accreditation must be submitted to CITEL Secretariat not later than March 11.
- Delegations are encouraged to include high-level authorities and senior national telecommunications/ICT experts.

Online Participant Registration (OPEN)

- **Online Registration Link:**
<https://www.oas.org/citevents/en/Events/View/1701>

General Information

- Venue: **Costa Rica Convention Center (CCCR)**
- Hotel and logistical information available



VENUE
COSTA RICA CONVENTION CENTER (CCCR)

AD HOC GROUPS IN PREPARATION FOR THE ASSEMBLY (VIRTUAL)



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Declaration of San José

José Peralta (Costa Rica)

CITEL Strategic Plan

María José Franco (Uruguay)

PCC's Mandates

- Víctor Martínez (Paraguay – PCC.I)
- Brazil (PCC.II)

Amendments Statute & Regulations

Mónica Romero (Costa Rica)

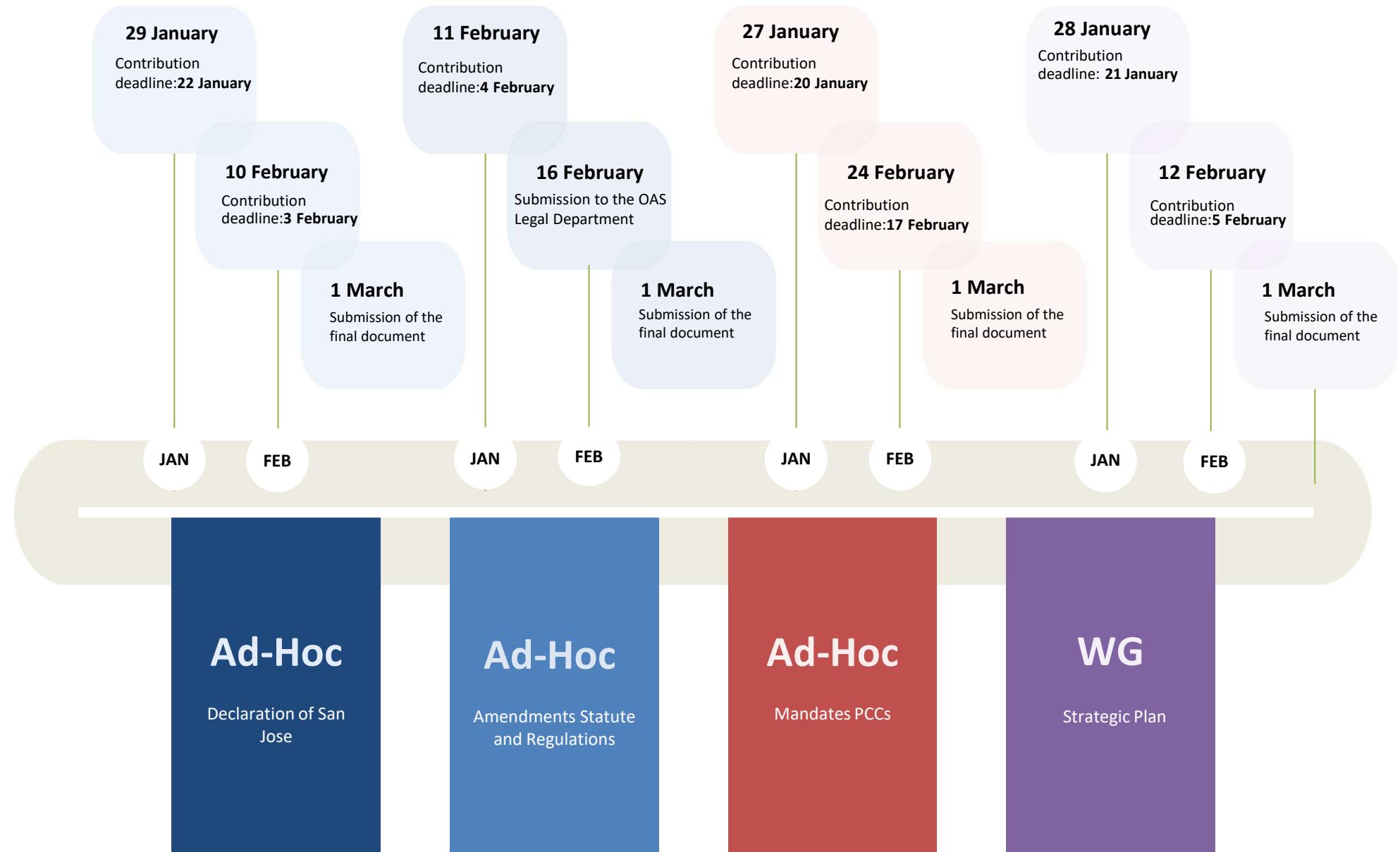
Participation

- Based documents available on the **CITEL platform**
- Member States & Associate Members invited to submit inputs to Coordinators

AD HOC GROUPS IN PREPARATION FOR THE ASSEMBLY (Virtual Meetings)



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PP-26 preparations underway via the **COM/CITEL Working Group
on ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (WGPP)**

- **Working Group on ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (WGPP):**
 - Chair: Edna Ferrer, Mexico (edna.ferrer@crt.gob.mx)
 - Vice-Chair: Michele Wu-Bailey, USA (Michele.Wu-Bailey@fcc.gov)
- **CITEL Secretariat:**
 - Executive Secretary: Oscar Leon (oleon@oas.org)
 - Specialist: Maria Fuenmayor (mfuenmayor@oas.org)

STRUCTURE AND WORKING METHODOLOGY



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- CITEL WGPP preparation follows the structure of the Plenipotentiary Conference.
- Work is organized into **three teams** (*mirrors the structure of the Plenipotentiary statutory committees*):
 - COM 5:** Policy & Legal Matters — Coordinator: Canada
 - COM 6:** Administration & Management — Coordinator: USA
 - WG-PL:** Public Policy & General Matters — Coordinator: Argentina
- Members are encouraged to participate and assume leadership roles within these teams.



PREPARATORY TIMELINE



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5-7 November 2025
Washington, D.C, USA

1st. Meeting WGPP
(43 COM/CITEL)

20-24 April 2026
Panama City, Panama

3rd. Meeting WGPP
(48 PCC.I)

7-9 October 2026
San Jose, Costa Rica

Coordination Meeting
WGPP (45 COM/CITEL)

2nd. Meeting WGPP
(44 COM/CITEL)

4th. Meeting WGPP
(49 PCC.I)

19 March 2026
San José, Costa Rica

**7-11 September
2026**
Asuncion, Paraguay

9-27 November 2026
Doha, Qatar



CITEL@PP-26 (WGPP)

Nominations Formally Announced*



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Secretary General:

Ms. Doreen Bodgan-Martin (United States of America)

ITU Council:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Dominican Republic
- Canada
- Paraguay
- United States of America



*Formally announced and published on the ITU PP Website: <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/elections/candidates/>



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COM/CITEL MENTORING PROGRAM – ROAD TO PP-26
CALL FOR MENTORS AND PROTÉGÉS.



Program Summary

The COM/CITEL Mentorship Program is designed to ensure the continuity of procedures in accordance with CITEL's statutes and regulations, as well as to prepare individuals interested in the scope and work of CITEL at the regional and international levels, especially for Assemblies and World Conferences. This program is open to all members, with a focus on young people, women, and newcomers. The COM/CITEL Mentoring Program employs various engagement strategies, support mechanisms and resources which mentor - protégé teams draw on in ways that suit their particular circumstances and preferences.

Objective

To provide support to delegates from CITEL Member States so they can participate meaningfully in COM/CITEL meetings, CITEL Assemblies, the ITU Council, and the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, fostering a deeper understanding of governance, key processes, rules and procedures, as well as other topics and activities related to these meetings.

Mentor Profile

Professionals from the Americas with relevant experience and leadership in COM/CITEL, the ITU Council, and Plenipotentiary Conferences, who possess strong interpersonal and communication skills. Interested individuals are invited to volunteer as mentors in this program.

Protégés Profile

Individuals eligible to represent the administrations of CITEL Member States or Associate Members who believe they could benefit from the program. They are invited to apply as protégés.



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Timeline:

- **Call for mentors & protégés:** until 23 January
- **Notice of mentor-protégé matches:** 4 February
- **Start of program & orientation session (virtual):** 25 February
- **End of program:** 27 November

Register here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/GMfBUWqKGx>

2026 PCC's MEETINGS



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PCC.I Meetings

- 48 PCC.I: 20-24 April, Panama City, Panama.
- 49 PCC.I: 7-11 September, Asuncion, Paraguay.



PCC.II Meetings

- 47 PCC.I: 6-10 April, Dominica.
- 48 PCC.I: 30 November – 4 December, Colombia.



Thank you, and we look forward to
further coordination and collaboration!

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