



World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum 2026

9-11 June 2026
Nassau, Bahamas

March 2026



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Forum structure and format

The seventh World Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology Policy Forum (WTPF-26) will be convened in The Bahamas from **9 to 11 June 2026, with a Strategic Dialogue hosted on 8 June 2026.**

The Strategic Dialogue will provide an opportunity for high-level exchange and will inform the work of the Forum.

The Forum will open with the inauguration of the WTPF and the organization of the work of the Forum, in accordance with Council Decision 641 and the Rules of Procedure of the World Telecommunication Policy Forum.

The programme can be found [here](#):

For each draft Opinion, the Forum will proceed as follows:

- presentation of the draft Opinion, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General;
- a short scene-setting panel to provide context for the discussion;
- discussion in plenary, including statements by ministers and VIPs.

The discussions of draft Opinions will span the three days and will follow the order of themes set out in Council Decision 641.

WTPF-26 Preparatory Process

IEG-WTPF-26

- **Experts:** Since 2024, the Secretary-General has convened a balanced, informal group of experts drawn from Member States, Sector Members, Associates, Academia, and other eligible ITU stakeholders. The Group has held four meetings to date.
- **Chair:** The Group is chaired by Mr Rodney Taylor of Barbados.
- **Role:** The experts are assisting with the preparation of the Secretary-General's Report to WTPF-26 and the development of draft Opinions in areas related to the theme of WTPF-26.

SG Report/Opinions

- The SG Report and draft Opinions will be developed in accordance with the procedure set out in Annex 2 of Council Decision 641 and based on the proposals of Member States and Sector Members, and on the views of Associates, Academia and stakeholders.
- WTPF will not consider any draft Opinions that are not presented during this preparatory period.

Strategic Dialogue

8 June 2026



- The Strategic Dialogue (8 June 2026) will comprise three thematic sessions:
 - High-Level Multistakeholder Roundtable "From Vision to Action: Steering an Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Digital Future"
 - Empowering Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities in ICT
 - The Investment Solutions Lab
- **The Roundtable** will bring together 10-12 high-level speakers in a moderated two-part format, with an emphasis on SIDS and vulnerable economy perspectives
- **The session on Empowering Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities** in ICT will focus on skills and connectivity through intergenerational dialogue
- **The Investment Solutions Lab** will bring together policymakers, investors, and development partners across six regional roundtables to identify barriers and accelerate digital infrastructure investment
- The day will also include a sponsored lunch and an invite-only reception

Informal Expert Group Progress

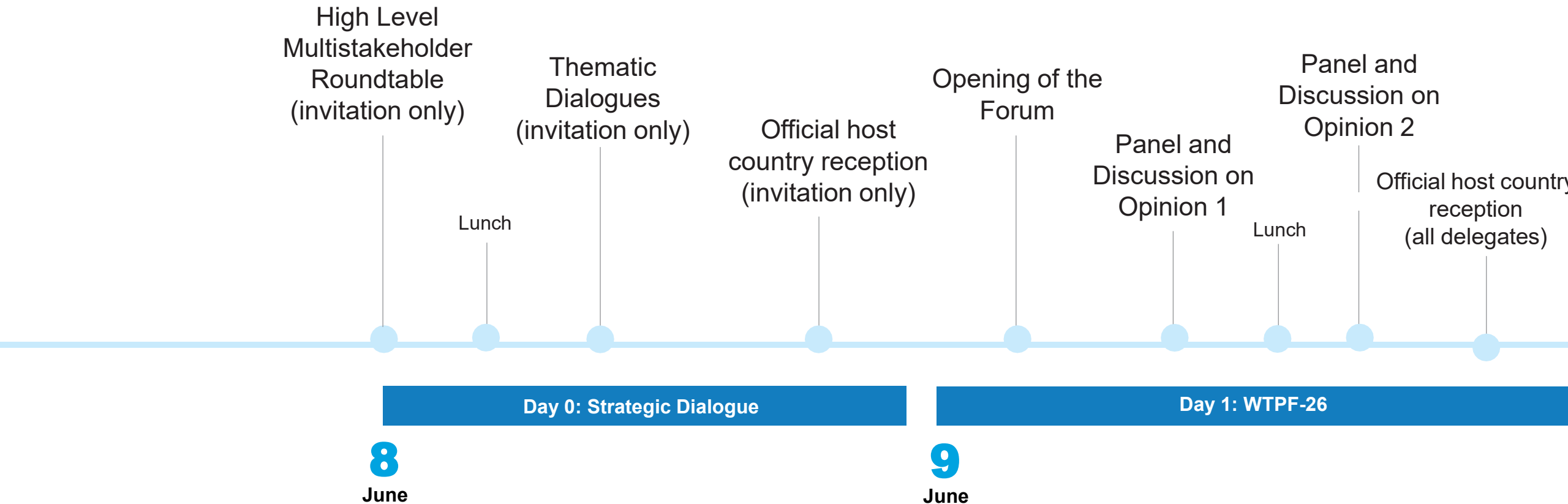
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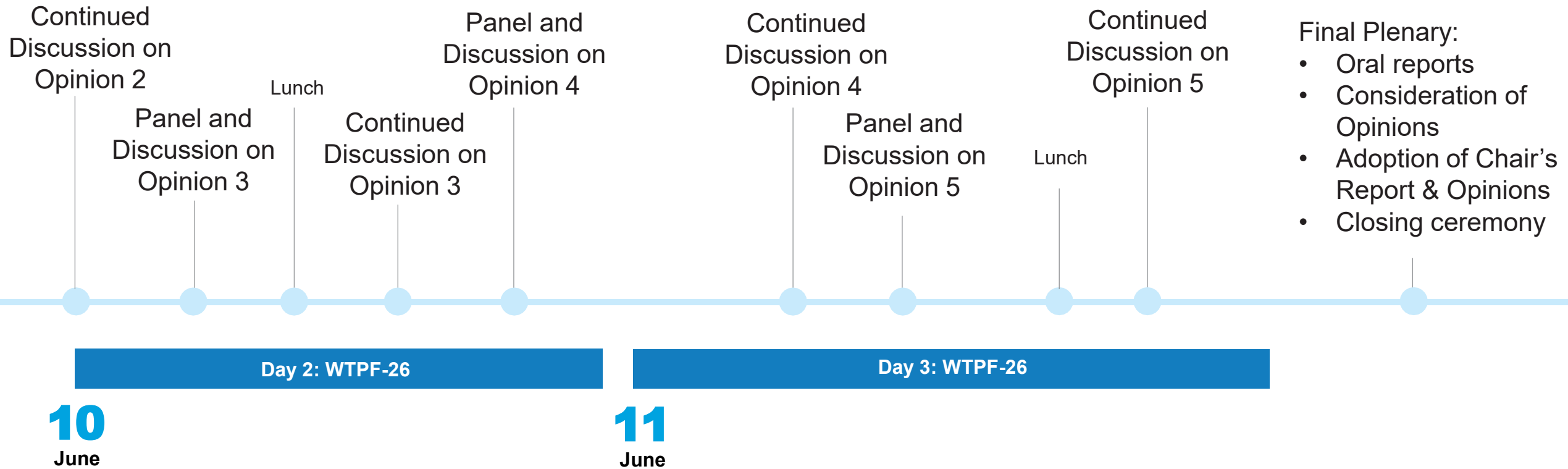
IEG Progress Update

- Following the January IEG, two informal virtual meetings will be held on 24 February and 24 March, and an informal physical meeting 26 April to finalize the opinions
- **3 opinions** have been finalized:
 - Bridging Digital Divides,
 - Strengthening ICT-centric Innovation Ecosystems and Entrepreneurship,
 - Green Digital Transformation: Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability
- **2 opinions remain to be finalized:**
 - Building Resilient Telecommunication/ICT Infrastructure and Services
 - Space Connectivity
- An interim draft of the Secretary-General's Report has been issued, incorporating written contributions from the January IEG meeting and reflecting divergences in views that emerged during the IEG process

Draft Forum timeline



Draft Forum timeline



10
June

11
June

Ministerial & CEO Participation



Ministerial and CEO-level (from Sector Members) participation is strongly encouraged at WTPF-26. To support active engagement during the Forum, opportunities for ministers and VIPs will include:

- Participation in the high-level multistakeholder roundtable during the Strategic Dialogue (8 June 2026)
- Potential participation in scene-setting panels preceding the discussion of draft Opinions;
- The delivery of statements during discussions on draft Opinions (portal for request for statement slot coming soon);
- Bilateral meetings, organized in coordination with the ITU Secretariat and the host country.

Candidatures for Chair and Vice-Chairs



The Forum will elect its Chair and six Vice-Chairs, as well as Chair and Vice-Chairs for the expected 5 working groups of the plenaries that will review the 5 draft opinions.

Each working group has one Chair and one Vice-Chair respectively, representing a Member State and a Sector Member. Women candidatures are strongly encouraged.

As a practice, Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Forum are representatives from the Member States from the six regions. Member States are invited to consult regionally when identifying their candidates to avoid multiple candidates from the same region.

A circular letter calling for Chairs and Vice Chairs was issued: [Circular Letter CL-26-7](#)

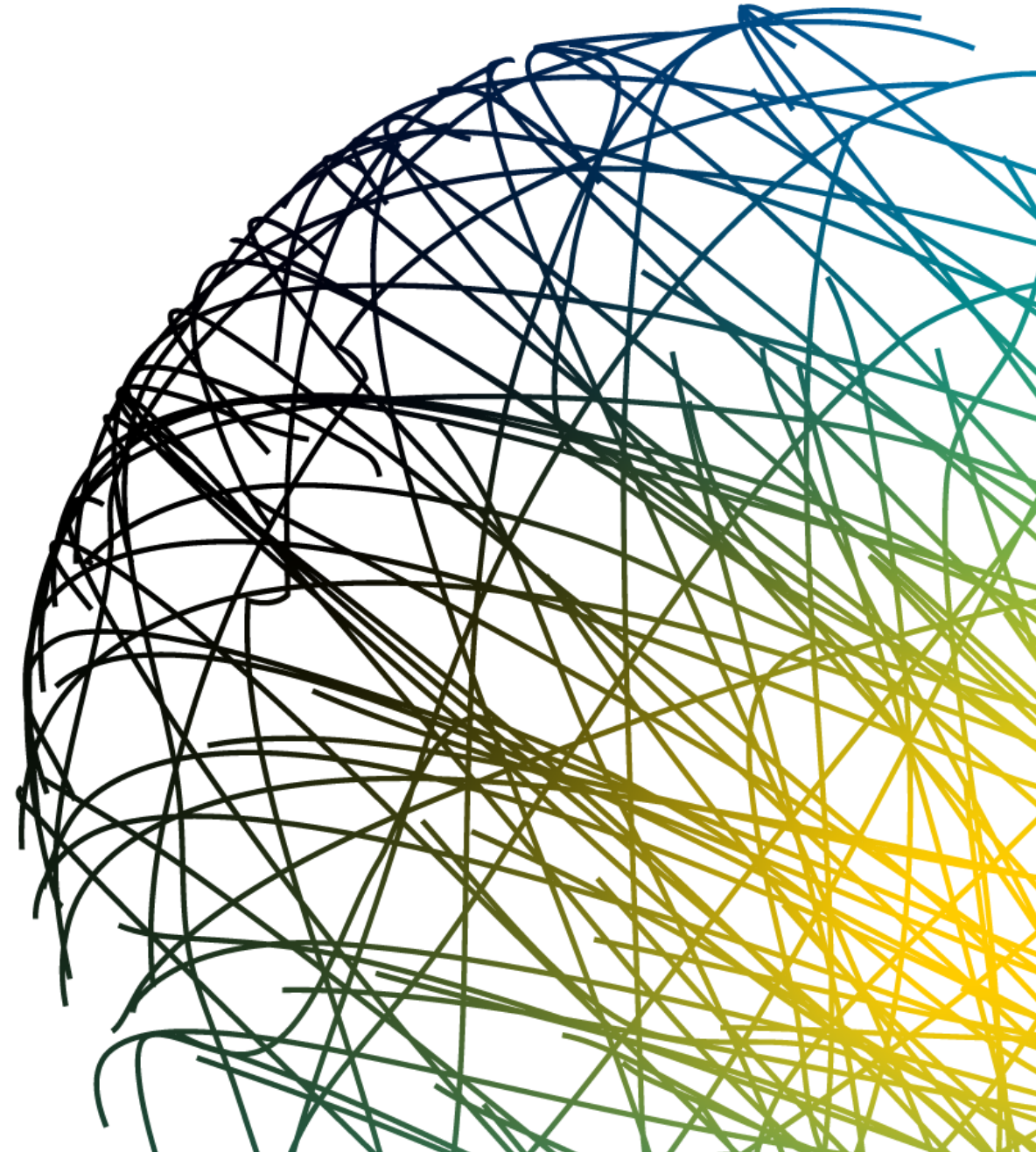
Information on Social Events

In addition to the formal programme, WTPF-26 will offer opportunities for **social events** alongside the Forum.

Delegations are welcome to express interest in hosting **receptions** and **coffee breaks**.

Expressions of interest can be sent to:

protocol.service@itu.int



Registration and Logistics



The Invitation has been sent to ITU Member States and Sector Members in [CL 25/46](#)

An update on the preparation is available in [CL-26/9](#)

Registration is open:

<https://wtpf.itu.int/2026/participation/>

Delegations are invited to share with the ITU secretariat at sg-registration@itu.int the:

- Estimated number of participants in their delegation; and
- The expected level of their Head of Delegation (e.g. Minister, Deputy-Minister, Head of Regulatory Authority, Permanent Representative, Chief Executive officer...)

WTPF-26 Website

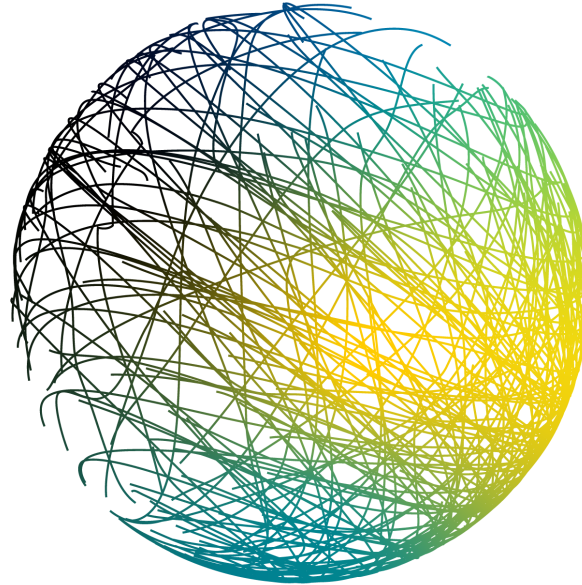


The WTPF-26 website will be updated regularly with relevant information on the conference.

For information related to accommodation, visas, and transportation and logistics, please visit the host country website:

<https://wtpf26bahamas.com/>

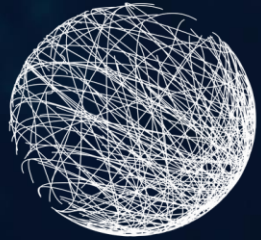
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Thank you!

For further info
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Powering an inclusive, sustainable, resilient,
and innovative digital future—together.



9 - 11 JUNE 2026



WELCOME TO THE BAHAMAS

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas is honoured to host the World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum 2026 (WTPF-26) in Nassau from 9 to 11 June 2026.



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CULTURAL IDENTITY

The Bahamas' rich heritage blends Lucayan roots, African traditions, and centuries of maritime history—expressed through vibrant festivals like Junkanoo, rhythmic sounds such as rake-n-scrape and Goombay, enduring crafts like straw work and boatbuilding, and a cuisine shaped by the sea and island life.

The Bahamas is internationally known for its warmth, cultural pride, and strong sense of community across an archipelago of over 700 islands and cays. Bahamian identity has been shaped by African heritage, European influences, and Caribbean connections—creating a culture rich in music, storytelling, faith, food, and celebration.

This cultural mosaic is reflected in everyday life, where local traditions live alongside the contributions of Caribbean and international communities. Religious life is predominantly Christian across many denominations, alongside smaller faith communities, with respect, hospitality, and peaceful coexistence forming an important part of the national character.



VENUE:

ATLANTIS PARADISE ISLAND RESORT

WTPF-26 will be held at the Atlantis Paradise Island Resort, Nassau, The Bahamas. Set on the shores of Paradise Island, Atlantis provides a world-class conference environment with modern meeting facilities, integrated accommodation, and easy access to Nassau's cultural and natural attractions. The venue offers an efficient and secure setting for high-level international dialogue, networking, and collaboration throughout the Forum.

Accommodation

Accommodation for delegates will be available at the Forum venue during the event period.



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Key Dates



Day 0
Strategic Dialogue
8 June 2026



Days 1-3
WTPF-26 Sessions
9- 11 June 2026

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Flights

Getting Around



Visa

Accommodations

Things to Do



VISA & ENTRY PROCESS

The Bahamas has agreed to waive visa fees for WTPF-26 attendees. However, to benefit from the waiver, visas must be processed through www.wtpf26bahamas.com/ The Visa Application Form can be downloaded from the Host Country Website. Applications will be processed approximately 30 days before the conference

LYNDEN PINDLING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) is the main gateway to The Bahamas, located in Nassau on New Providence Island. Just a short drive from downtown Nassau and Paradise Island, it serves as the country's largest and busiest airport, welcoming travelers from major cities across North America, the Caribbean, and beyond. Modern terminals, a range of airline and passenger services, and convenient access to hotels, marinas, and attractions make LPIA an easy starting point for exploring Nassau, the Family Islands, and the wider archipelago.



AIRLINES TO THE BAHAMAS



ACCOMMODATIONS

There are various large conference resorts, as well as luxury upscale resorts, all-inclusive resorts, and other suitable accommodations in Nassau and Paradise Island. However, as the conference will be held at Atlantis, we have arranged special booking rates at that resort.

We encourage guests to book their stay there through this special booking link on the Host Country Website:
<https://book.passkey.com/e/51182591>



Atlantis Paradise Island Resort (Conference Hotel)



Baha Mar



Comfort Suites Paradise Island



Hotel Riu Palace Paradise Island



Warwick Paradise Island

GETTING AROUND

Local Transport Options

Details on complimentary airport transfers will be made available on the host country website in due course. Special arrangements will be made for VIPs.

TAXIS

widely available and practical for point-to-point trips

CAR RENTALS

a range of reputable car rental companies

WATER TAXI

scenic route between Nassau and Paradise Island
(optional experience)

TOUR COMPANIES

[Majestic Tours Bahamas](#)
(Altantis preferred vendor)



DELEGATION INFORMATION

To support effective planning and organization of WTPF-26, delegations are kindly requested to indicate:

1. The estimated number of participants in their delegation; and
2. The expected level of the Head of Delegation (e.g. Minister, Deputy Minister, Head of Regulatory Authority, Permanent Representative, Chief Executive Officer).

This information should be shared with the ITU Secretariat at sg-registration@itu.int, preferably by 31 March 2026.

THINGS TO DO

Attractions & culture

- Atlantis highlights:
 - Aquaventure waterpark, marine habitats, casino, beach access
- Walking Tours (Historical and Food)
- Pirates of Nassau Museum
- Ardastra Gardens and Wildlife Conservation Center

Beaches & water experiences

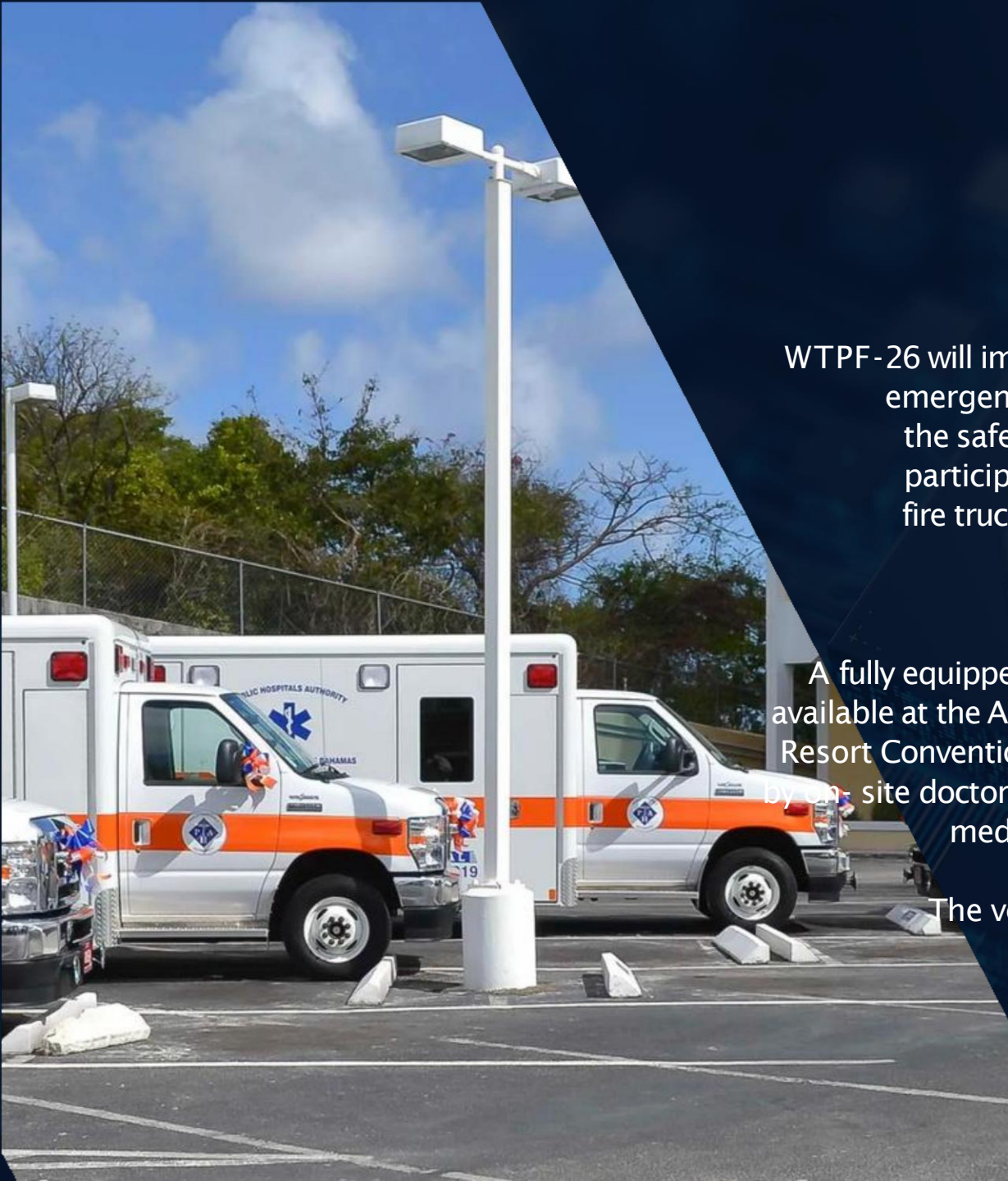
- Blue Lagoon Island
- Rose Island
- Swimming pigs (various options)

Food & drink (local to upscale)

- Arawak Cay “Fish Fry” - local cuisine and entertainment
- Graycliff - restaurant, chocolate factory, rum-making etc.
- Dune at The Ocean Club

Easy “after sessions” entertainment

- Live music + culture atmosphere at the Fish Fry/Arawak Cay.
- Rum & heritage: visit John Watling’s Distillery for a tour + tasting.



HEALTH & SAFETY

WTPF-26 will implement ITU-approved emergency protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. Ambulances and fire trucks will be stationed on-site throughout the event.

A fully equipped medical room will be available at the Atlantis Paradise Island Resort Convention Center, staffed daily by on-site doctors to provide immediate medical support if needed.

The venue is also monitored by CCTV and includes designated emergency response areas.



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For additional details, visit the Host Country Website:

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