



The Power of Presence:  
**ITU Regional &  
International Meetings  
Q3 2026**

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## The Q3 2026 Mandate:

This quarter represents a **non-negotiable window** for the Caribbean region to *actively negotiate global regulatory policies*, rather than passively inherit them.

## Our Core Focus:

Overcoming the unique structural constraints of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) — including **fiscal limits**, **market scale**, and **heavy climate vulnerability**.

## The ITU Commitment:

The ITU Area Office in Barbados stands ready to assist administrations with **technical support**, **inter-island alignment**, and **fellowship pathways** to maximize our collective footprint.



# ITU World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Forum



**ITUPP**  
DOHA2026

## WHEN

6th – 10th  
July 2026

## WHERE

Geneva, Switzerland  
(Hybrid)

## THEME

*Advancing Sustainable Development  
through Digital Innovation and the  
WSIS+20 Review Implementation Track*

### Key Technical Focus Areas:

**WSIS+20 & The Global Digital Compact (GDC):** Aligning national policies with new UN frameworks on digital public infrastructure (DPI) and data privacy.

**Action Line C7 (E-Business & E-Health):** Transitioning public registries, national identification, and emergency healthcare into secure digital ecosystems.

**Online Trust & Security:** Mitigating AI-driven disinformation, algorithmic biases, and digital safety challenges facing small state jurisdictions.

**Registration & Online Stream:** [wsis.org/forum](https://www.wsis.org/forum)  
(Free to attend)

### Why the Caribbean Must Attend:

To benchmark national transformation plans against global standards and advocate for SIDS-specific developmental exemptions in international funding streams.



# ITU AI for Good Global Summit



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DOHA2026

## WHEN

7th – 10<sup>th</sup>, July 2026  
*(Co-located with WSIS)*

## WHERE

Geneva, Switzerland  
(Hybrid)

## THEME

*Accelerating the United Nations  
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)  
through Artificial Intelligence*

### Key Technical Focus Areas:

**AI for Climate Mitigation:** Using machine learning for early tracking of extreme weather, localized flood-risk maps, and precision agricultural yield models.

**Global AI Governance:** Developing scalable, low-overhead regulatory testing frameworks to prevent small nations from being locked out of frontier tech.

**The AI Skills Coalition:** Accessing training pathways to bridge regional inequality gaps and transition youth into digital sector jobs.

**Registration & Online Stream: [aiforgood.itu.int](https://aiforgood.itu.int)**  
*(Free to attend)*

### Why the Caribbean Must Attend:

The region cannot afford to simply consume AI.

We must attend to explore edge-computing models (like TinyML) that run efficiently on island grids without demanding massive energy footprints.



# **ITU Americas Regional Radiocommunication Seminar (RRS-AMS)**



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## WHEN

27th – 31st July 2026

## WHERE

La Paz,) Bolivia  
(Hybrid)

## THEME

*National and International Spectrum  
Management and the ITU Radio  
Regulations Framework*

### Key Technical Focus Areas:

**Post-WRC Application:** Implementing updated decisions from the World Radiocommunication Conference within domestic frequency matrices.

**Master International Frequency Register (MIFR):** Direct training on ITU software for registering assignments to protect sovereign frequencies.

**Satellite Space Services:** Reviewing bands for Low Earth Orbit (LEO) arrays providing crucial post-disaster backup internet connectivity.

**Registration & Remote Join:** [itu.int/go/RRS-26-Americas](https://itu.int/go/RRS-26-Americas)  
(Free to attend; 1 partial fellowship available per eligible Member State)

### Why the Caribbean Must Attend:

Our island geography makes spectrum highly sensitive to cross-border, cross-island interference.

Regulators need these precise tools to secure national airwaves and legally protect domestic communication nodes.



# **ITU Policy and Economic Colloquium for the Americas (IPEC-26)**



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## WHEN

24th – 28th August 2026

## WHERE

Guatemala City,  
Guatemala (Hybrid)

## THEME

*Digital Economics, Tariff Principles, and  
Regulatory Cost Modeling for the  
Americas*

### Key Technical Focus Areas:

**Digital Cost Modeling:** Reassessing tariff rules for international data routing and cross-border digital services taxation.

**Infrastructure Co-Investment:** Designing public-private partnerships (PPPs) to split the immense cost of submarine fiber-optic cables.

**Regulatory Sandboxes:** Implementing flexible legal spaces to pilot fintech, digital banking, and digital assets safely without market instability.

**Registration & Virtual Link:** Via the ITU-D event portal ([itu.int/en/events](https://itu.int/en/events)) (*Free to attend*)

### Why the Caribbean Must Attend:

Directly addresses the high baseline costs of small island telecom markets.

Attending equips us with strategies to lower wholesale bandwidth rates, feeding directly into cheaper consumer retail pricing.



# FEATURED FLAGSHIP: 7th World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-26)



## WHEN

2nd – 4th  
September 2026  
*(Strategic Dialogue on  
September 1st)*

## WHERE

Nassau,  
The Bahamas  
(In-Person / Hybrid)

## THEME

*Accelerating an Inclusive,  
Sustainable, Resilient, and  
Innovative Digital Future*

### The 5 Non-Negotiable Thematic Areas:

1. **Bridging Digital Divides:** Universal access for remote, rural, and island communities.
2. **Green Digital Transformation:** Building low-emission telecom nodes and managing national e-waste.
3. **Resilience of Systems:** Hardening networks against catastrophic hurricanes and volcanic eruptions.
4. **Space Connectivity:** Harnessing satellite arrays for maritime tracking and remote community links.
5. **ICT-Centric Innovation:** Promoting local tech entrepreneurship and regional intellectual property frameworks.

### Why the Caribbean Must Attend:

This is on our home turf. WTPF-26 sets the global consensus policy blueprint for the next decade.

We must arrive with a loud, unified regional delegation to embed disaster resilience metrics deeply into the final global declarations.

**Registration & Hub:** [wtpf.itu.int/2026](https://wtpf.itu.int/2026)

*(Free to attend for accredited Member States & Sector Members)*



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	<p><b>21st World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS)</b></p>



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## WHEN

7th – 8th September  
2026

## WHERE

Geneva, Switzerland  
(Hybrid)

## THEME

*Measuring Digital Development: Data-Driven Metrics for Universal and Meaningful Connectivity*

### Key Technical Focus Areas:

**Universal and Meaningful Connectivity (UMC):** Moving beyond basic "access lines" to track live data speeds, local affordability, and daily usage habits.

**Big Data & Mobile Location Metrics:** Leveraging anonymized mobile network positioning data to map population displacements in real-time during hurricanes.

**Geospatial Machine Learning:** Training predictive AI models with satellite imagery to accurately map deep connectivity infrastructure deficits.

### Why the Caribbean Must Attend:

International financial institutions (IFIs) and global donors allocate development grants based entirely on these indices.

If our data isn't captured accurately, our islands are systematically locked out of capital.

**Registration & Portal: [itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics](https://itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics) (Free to attend)**



	<p><b>Expert Groups on ICT Indicators (EGTI &amp; EGH)</b></p>



## WHEN

•9th – 11th September  
2026 (*Immediately  
following WTIS*)

## WHERE

•Geneva, Switzerland  
(Hybrid)

## THEME

*Defining International Standards for  
Telecom and Household ICT Metrics*

### Key Technical Focus Areas:

**Redefining Infrastructure Targets:** Creating concrete global markers for 5G readiness, household IoT density, and fixed-broadband affordability.

**Household Survey Harmonization:** Standardizing how individual national statistical offices (NSOs) capture digital literacy, remote learning strains, and hybrid work metrics.

**Why the Caribbean Must Attend:** This is where the actual statistical rulebook is written and debated. If our regional data experts do not sit on these technical panels, the benchmarks used to grade our progress will keep favoring massive, contiguous economies instead of micro-island states.

**Registration & Working Docs:** [itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events](https://itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events) (*Free to attend for registered statistics experts*)

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**Coordinated Representation:** The ITU Caribbean Office commends CTU's efforts for Caribbean participation, urges Member States to be present & active at these upcoming fora.

We need **cohesive**, **synchronized** positions before landing in Nassau, Geneva, or La Paz.

**Remember... No Voice, No Input:** Decisions made in our absence will inevitably become standard operating procedures we are forced to implement later. Let's design fit-for-purpose frameworks ourselves.



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# THANK YOU

Let's build a resilient and inclusive  
digital Caribbean together

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