

## ITU Workshop for CIS countries: Advanced technologies to support sustainable, inclusive and accessible societies (Minsk, Belarus, 28-29 November, 2024)

ITU Workshop for CIS countries will be organized in response to the ITU Regional Initiative for CIS "RI 4: Digital skills and information and communication technology accessibility for the public, in particular for persons with disabilities" and its objectives, defined and adopted by Member States during the 2022 World Telecommunication Development Conference, jointly with the Resolution WTDC 58 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) "Telecommunication/information and communication technology accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs".

Each year, ITU makes a valuable input and provide networking and training platform for CIS countries to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which is celebrated annually on December 3rd in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution 47/3 of 14 October 1992. This year it is planned to discuss a role of advanced technologies in ICT skills educational programmes as a base of creation sustainable, inclusive and accessible societies.

The workshop will serve as regional platform dedicated to promoting ICT accessibility and digital skills, aiming to ensure digital inclusion and empowerment for all individuals, regardless of age, gender, ability, or location. The main objective is to enhance knowledge of stakeholders on digital inclusion policies and strategies; to foster the sharing of best practices on ICT digital accessibility and successful experience in implementing educational programs for persons with disabilities and special needs.

This event represents a unique opportunity for all interested stakeholders to advance the implementation of an inclusive digital ecosystem. It will focus on the role of ICT accessibility and digital skills in regulatory landscape, educational programs and programs of social support in CIS countries. Special attention will be addressed to showcasing digital solutions and assistive technologies for improving digital skills of persons with disabilities. Participants will benefit from a training session on educational programs for persons with different forms of disabilities, methodological approaches and specific practical examples. The event will also promote the exchange of experiences on successful cases of national stakeholders implemented to support sustainable, inclusive and accessible societies.

Advance registration is mandatory. Each participant shall complete and submit a <u>registration form</u>. An <u>ITU User Account</u> is required to register. <u>Link</u> to guideline on how to create an ITU User Account. \*Creating an account does not automatically register you for the event; please complete the registration process after creating your account.

Representatives of the Administrations of ITU Member States, ITU-D Sector Members, ITU-affiliated Academic entities, United Nations specialized agencies, and Regional and other International Organizations in the CIS region are invited to participate.

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