Theme: "Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"

Every year since 1969, we celebrate the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, which marks the founding of ITU on 17 May 1865 when the first International Telegraph Convention was signed in Paris.

The year 2020 represents a unique opportunity for ITU membership to commemorate ICT's contribution to the advancement of the Information Society, and to present the 'Connect 2030 Agenda for Global Telecommunication/ICT Development' (PP-18 Resolution 200, Rev. Dubai, 2018) now linked to the Strategic Plan of the Union for the period 2020-2023, and specifically focusing on how technological advances in the coming 10 years will contribute to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by UNGA Resolution A/70/1 recognizes that the spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress and to bridge the digital divide.

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