

ANNUAL FALL MEETING 2023 OF THE BROADBAND COMMISSION

Held in person: 16th September, UNHQ, New York, NY

DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY: A TRANSFORMATIVE OPPORTUNITY

In the backdrop of the 78th Session of the General Assembly and the UN SDG Summit, the Broadband Commission's Fall Meeting 2023 will discuss broadband as a foundational element to achieving the 2030 Agenda. The meeting will explore new investments models to meet targets of universal meaningful connectivity. The Commissioners and Special Guests will discuss new financing instruments needed to encourage investment in broadband networks. The meeting will also address the key regulatory and policy considerations to ensure Universal Meaningful Connectivity is achieved, and adoption and usefulness are extended.

The meeting will be held on the eve of the [SDG Digital](#), a collaborative effort by Commissioners: the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). It will be organized in conjunction with the 2023 SDG Summit hosted by the UNGA to mark the mid-point on the road to 2030, and will occur within the SDG Action Weekend, dedicated to scaling solutions for the SDGs.

PLENARY AGENDA

13h00-14h00 *Networking Hour*

14h00 - 14h20 **Opening by the Leadership of the Commission**

14h20 - 14h30 **The State of Broadband Report 2023 presentation**

14h30 - 15h30 **Session 1:** Deep dive on financing and investment to connect the last 2.7 billion and achieve Universal Meaningful Connectivity

15h30 - 16h30 **Session 2:** Deep dive on overcoming barriers for users of Universal Meaningful Connectivity

16h30 - 17h20 **Overall Plenary Discussion**

17h20 - 17h30 **Closing remarks by the Leadership of the Commission**

18h00 - 20h30 *The SDG Digital Reception supported by GSMA*

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