

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING 2022 OF THE BROADBAND COMMISSION

Held in person: 5th June, Kigali, Rwanda

DRIVING INCLUSIVE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

With 2.9 billion unconnected people worldwide and billions struggling with the connectivity they have, high-capacity networks based on reliable broadband is a social and economic imperative, a must. The pandemic has further amplified the importance of cooperation to address the many enduring divides and drive an inclusive whole of society approach to digital transformation. But in this increasingly complex environment and in times of economic unrest, how will we ensure universal and equitable access to digital connectivity? With innovative technologies and digital ecosystems in the making, how can we prepare and anticipate consumers' local needs while addressing business and investments imperatives? What steps should we take to shape our digital future collaboratively responding to the need for environmental sustainability (climate change) and inclusive digital development?

PLENARY AGENDA

12h00-14h00 **Networking Lunch**

14h00 – 14h15 **Opening and welcome remarks**

14h15- 16h00 **Interactive session**

The discussion will focus on the following streams:

- **Accelerating access to broadband**
 - **Innovative partnerships**
 - **Empowering and building trust**
 - **Transforming for socio-economic impact**
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16h00-16h45 **Next steps and the voice of the Working Groups**

16h45-17h00 **Closing**

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