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OPENING SESSION (09:00–09:55)

Welcome

09.00	**Opening remarks**
	Professor Tim Unwin, Master of Ceremonies and Chairholder, UNESCO ICT4D
09:05	**National anthem of the United Kingdom**
09:07	**CTO Commencement song**
09:10	**Welcome address**
	Ms Bernadette Lewis, Secretary-General, CTO
09:15	**Goodwill address**
	Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union
09:20	**Special remarks**
	H.E. Baroness Patricia Scotland KC, Secretary-General, Commonwealth of Nations

09:25	***Chairperson's address* — Official opening of the Ministerial Alliance for Digital Nations**
	Hon. Manoa Kamikamica, Chair of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade, Co-operatives, SMEs and Communications, Republic of Fiji
09:30	**Keynote address**
	Hon. Paul Scully, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, United Kingdom
09:45	**Group photograph**
09:55	***Networking break***

NETWORKING BREAK (09:55–10:25)

Ministerial Caucus One

1. **Hon. Jean Pierre Doukaga Kassa**, Minister, Ministry of Communication and the Digital Economy, Republic of Gabon

2. **Hon. Ousman Bah**, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, Republic of the Gambia

3. **Hon. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful**, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Digitalisation, Republic of Ghana

4. **H.E. Professor Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami**, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, Republic of Nigeria

5. **Hon. Mohamed Swaray**, Minister, Minstry of Information and Communications, Sierra Leone

Ministerial Caucus Two

1. **Hon. Eliud Owalo**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, Republic of Kenya

2. **Hon. Nape Nnauye**, Minister, Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology, United Republic of Tanzania

3. **Hon. Chris Baryomunsi**, Minister, Ministry of ICT & National Guidance, Republic of Uganda

4. **Hon. Minette Libom Li Likeng**, Minister, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, Republic of Cameroon

Addressing ICT Issues for Commonwealth Transformation

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SESSION ONE (10:25-12:00)

Cellular solutions for nationwide connectivity

Ministers will present their challenges in realising universal broadband and last-mile connectivity issues. Cellular industry leaders will address concerns and explain their ICT solutions for addressing them.

10:25	**Moderator: Session introduction** Mr John Omo, Secretary-General, Africa Telecommunication Union	11:00	**Mr John Morris,** Co-founder and Executive Director, Geeks without frontiers
10:30	**Ministerial Statements of Caucus One**	11:20	**Ms Eleanor Sarpong,** Director of Public Policy, Global Digital Inclusion Partnership
10:40	**Industry response** Mr Raphael Mushanawani, Group Chief Executive Officer, NetOne Cellular (Pvt) Ltd, Zimbabwe	11:40	**Moderated Q&A and discussion**
		12:00	***Networking luncheon***

SESSION TWO (13:00–14:45)

The roll-out of 5G

Ministers will present 3G and 4G issues and the need to realise affordable universal broadband and last-mile connectivity issues. 5G Community leaders will discuss the rollout of 5G infrastructure and networks and its coordination with the continued rollout of 3G and 4G service.

13:00	**Moderator: Session introduction** Mr George Michaelides, Commissioner of Communications, Office of the Commissioner for Electronic Communications and Postal Regulation, Cyprus	13:35	**Mr David Geary**, General Counsel, Caribbean and Central America, Digicel Group
		13:55	**Ms Isabelle Mauro**, Director-General, Global Satellite Operator's Association (GSOA)
13:05	**Ministerial Statements of Caucus Two**	14:15	**Moderated Q&A and discussion**
13:15	**Industry response** Mr John Giusti, Chief Regulatory Officer, GSMA	14:45	***Networking break***

NETWORKING BREAK (14:45–15:10)

Ministerial Caucus Three

1. **Hon. Thulagano Merafe Segokgo**, Minister, Ministry of Transport & Communications, Republic of Botswana

2. **Hon. Nthati Moorosi**, Minister, Ministry of Information, Communications, Science, Technology and Innovation, Kingdom of Lesotho

3. **Hon. Mateus Magala**, Minister, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Republic of Mozambique

4. **Hon. Mohlopi Phillemon Mapulane**, Deputy Minister, Department of Communications and Digital Technologies, Republic of South Africa

Ministerial Caucus Four

1. **Hon. Warren Kwame Eusi McCoy**, Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Republic of Guyana

2. **Hon. Samuel Joseph**, Minister, Ministry of Communications, Works, Labour & Energy, Montserrat

3. **Hon. Toelupe Poumulinuku Onesemo**, Minister, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Independent State of Samoa

4. **Senator the Hon. Hassel Bacchus**, Minister, Ministry of Digital Transformation, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

5. **Hon. Otis Morris**, Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Transportation and Communication, Turks and Caicos Islands

SESSION THREE (15:10-17:00)

Wi-Fi possibilities

Ministers will present their Wi-Fi availability concerns. Industry leaders will explain advances in Wi-Fi technologies for a new generation of Internet Innovation applications.

15:10	**Moderator: Session introduction** Mr Chris Woolford, Director, International Spectrum Policy, Ofcom, United Kingdom	16:25	**Moderated Q&A and discussion**
		16:50	**Summary** Professor Tim Unwin, Master of Ceremonies and Chairholder, UNESCO ICT4D
15:15	**Ministerial Statement of Caucus Three**	17:00	**CTO Partnership MoU signing ceremony**
15:25	**Industry response** Mr Dave Wright, Head of Global Wireless Policy, Hewlett Packard Enterprise	17:30	***Reception hosted by the Government of the United Kingdom***
15:45	**Ms Aline Mourao**, Global Spectrum Policy Manager, Meta	19:00	**End of Ministerial Alliance day one**
16:05	**Mr Frank McCosker**, Senior Advisor, Microsoft Airband Initiative		

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Welcome

09.00	**Opening remarks** Professor Tim Unwin, Master of Ceremonies and Chairholder, UNESCO ICT4D

SESSION FOUR (09:05–10:45)

Satellites — connecting the world

Ministers will present concerns and challenges for reaching remote and isolated rural communities of remote rural communities. Representatives from the satellite industry will present their solutions for addressing challenges identified and discuss the importance of Satellite technologies in connecting the unconnected.

09:05	**Moderator: Session introduction** Ms Aarti Holla-Maini, Former Secretary-General, GSOA		09:40	**Mr Mario Neri**, Director, Spectrum Strategy & Innovation, Telesat
09:10	**Ministerial Statement of Caucus Four**		10:00	**Ms Amy Mehlman**, Vice-President, Global Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, E-Space Inc
09:20	**Industry response** Mr Christopher Casarrubias, Head of Regulatory & Government Affairs (Latin America and the Caribbean), OneWeb		10:20	**Moderated Q&A and discussion**
			10:45	***Networking break***

NETWORKING BREAK (10:45–11:15)

Ministerial Caucus Five

1.	H.E. Sir Joe Bossano, Minister, Ministry for Economic Development, Enterprise, Telecommunications & the Gibraltar Savings Bank, Gibraltar	**3.**	Hon. Kye Rymer, Minister, Ministry of Communications and Works, Virgin Islands
2.	Hon. Jenfan Muswere, Minister, Ministry of ICT, Postal and Courier Services, Republic of Zimbabwe	**4.**	Hon. Moses Kunkuyu, Minister, Ministry of Information and Digitalization, Republic of Malawi

SESSION FIVE (11:15–12:30)

Emerging technologies

Ministers will present concerns and challenges for acquiring emerging technologies for digital governments and closing the digital divide. Industry leaders would explain the potential of their technologies to accelerate digital transformation.

11:15	**Moderator: Session introduction** Mr Lacina Koné, Director-General/CEO, Smart Africa Secretariat		11:45	**Mr Tim Clark**, Industry Relations Director, Motorola Solutions
11:20	**Ministerial Statement of Caucus Five**		12:00	**Mr Ryan Johnson**, Senior Director, Global Market Access & Government Affairs, Viasat, Inc
11:30	**Industry response** Ms Nina Beebe, Senior Advisor International Regulatory Affairs, Project Kuiper, Amazon		12:15	**Moderated Q&A and discussion**
			12:30	***Networking luncheon***

SESSION SIX (13:30–15:00)

Spectrum matters

Mobile communications technologies depend on radio frequency spectrum to deliver services. This session will consider trends in spectrum use and what governments and regulators need to do to ensure spectrum availability.

13:30	**Moderator: Session introduction** Mr Martin Fenton, Director of Spectrum Analysis, Ofcom, United Kingdom		14:25	**Lightning presentation 3** Mr Christopher Casarrubias, Head of Regulatory & Government Affairs (Latin America and the Caribbean), OneWeb
13:55	**Questions from Ministers**		14:40	**Moderated Q&A and discussion**
14:00	**Lightning presentation 1** Dr Martha Suarez, President, Dynamic Spectrum Alliance		15:00	***Networking break***
14:10	**Lightning presentation 2** Mr Jonas Eneberg, GSOA Spectrum Matters, Vice-President of Regulatory Engineering, Inmarsat			

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SESSION SEVEN (15:15–16:20)

Accelerating digital transformation

This session will highlight next steps that Ministers can initiate for accelerating digital transformation.

15:15	**Moderator: Session introduction** **Ms Jurate Soviene**, Chairwoman, Lithuanian Communications Regulatory Authority, Lithuania
15:25	**Energy and power in accelerating digital transformation** **Mr Ian McFadyen**, Chief Executive Officer, Mwabu, Republic of Zambia
15:40	**Lightning presentation 1** **Ms Vashti Maharaj**, Adviser Digital Trade Policy, The Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Connectivity Agenda, Trade Oceans and Natural Resources Directorate
15:50	**Lightning presentation 2** **Mr Bengt Mölleryd**, Chairman, Working Party on Communication Infrastructures and Service Policy, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
16:00	**Lightning presentation 3** **Mr Bevil Wooding**, Director, Caribbean Affairs, American Registry for Internet Numbers
16:10	**Lightning presentation 4** **Mr Areeq Chowdhury**, Head of Policy (Data and Digital Technologies), The Royal Society

CLOSING SESSION (16:20–17:00)

Thank you

16:20	**Discussion and wrap-up** **Professor Tim Unwin**, Master of Ceremonies and Chairholder, UNESCO ICT4D
16:40	**Vote of thanks** **Ms Bernadette Lewis**, Secretary-General, CTO
16:50	**Closing remarks** **Hon. Manoa Kamikamica**, Chair of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Trade, Co-operatives, SMEs and Communications, Republic of Fiji
17:00	**Close of Ministerial Alliance**

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Explore success factors for formulating and implementing digital transformation strategies.

Explain the role of HR in digital transformation and how technology is transforming HR.

Consider the impact of emerging technologies on HR and the wider business.

Share practical steps on alignment of the HR strategy to the business digital strategy

Present practical examples of businesses that successfully transformed digitally.

Highlight HR interventions and initiatives essential for fostering digital transformation.

Provide HR expert insights on digital transformation programmes.

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