

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

COUNTRY: India

AGENDA: Strengthening Global Standards for Secure Digital Infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence Governance, and Universal Connectivity in Emerging Economies.

The rapid expansion of digital technologies has transformed communication, education, healthcare, trade, and governance across the world. However, unequal access to secure digital infrastructure, rising cybersecurity threats, and the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence continue to create significant challenges, particularly for emerging economies. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) plays a vital role in addressing these challenges by promoting secure digital infrastructure, developing global technical standards, and advancing universal connectivity through international cooperation.

India strongly believes that secure and reliable digital infrastructure is essential for economic growth, quality education, accessible healthcare, and efficient public services. Through initiatives such as Digital India, BharatNet, and the expansion of 5G networks, India has significantly strengthened its digital ecosystem and improved connectivity across the country. India also supports affordable and accessible internet for all, particularly in rural and underserved areas, to bridge the digital divide and promote inclusive digital development.

India recommends strengthening international cooperation to combat cyber threats through information sharing and technical assistance. The ITU should promote inclusive global standards and support investment in broadband infrastructure to expand secure connectivity in underserved regions. India also encourages digital literacy, technology transfer, and public-private partnerships to bridge the digital divide. India promotes responsible AI governance to ensure that emerging technologies are secure, inclusive, and beneficial to all nations.

The world needs to see bold actions and effective policies to address the challenges of secure digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence governance, and universal connectivity. India believes that international cooperation, innovation, and shared responsibility are essential to building a secure,

inclusive, and resilient digital future. As a committed member of the ITU, India remains ready to work with all Member States to develop practical solutions that promote sustainable digital development and benefit people across the globe.